

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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## 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](mailto: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.



## This Week at LIFT:

- Water Games! Bring clothes that can get wet (including shoes), and a beach towel is not a bad idea either!
- Our 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!

## Special Announcement:

*While some on staff have tested positive for COVID, we are still holding our LIFT gathering. We are gathering outside, and all our activities will take place outside, which provides the required airflow for safety. If you have not been vaccinated or are more vulnerable to infection due to health reasons, please consider wearing a mask. Thank you.*



Do you love children? This fall we will begin our 8th year mentoring at-risk students at Vanderbilt Charter Academy, our neighborhood school. This has and continues to be a highly successful program thanks to the Third Reformed mentors and prayer partners! This fall we are expecting to have four 1st graders referred to our Kids Hope program and this means we need 4 new mentors to step up. Mentors work with a student once a week for about 45 minutes from the first week in October to Memorial Day weekend. You decide on your mentoring time with the student's teacher to best fit both your needs. Please visit the table set up in the Gathering Place to get more details about making a difference in a child's life.

But you say, I take a couple of weeks away here and there during that time. **No problem**, we can accommodate that. But you say, I go away for longer periods of time. **No problem**, partner with someone to mentor a student covering for each other.

Questions? See Beverley Rannow or phone 616-801-3190 or email [b.rannow@icloud.com](mailto:b.rannow@icloud.com).

## 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!



**GALATIANS:**  
**GROWING UP TOGETHER**  
Summer 2022 | Third Reformed Church



## 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](mailto:strouf@hope.edu)) and she will find someone to be your “**choir buddy**” for the day.

## Announcements

### Informational Congregational Meeting Canceled

We are cancelling the Informational Congregational Meeting that was scheduled for this coming Sunday, July 17. We have new information and insights into our HVAC needs and will be assessing that in the coming weeks.

### 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

### Happy Anniversary

to Mark and Lynne Bonnette - July 15 - 50 years

### Sympathy

- to Duane Booi in the death of his wife Phyllis (P.J.), on July 5
- to Bea Rozeboom in the death of her sister, Esther Bakker, on July 8.

# Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Give thanks for Amanda Dykhouse and her 9 years as calling pastor at TRC.
- The summer activities at TRC: STEM camp and LIFT.
- Housing for El Encuentro members
- Pastors Ángel and Janelle who have tested positive for COVID.
- 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.
- Duane Booi and family on the death of P.J. last week.
- Bea Rozeboom who grieves the loss of her sister

- Charles Hunt's daughter who struggles with chemo treatments.

For those under Hospice care:

- Sue Pettinga
- Margaret Doorenbos

**Prayer Spotlight:** The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman.

**Missionaries:** Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).

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