

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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**THE GREAT
PLAYDATE**

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH
JULY 28, 2022 • 3:00 PM

Wednesday we had a great evening of Summer LIFT, enjoying breakfast burritos, cinnamon rolls, and fresh fruit, along with games, Bible lessons, and reciprocal language learning for the adults. Thursday Afternoon saw the first Great Play Date for our members who are 6 years old and younger.

The *micro* Pantry

at Third Reformed Church

The Micro Pantry is running low on a few items. The following items are needed:

- Baked beans
- Kidney beans, black beans, refried beans
- Peanut Butter
- Canned potatoes
- Spaghetti sauce
- Plain noodles
- Plain rice
- Toothpaste
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Wet wipes

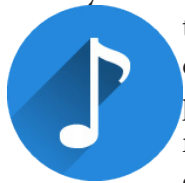
Thank you for your help!

JET Corner

Third's Justice and Equity Team (JET) continues to display recommended books in the church library. Check out books such as *Dear White Friend* by Melvin Gravelly. This reader-friendly book is written in the form of letters that combine, without judgment, personal reflection with hard facts. Gravelly is a civic and business leader who seeks to close the gap between races in America.

Walk-In Choir

This summer the choir will sing on four Sundays, 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 Have 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 works:

- 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.
- You hang your unique-looking mug on a peg.
- 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.

Worshiping Together in August

For the month of August, we will have one English service at 10:00 AM on Sundays, followed by our El Encuentro Spanish language service at 11:15. Zoom worship will continue for the 10:00 AM service. We look forward to seeing you all at one or both of these services!

Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom Grier to Preach



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

Mobilization + Renewal Pastor at Mars Hill Bible Church, and was formerly the lead pastor at our neighbor church, Maple Avenue Ministries.

Pastor Denise graduated from Shaw University [Raleigh, NC], and worked as a social worker managing both emergency shelters and residential programs. She then expanded the scope of her work to include foster care and adoption. She is a Mission Partner with a child-placing agency in Botshabelo, South Africa that works with local churches to provide loving homes for orphans and vulnerable children within their community as an alternative to orphanages.

The first African American female to graduate with the Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological seminary, Rev. Dr. Kingdom Grier earned her Doctorate of Ministry degree at Western as well.

She lives in Holland, Michigan, with her two biological children and a host of adult surrogate and foster children.

Third Church Family News

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, support, care, and cards

following the death of our husband, father, and grandfather, Eugene Heideman. The warmth of this church has been an uplifting gift for all of us.

Sincerely,

The Heideman Family

Happy Birthday

Barb Feenstra - August 5: 88 years

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Condolences to Jane Dalman on the death of her brother in law, Gus Querie, on July 8 in Mt. Clements, Michigan.
- Carol Cox in the death of her sister, Marjorie Maas, on July 17.
- Ellen Awad who had surgery this week.
- Mark Bonnette who will have hip replacement surgery on August 2.
- Charles Hunt's daughter who struggles with chemo treatments.
- Pray for Jackie (El Encuentro).
- Miles Divozzo at Camp Roger.
- We give thanks for Jim Vander Meer (deacon) and Eleanor Van Dyke (care elder) as new consistory members, and pray God's blessing on their service to the church.
- Play Date that is happening on Thursday.
- Boes family who are on vacation this week.
- For those under Hospice care:
 - » Sue Pettinga
 - » Margaret Doorenbos

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

Missionaries: John and Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia).

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