

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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## Part 2: Local Podcast Features TRC and I AM Academy

### Celebrating True Freedom Part 2: Courageous Faith

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: What does it mean to be a carrier -- rather than "owner" -- of the gospel? How does it feel to be black in the Holland/Zeeland area? Where do black students turn to find mentors and role models in our community? Part 2 of our conversation with Henry Cherry from [I Am Academy](#) and Laura Baer from [Third Reformed Church](#) centers on facing hard questions with courageous faith. Listen to hear how a nonprofit and church are collaborating together to make our community a more hospitable space for all.



## ON SUNDAY!!!

Sunday School starts this Sunday, September 11! That's classes for everyone. We have classes for Pre-school on up. If you are curious about the Adult Sunday Morning Education Series (formerly Chapel Class), the brochure for the fall semester is available see enclosed. Also, starting Sunday, September 25, George Hunsberger will be leading a Bible study entitled "The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything." You can read more about that see enclosed.

## Sunday, September 18: Congregational Lunch/Almuerzo

¡Bienvenidos Todos!

On Sunday, September 18, following the regular 8:00am and 10:00am services all education programs for adults and youth will be invited to attend together for our third worship service, El Encuentro! This will be in the place of our regular Sunday education programs. This will be a valuable opportunity to get

to know the growing number of regular participants at TRC who attend the Spanish service.

With the aid of audio headset translation for spoken portions of the service, come and experience music, preaching and prayers in a part of our church that may still be new to you. See what it is like for visitors to the English service to participate in unfamiliar ways, as well as continue to discover things we have in common in the Lord! This service will be immediately followed by a congregational luncheon ("almuerzo") for all, at 12:30pm! We urge you to make plans to stay to eat!

By all means, you aren't obligated to bring anything to stay for lunch, but if you wish to share a favorite food item, below is a SignUp list of menu items that would be most welcome for our luncheon. (If the electronic form is daunting, just email Pastor Janelle and she'll make a note of your entry)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F49ADAA23A3FE3-congregational>

Looking forward to worshipping the Lord and sharing lunch together with our entire congregation, Pastor Janelle, Pastor Angel, & Pastor Ryan

## Living Green

—Mark Faga, Lead Custodian and Green Team Member

We are up to steps 5 & 6 in Earthday.com's baby steps to going green. It is a wonderful time for those of us who live in West Michigan and especially us in the wonderful city of Holland to talk about.

### **Step 5: Visit a Farmer's Market**

So easy and so fun to do, especially this time of year. If you haven't yet visited Holland's wonderful market, fall is an absolutely perfect time to start and happens to be my favorite time to go. The harvest from our local farmers is simply fantastic and Holland has made shopping for local fruits and vegetables so easy and so fun that people come from all over to partake.

### **Step 6: Flex Your Green Thumb.**

Probably something you'd like to start in the spring but worth mentioning now so you can prepare. If it doesn't sound like a baby step, start small. Container gardens and vertical gardens are an easy way to start and wonderful choices if you have limited space. If you already garden, think about stepping it up and setting up a greenhouse.

Our book this month is for our youth ages 6-12. "The Environment: What on Earth?" is written by Jonathan Litton and illustrated by Paulina Morgan. This book is a simple first introduction to the environment - the air, soil, water plants, and animals. How do we as humans slot into the natural world around us and how do our actions affect the environment? What on Earth can we do about it? The book contains three different types of pages: Explore, Investigate, and Create. This structure provides a child-led and hands-on way for children to learn about the world around them. The Create pages offer fun crafts and activities that give children a chance to play and have fun while learning.

And finally to leave you with not a quote but a note... The average hardwood tree can absorb about 48 lbs. of carbon dioxide per year. It will capture roughly one ton of CO<sub>2</sub> during its lifespan.

# Announcements

## 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 AM Services this Sunday

Our 8:00 AM service resumes this Sunday, and our El Encuentro service (as well as all Sunday education classes) will begin at 11:30 to allow for a little more social time and time to get to your chosen location. We hope you enjoyed our time together this summer, and that you're settling into a good fall routine.

## Updated Woman's Ministries Invite

Women's Ministries is getting ready for a new season of Bible Study and would like to invite you, your friends, and neighbors to join us. Along with your Bible we will use Carol Bechtel's new booklet "Celebrating Sabbath." Books will be available in the Gathering Place on Sunday. We have several groups meeting once a month at different times:

- Second Monday at 1:30 PM
- Third Monday at 7:00 PM
- Two groups meet on the second Tuesday at 10:00 AM
- Second Tuesday at 12:00 PM
- Second Wednesday at 1:30 PM
- A new Bible study session has been added, meeting every first Monday at 10:00 AM at church.
- There is also a weekly Bible Study on Zoom that meets at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

If none of these times is convenient for you, we can help you form a group that suits your needs. Please contact Kathy Van Tubbergen, [kvt\\_art@icloud.com](mailto:kvt_art@icloud.com).

# Third Church Family News

## New Address

Erwin & Sandy TerHaar  
1871 South Shore Drive #3  
Holland MI 49423

## Birthdays

Sue Ten Hoeve, September 5 - 87 Years  
Sunny Boeve, September 8 - 85 Years

## Anniversaries

Bill and Nella Kennedy, September 10 - 62 years

# Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Condolences to the Millen family on the death of Scott's father in Oregon.
- Condolences to Carol Segrist on the death of her sister, and to the Kamphuis families.
- Bea Rozeboom and Bob Kuiper who are in the hospital.
- For the activities and fellowship at the Backyard Bash tomorrow.
- For volunteers needed to teach Sunday School and Youth group.

For members of El Encuentro:

- Dealing with immigration issues.
  - Pray for safety, health and their feelings of loneliness.
  - For new home for El Encuentro families.
  - Safety for those traveling across the border.
  - For family members to be reunited.
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- For Frontera de Gracia who are dealing with changes at the border.
  - People and countries dealing with conflict.
  - Pakistan and Mississippi dealing with floods.

**Remember in our prayers:** Bob and Elle Kuiper, Lucille Schroeder, Don Maatman, Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Reno Lamanía, Mary and Harry Boersen.

**Prayer Spotlight:** Hospice - Margaret Doorenbos, Sue Pettinga. Appledorn - Lois Jalving, Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Maple Woods - Muriel Bolhuis, Beth DuMez.

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

