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VOICES OF HOLLAND'S WOMEN MISSIONARIES

Hear the real-life stories of former missionaries



Judy Estelle



Jeanette Beagley



Kathleen Beal



Sarah Unzicker

Exhibition Related Program: "In Service to Others: A History of Holland's Women Missionaries"

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!



The *micro*Pantry

at Third Reformed Church

—Beverley Rannow, Coordinator

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Micro-Pantry. The following is the current list of needs:

- canned chicken
- diced tomatoes
- canned fruit
- rice
- toilet paper
- toothpaste
- shampoo

Local Podcast Features TRC and I AM Academy

Celebrating True Freedom Part 1: Juneteenth

Movement West Michigan's Podcast, Local Hope, features an interview with Henry Cherry, Executive Director of the I AM Academy, and Laura Baer, member of our Justice and Equity Team. The description from the podcast post reads: "Why do we celebrate Juneteenth? How is this new national holiday connected to the hope we have in Jesus Christ? What does it mean to show all students of all skin tones that they are worthy of "being seen and invested in?" Join us as we listen to Henry Cherry from [I Am Academy](#) and Laura Baer from [Third Reformed Church](#) in Holland share about their collaborative partnership across the Holland/Zeeland area. Churches are stepping up to build intentional relationships -- and neighborhoods are being changed."

For information on how to listen to the podcast, featuring Laura Baer and Henry Cherry, contact the church office.



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 update for August 2022

Siblings in Christ,

Last night the Consistory of the Third Reformed Church gathered for our August meeting. Pastor Janelle opened the meeting with devotions from Galatians chapter 5. She spoke of the fruit of the spirit being about fruit that isn't necessarily for us, but that God may be using our labor to produce fruit for others and for the Kingdom of God.

After receiving reports and approving the minutes, the consistory then received pastor reports from the three installed ministers at TRC. Pastor Ryan shared about the summer sermon series on Galatians, as well as community and classis roles in which he is engaging. Angel shared about trips to Detroit for members of El Encuentro to keep them in compliance with their immigration process. He also shared that TRC is one of seven churches supporting an immigration lawyer at Lighthouse Immigration Advocates to help with these legal cases. Finally, Angel gave an update on helping some of our people find housing. Pastor Janelle shared about her work with both the English service and El Encuentro. El Encuentro is growing and becoming more stable in numbers, and she gives thanks for that growth. She also encouraged the consistory to come and see what God is doing in El Encuentro. Overall, the pastors expressed their gratitude for working here at TRC and serving all of God's people here.

Consistory then received a financial update which pointed us to a positive month of July. The positive outlook was buoyed by our spending being under budget at this point in the year. And, while we can expect to spend more in the second half of the year, when some of our budgeted expenses come due, we can continue to give thanks to God for continued faithfulness and ask that you continue to remember TRC in your giving.

Next consistory received an update on the HVAC needs here at TRC. Several questions arose regarding the bid from the vendor, Pleune, and a group was convened to evaluate the bid for a HVAC upgrade. An engineer, Steve Hamstra, who specializes in heating and cooling systems, was consulted and he questioned the proposed design as to if it would meet current ventilation codes and the ongoing costs of maintenance of a cooling tower. Steve Hamstra has been engaged to propose a different design option that meets current code for air quality and ventilation that will be bid out. This alternative plan will be presented to the consistory this fall. It is expected that construction would not start until spring/summer of 2023.

Finally, consistory looked over the vision document that they had received in May. This document is the result of many months of work and listening to our congregation as well as discerning as a group in consistory throughout the year. We broke into small groups to look over a one and three year plan being presented. The plan contained some things that we are already working on as well as some more ambitious plans that we are wondering about. In the course of the conversation, it became clear that we needed more time to think about these plans as official goals for TRC. Therefore, consistory was asked to think about what areas they felt resonance with and asked them to consider how they might be involved in shaping those ideas into goals that we could accomplish. We will consider those areas at our next meeting.

Jane Johnson closed with prayer.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ryan Boes

We Have a Mug Club!

As more people bring in their mug for fellowship time, we are adding more hooks to the Mug Club. Future projects include inaugurating our new coffee brewers as soon as they are plumbed, and continuing to provide half and half and creamer from our new, under-counter fridge in the coffee area. Many thanks to Pastor Ryan and his dad, David, for securing the new brewers and fridge for us for free!



Third Church Family

Anniversaries

Jerry & Betty Van Wyngarden

August 18

68 years

Gayle & Paula Wilson

August 18

60 years

Don & Lois Van Lare

August 23

65 years

Ed & Sandy Stielstra

August 23

53 years

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Condolences to Jeff and Gretchen Munroe and family on the death of Jeff's father, Lynn Munroe on August 13. The funeral service is on Wednesday, August 17.
- Pray for the new elders and deacons who were ordained and installed on Sunday: Kent and Maggie Franken, Eleanor Van Dyke, Jim Vander Meer, Scott Remenschneider and Doug Walvoord.
- For those recuperating from surgery, Ellen Awad, Mark Bonnette and Matt DeJongh.
- Teachers, Professors as they prepare for the beginning of the school year.
- Students and families as they prepare for the beginning of the school year.
- For volunteers needed to teach Sunday School and Youth group.
- For the playdate on Thursday, August 18. Pray for our youngest church members.
- Camp Geneva campers: Evelyn Baer, Clinton and Drew Howell.
- For Don Maatman who has moved to Grand Village in Grandville.
- For Bob Kuiper who has moved to Appledoorn

Gordon & Barbara Mummert

August 26

61 years

Birthday

Duane Booii

August 23

96 years

New Address

Don Maatman

3939 44th St. SW Apt. 21

Grandville, MI 49418

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Jeff & Gretchen Munroe in the death of Jeff's father, Lynn Munroe, on August 13 in Novi, MI.

assistant living.

- For members of El Encuentro dealing with immigration issues. Pray for safety, health and their feelings of loneliness.
- Remember in our prayers: Jim Hensley, Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Reno Lamania, Mary and Harry Boersen.

For those under Hospice care:

- Sue Pettinga
- Margaret Doorenbos

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

Missionaries: Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane VanEs (Kenya), Victor Kanyi

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