

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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### 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,  
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.

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### 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

# Living Green

—Mark Faga, Lead Custodian and Green Team Member

Well here we are, finally out of summer and into fall. The cool crisp morning air, football games, pumpkin patches and warm apple cider. If you haven't been to our farmers' market yet or even recently it is time to go. Go enjoy the abundance that God has graced us with and embrace fall to its fullest.

Last month we talked about just that. Visiting a farmers' market as well as the possibility of using your own green thumb at home. That brings us to month number 6 and step number 7 in Earth911's Baby Steps to Going Green. Can you guess what it is? No peeking....

## Step #7: Precycle.

This step, like all the others, is relatively self explanatory.....**THINK BEFORE YOU BUY.** What?? So simple, right? Here's what Earth 911 has to say about precycling. "planning your shopping ahead of time to buy sustainable products and exactly the amount you need - is a great preemptive measure that's easy to incorporate into your shopping habits."

So there you have it, the 7 baby steps to going green. Do you remember them all? If not, here they are all at a glance:

1. Ditch the plastic
2. Save water
3. Cut down on paper
4. Conserve energy
5. Visit a farmers' market
6. Flex your green thumb
7. Precycle

Next month we'll talk about 3 impactful steps to reducing your carbon footprint along with a few things that are recycling no-no's. Can you guess what they might be? We'll also touch base after that on what to do with all of your food scraps.

So for this month I will leave you again with not a quote but a note...

Metal roofs are made with cleaner materials that make them a better choice for catching rainwater. Steel roofs contain at least 25% recycled content and are 100% recyclable.

# Kids Hope

—Beverly Rannow, TRC Kids Hope Director

The Kids Hope program at Third Reformed is a thriving and successful program. Yet, sometimes when we engage in one on one ministry, we wonder if we are truly making a difference in the lives of the students we are mentoring. I am here to share that indeed we do. Two of our mentors have been blessed to hear from the students they have mentored in the past.

Linda Jacobs mentored a child, we will call "Jim", from second grade until he left Vanderbilt after fourth grade. He was a very intelligent child, but had lots of problems focusing due to ADHD. He was also quite a character. A few months ago, Linda reported to me that he called her out of the blue to check up on her and see how she was doing. They had a very lengthy conversation catching up on both of their lives. Linda said, "It was one of those transformational relationships in my life I count as a blessing."

Kathy Miedema mentored a young lady we will call "Beth", from first until fifth grade. She even followed her to West Ottawa schools when she left Vanderbilt during her fifth grade year. Last week Kathy was surprised by a phone call from "Beth" who is now in high school. She expressed how much she missed meeting with Kathy

and they had lunch the very next day to catch up. Kathy says, "It was heartwarming, and I am grateful for an ongoing connection!"

It is so exciting to hear these stories of connection and how our mentoring is making a difference!

## Disability Awareness

—Phil Coray, Advocate

The Reformed Church's Summer issue of the Mission publication develops eight ways congregations can improve hospitality. One area is considering the needs of people with disabilities who may experience barriers that discourage participation in the church.

Third Reformed Church has a history of practicing hospitality: improving accessibility from the parking lot to the west entrance, sound looping, including participation in the service liturgy of people often overlooked, and providing communion elements for people with dietary restrictions.

Previously the congregation provided training for Stephen Ministry volunteers to provide care for people with temporary, long-term, or lifetime disabilities. Now Care Elders are elected "to provide care for Third Reformed Church members through prayer and action" for members of their quadrant. The subtitle of the Disability Concern's Handbook is "Everybody Belongs, Everybody Serves" and the goal is "to engage all of God's people in ministry, including people with disabilities". Care Elders will continue to be important, but others are encouraged to serve with them.

## Announcements

### Sunday Morning Education Series

OCTOBER 9, 2022

#### MEET HENRY AND LINDSEY CHERRY

Marcia Bishop, Facilitator

Henry and Lindsey are leaders in education, advocacy for racial reconciliation and community building in Holland. They are the founders of the I Am Academy, with whom TRC partnered this summer for Juneteenth Celebration events, as well as a STEM Camp. They will share about their work and vision for racial equity and justice.

### 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. The residents, also, have a produce and plant stand and a gift shop where they sell cards, their hand made soaps, lip balm, etc. We are hoping to have a bus load so please RSVP and sign the sheet in the Gathering Place. Questions call Mary DeWitt, 616-368-7634.

### Calling All Actors

If you enjoy acting and being on stage, you are invited to participate in the worship service on Sunday, October 16, with a rehearsal on Saturday the 15th. Please call the church office at 616-392-1459 or email us at [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org) to let us know you're interested!

## Memorial Garden Update

You may have noticed we've had some work done on our grounds this week. This is because we were able to begin work on our Memorial Garden. More information will be coming out about this garden in the coming weeks.

## 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.

## Happy Birthday

To Eileen Resch on October 5. Her address is 145 Columbia Ave. Apt. #319 Holland, MI 49423, and she would so enjoy receiving some cards.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- For comfort for Laura McMullen, whose grandfather passed away in Nebraska.
- Prayer for safe delivery of the Leal baby, for both Jasmine and baby who are at Butterworth hospital.
- Reno Lamania recuperating from surgery, he has returned home.
- Dennis DeWitt who was hospitalized last week and is now at Resthaven Rehab.
- Esther DePree who was in the hospital and moving to the Inn.
- Betty Van Wyngarden recuperating from surgery.
- Bob and Elle Kuiper, Bob is in the hospital.
- Tom Norman who has returned home from the hospital.
- Marcia Callicoat who had surgery on Tuesday.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos and Sue Pettinga.
- John Hubers who has arrived safely in Ethiopia.
- For Frontera de Gracia and their work on the border at Ciudad Juarez and El Paso.

## Third Church Family News

### Thank You

TRC,

Thank you for all of your support for the last 9 years! Time flies and sometimes growth goes unnoticed. But not at Third! I am grateful for the ways you all have helped me to grow as a person and in ministry and taught me how to faithfully listen to God's call, while having tons of fun in the process!

In gratitude and thanksgiving,

Rev. Linnea Berry

- Pray for those who are dealing with the effects of hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, flooding, and war.
- Pray for the church around the world, for organizations like World Renew, World Communion of Reformed Church, and World Council of Churches.

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

**Prayer Spotlight:** Holland Hospital - Bob Kuiper. Dennis DeWitt has moved from the hospital to Resthaven Rehab. Hospice - Margaret Doorenbos, Sue Pettinga. The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Herb Dakin, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Mary Heideman.

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