

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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Walk-In Choir

This summer the choir will sing on four Sundays, July 10, July 24, August 14 and August 21 at the 10am worship service. **YOU** are invited to join for one or all four Sundays. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:30am in the choir room in the lower level each of those weeks. **ALL** ages are invited to participate, including whole families or multi-generational family members. The choir offertory will be simple enough that anyone will be able to sing along. If you have always wanted to try out the choir this is your

chance! Just show up, no need to let anyone know you are coming, there will be music for you, whoever you are! If you are nervous about coming by yourself, let Linda know (strouf@hope.edu) and she will find someone to be your “**choir buddy**” for the day.

We're Launching a Mug Club!

Cutting down on waste and improving the coffee experience all in one move. Sound interesting? We thought so. Here's how it will work:

You email office@trcholland.org to say you would like to be in the Mug Club.

1. You include in that email how many mugs you're putting in the club. This helps us buy the right amount of racks for mugs.
2. You select a unique, dishwasher safe mug from your fine collection at home, one with a handle that can hang on a peg, and bring it in to church.
3. You hang your unique-looking mug on a peg.
4. Every Sunday you enjoy delicious coffee with your mug. When you're done, you empty the mug into the supplied bucket and place your mug upside down in a dishwasher rack. Repeat the following Sunday.



There are a few things to note:

- You may label your mug with nail polish on the bottom, or try a label maker - remember, it will be run through an industrial dishwasher and sanitized at high temperatures.
- We cannot be held responsible for lost, broken, or stolen mugs (so don't bring in great-grandma's favorite mug that she left you in her will).
- We cannot ensure someone else won't use your mug, but if that does happen, it is probably just an accident so have a little grace for one another.

If you want to make your own custom mug, [Vista Print](#) has affordable options.

Living Green

—Mark Faga, Green Team Member

I hope everyone is enjoying summer break. The heat, the lake, vacations and camps are all things we look forward to after the long winter season here in West Michigan (not to mention the loads of sunshine we've been getting).

Last month we talked about saving water. You know, turning the water off as you brush your teeth, taking showers instead of baths etc. This month we are focusing on step number 3 in our quest to go green:

CUTTING DOWN ON PAPER.

As hungry as the paper gator here at church can be (I sure hope you are using this feature that the church provides) it would be wonderful if we didn't have to actually feed it. The biggest way to cut down on paper is to go digital. Look, you are reading this article online when not that long ago it was in print form only. Way to go TRC. Sign up for electronic statements for all of your bills. Utilities, credit cards and banks all do this and unless you absolutely love getting mail in the mail box this is a quick and very efficient way to pay your bills. AND you save a stamp, 2 wins!! Another way to cut down on paper, like the TV commercial says, is to not print the internet. It's always there, just look it up again.

That brings us to our book of the month. This book is entitled "Greta and the Giants" written by Zoe Tucker and illustrated by Zoe Persico and targets kids ages 4-7. This picture book is a story about a young girl named Greta who has an idea on how to help save the animals that live in the forest which is being cut down by giants who are cutting down all the trees to build homes, towns and cities.

And finally to leave you with this.....

"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors,
We borrow it from our children"

-David Brower

Summer Series – Galatians: Growing Up Together

We will spend the summer in Paul's letter to the Galatian churches. The summer series comes with a study guide created just for Third, and it has something for you every week that we hope will help you get deep into this letter that Paul is writing to local churches that he cares about. See you on Sunday!



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Disability Awareness for July

—Phil Coray, Advocate

The social environment, as important science is in understanding disabilities, has cultivated attitudes that result in disadvantages for one group of people. At one time, being left-handed was considered abnormal, people thought they had less ability to function in society. Some people read in the Bible about the place of honor being on the right side of a dignitary and the left less honorable. However, one of the heroes of the Old Testament was Ehud the left-handed Judge who was able to pass the security guards and meet privately with the Moabite King Eglon and assassinate him. This story may have caused others to be suspicious of persons with this condition. The Latin word for left, sinister, is now understood to mean threatening evil, which has led to added discomfort for many people.

For a long-time left-handed students had to sit at desks without a left side armrest or writing surface forcing them to reach across their body to write. This may have been corrected by now, but some changes in bathroom design need to be made, and other changes also should be considered. Social opinions may have improved, considering that all three major candidates for U.S. President in 1992 election were left-handed.

Not lacking humor there is a saying in a calendar for left-handed people: “Everyone is born right-handed. Only the gifted overcome it.”

Announcements

Informational Congregational Meeting about Our HVAC Proposal

There will be an informational congregational meeting on Sunday, July 17, at 4:00 PM to review the state of our current heating and cooling equipment and the bid for new equipment from Pleune Service Company. A representative from Pleune will be there, as well as members of the property committee, and we will present some options for moving forward with the project. This will be a chance to ask questions and learn more about the physical state of our church building. All congregational members are invited.

Como Se Dice? / How Do You Say?

Reciprocal Conversational Language Sessions @ Summer LIFT!

Wednesdays, June 29-August 3, 2022

One of the most common suggestions staff has been getting lately is that TRC needs more opportunities for conversational language learning, for English, and/or Spanish! Another frequent comment we hear is, how could we get to know our Spanish-speaking neighbors and new congregants better? Well, we hear you!

This summer, on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm following our community dinners at Summer LIFT, we will run a pilot of Beginner’s “Reciprocal” language classes. The Reciprocal model means that small groups (2-4 persons) of Spanish and English speakers will be presented with a common topic and teach each other the most useful phrases from their own language, with the help of a worksheet, small group activity, and facilitation of bilingual teacher/leaders. This model levels the playing field between teachers and students, and is a great means of getting acquainted!

The topics will be very practical:

- Greetings
- Telling Time
- Making Plans & Appointments
- Food & Parties!
- Words and Phrases for Worship & Church life

We look forward to exploring language learning together, as well as discovering new friendships along the way! If you are interested in participating, please email the church office, so that we can prepare well for the numbers of participants. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Janelle at janelle.lopezk@trcholland.org.

Summer Youth Events

In the next month we will be continuing:

- Summer LIFT on Wednesdays! - Middle and High school students are welcome!
- High School Retreat! - Please sign up!
- More fly fishing lessons leading up to our fly fishing trip in August! - please sign up as space is limited!
- More exciting events: Bike ride to Captain Sundae, Beach Day, and more! Please stay tuned for more details!

Click [here](#) to sign up for any or all of these events.

Third Church Family News

New Address

Lucille Schroeder
674 Marbury Drive
Ada, MI 49301

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- The summer activities at TRC: STEM camp and LIFT.
- Sunday morning Children's worship.
 - Campers at Camp Geneva
- Jack Bolt, Paige Frens, Alex Hernandez, Bella Hernandez, Jana Honeycutt, Zach Honeycutt, Lorena Lopez-Koolhaas, Andrew Stewart, Anna Stewart.
- Pastor Angel and his daughter Miriam traveling to Mexico this week.
- El Encuentro: Jaky and Paola who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- Lucille Schroeder who is moving to GR and the

loss of her brother-in-law, Lee Wenke.

- Bob Kuiper who is in rehab at Resthaven.
- For those under Hospice care:
- Sue Pettinga
 - Margaret Doorenbos

Prayer Spotlight: Appledorn - Lois Jalving, Donna Prins; Maple Woods - Muriel Bolhuis, Beth DuMez.

Missionaries: Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).

People to remember: Larry Loss, Elvira Garcia, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Reno Lamanian, Mary and Harry Boersen.