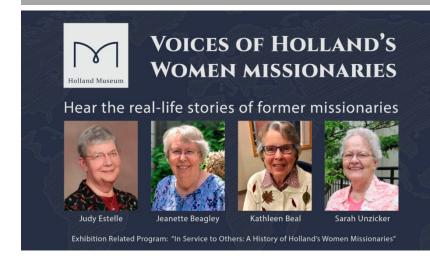
THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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In connection with the Holland Museum's newest exhibition In Service to Others: A History of Holland's Women Missionaries, you can hear the real-life stories of former missionaries including two of our members: Sarah Unzicker and Jeanette Beagley. The event is on August 25, and you can read all about it on the Holland Museum website.

We'll have exciting favorite activities, and some new ones also! Want to be involved? Sign up in the Gathering Place or by calling the church office.

We need you!



Help Breakfast with Baby

—Jane Dalman

Breakfast with Baby will be on Saturday, Aug 13 at BLVD Church at 283 W. 15th Street (the corner of 15th and Washington). We are in need of 2 volunteers to bake a 9X13 egg casserole, 3 volunteers to bake sweet bread or muffins, and 3 to bring fruit. There is a sign up sheet in the entry hall at TRC.



-Beverley Rannow, Coordinator

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!

Dr. Keith Reynolds to Preach

Dr. Reynolds is the Associate Director of Admissions for Western Theological Seminary. He earned his PhD in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Northcentral University, and holds an MBA and Masters of Ministry Leadership as well. Prior to joining Western's Admissions office, Keith was the Campus Pastor at Engedi Church.





Living Green

-Mark Faga, Lead Custodian and Green Team Member

So here we are, it's the beginning of August and we are up to step 4 in our baby steps to going green as reported from Earthday.com. We have talked about DITCHING PLASTIC, SAVING WATER and CUTTING DOWN ON PAPER. We are now ready to CONSERVE ENERGY.

This is a fairly easy one and if you are just starting out on your journey to living green a wonderful place to start. Even our youngest can pitch in and help remind the rest of us to do our part. Let's talk about 4 easy steps in beginning your path to conserving energy.

- 1. Turn off the lights and other appliances when you leave a room
- 2. Open the blinds/curtains to take advantage of natural light
- 3. Open the windows on nice days to let in natural cooling
- 4. Replace your incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs (which is also better for the environment)

Our book of the month is for our 5-8 year olds. "The Story of Climate Change: A first book about how we can help save our planet," written by Catherine Barr and Steve Williams and illustrated by Amy Husband and Mike Love. With vibrant colors and fact-packed text, this book charts the changes in our Earth's climate, from the beginnings of the planet and its atmosphere to the Industrial Revolution and the dawn of machinery. Young readers will learn about the causes of climate change, the effects that it has on humans and animals across the world, and practical ways we can work together to solve it.

And finally to leave you with this....

"The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only if we make ourselves responsible for that future."

—Gifford Pinchot

Announcements

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! Our 8 AM service will resume on September 11.

Consistory Meetings Resuming

After a break for the month of July we are resuming Governing Elder, Care Elder, and Deacon Meetings, and Tuesday, August 16, will be a full consistory meeting.

Walk-In Choir

This summer the choir will sing on four Sundays, 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 multigenerational 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 (strout@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, <u>Vista Print</u> has affordable options.





Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Mark Bonnette who had hip replacement surgery on August 2.
- For Skip and Jane Johnson Keeter's son who had surgery last week.
- Ellen Awad recuperating from surgery
- Charles Hunt's daughter who struggles with chemo treatments.
- Jack Bolt who has a broken arm.
- El Encuentro members who are struggling with housing issues, and trips to Detroit for immigration court.
- For El Encuentro members who deal with being separated from family.
- Lopez-Koolhaas family who are on vacation this week.
- For the people in Kentucky dealing with flooding.
- For those dealing with unspoken prayers of grief, struggle and worry.
- For those under Hospice care:
- Sue Pettinga
- Margaret Doorenbos

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Prayer Spotlight: The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, Margaret Doorenbos (Hospice), A.E. Lacey, Sue Pettinga (Hospice), Mary Heideman.

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

People to remember: Bob Kuiper, Don Maatman, Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Reno Lamania, Mary and Harry Boersen.