

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022



World Communion Sunday Offering

The offering on Oct. 2 will go to provide food, clothing and shelter to the people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela through the ministry of Frontera de Gracia (the Border of Grace), in Juarez, Mexico.

This Week at LIFT!

We will have pulled pork as well as a vegetarian offering. After dinner activities include:

- Kids 4 years old through 5th grade will meet and learn how they are Simply Loved by God
- Middle School Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room.
- Bilingual and Reciprocal Language Learning Bible Study will meet in the Library.
- New Members class will meet as well, location TBD.



A Service of Love and Hope: A Lord's Day Liturgy

Featuring the Music of U2

Saturday October 8, 2022

6:30 PM

Participants:

Pastor Ryan Boes, Linda Strouf, Eleanor McMullen,
Curtis Pierce, Joel Schoon-Tanis and The Voice,
Carter and Laura Baer, David Van Farowe,
Yasser Palacios, Kate Bolt, Scott Millen,
Pastor Janelle López-Koolhaas,
Andy Lunn and more.



The *micro* Pantry at Third Reformed Church

The Micro Pantry supplies are running low. Please help us keep the pantry supplied by bringing in the following items.

Thank You!!

- Cereal
- Spaghetti sauce
- Baked beans
- Canned fruit
- Refried beans
- Canned diced tomatoes
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Canned potatoes
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo

Consistory Update

There is a lot to tell you about in this month's consistory update. Because of the size and importance of this update, it will go out to you separately this week Thursday.

Announcements

Sunday Morning Education Series

OCTOBER 2, 2022

MEET JIM PADILLA DEBORST

Pastor Ryan Boes, Facilitator

Jim Padilla DeBorst is a missionary with a lifetime of experience serving in different parts of Latin America, currently serving in Costa Rica. Jim (or, commonly 'Santiago', a Spanish form of 'James') also works as a missional consultant, alongside congregations exploring cross-cultural hospitality, welcome and advocacy for immigrants, and missional vision. Jim will be present at TRC this fall working with our congregation to ask constructive questions, listen well, and continue to build the bridges forming across cultural and language at TRC.

JET Corner

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson, is the award-winning true story of Stevenson's fight for the most vulnerable in the criminal justice system. It is an excellent and compelling read and is the basis for the recent movie of the same name. Stevenson, a lawyer, is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Corinthian Correspondence: The Cross Changes Everything. A study with Rev. Dr. George Hunsberger.

This study takes place in room 22 on the lower level.

Women's Ministries Tour of Benjamin's Hope

Benjamin's Hope is one of the missions that Women's Ministries supports. The women of Third Reformed are invited to tour this facility on Saturday, October 15. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. the bus will hold 22 and some may be driving. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided at the farm. Please wear comfortable shoes as some walking may be required. Please RSVP and sign the sheet in the Gathering Place today. Questions call Mary DeWitt, 616-368-7634.

A Change in Office Reception Hours

Beginning the week of October 3, our office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8:30 to 4:30, and Fridays, 8:30 to noon.

Third Church Family News

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Bill and Sarah Unzicker in the death of Bill's sister, Barbara, on September 19 in Oregon.

Happy Birthday

Tom TenHoeve - October 1, 87

Prayer Requests

This week we pray for John Hubers, who will be traveling for about a month (departing Tuesday, September 27) to be on site at the seminary where he teaches in Ethiopia. Please pray for the students in the seminary program that John is developing, focusing on Christian-Muslim relations. Pray for the new class of students this September, as well as promising new leadership possibilities for the program. Please pray for the availability of new resources and materials for the enrichment of student learning. Finally, please lift up in prayer the political situation in Ethiopia, where a civil conflict is ongoing, and has recently seen an escalation.

Please pray for the following:

- Prayers for Bill and Sarah Unzicker on the death of Bill's sister in Oregon.
- For Tom Norman who is in Holland Hospital.
- Reno Lamania recuperating from surgery, he has returned home.
- Dennis DeWitt was hospitalized last week and is now at Resthaven Rehab.
- Esther DePree is at the Inn.
- Betty Van Wyngarden recuperating from surgery.

- Bob and Elle Kuiper, Bob is at Appledorn.
- Sue Pettinga who has moved to The Inn at FV.
- John Hubers who is traveling to Ethiopia this week.
- For comfort for Laura McMullen, whose grandfather passed away this past weekend (Nils Oldberg, 99 yrs.) Their family may try to travel next weekend (?) to Nebraska for his memorial.
- For members of El Encuentro:
- For the new family that have arrived from Columbia
- Pray for those who are dealing with the effects of hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, flooding and war.

Remember in our prayers: Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Don Maatman, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen.

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

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

