

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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Upcoming Congregational Meeting

Friends in Christ,

We will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13th at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. The goal of the congregational meeting will be to address a few things:

1. To give the congregation a chance to interact with the budget document that went out a few weeks ago and to ask questions.
2. To receive an update on the HVAC project and where we are in the process.
3. To give an advisory vote to consistory on a six month budget that will take us to June 30th, 2023.

4. To share some thoughts about the long term financial picture of TRC.

We invite you to join us in person or, if you need to join the meeting by Zoom, please email office@trcholland.org and an invitation link to the meeting will be sent to you on the 12th of November.

Grace and Peace to you.

Growing Together

On Sunday, October 30, with rejoicing we welcomed 6 new members to our Third Church family! Lucia, Francisco, Jesus, Pablo and Yasser were welcomed by way of Confession of Faith; Jose received baptism and made Confession of Faith.



This coming Sunday November 6, we will welcome Confirmands Jacob Van Duinen and Zach Honeycutt as they make their Confession of Faith and become confessing members of our church. Thanks be to God! ¡Gracias a Dios!

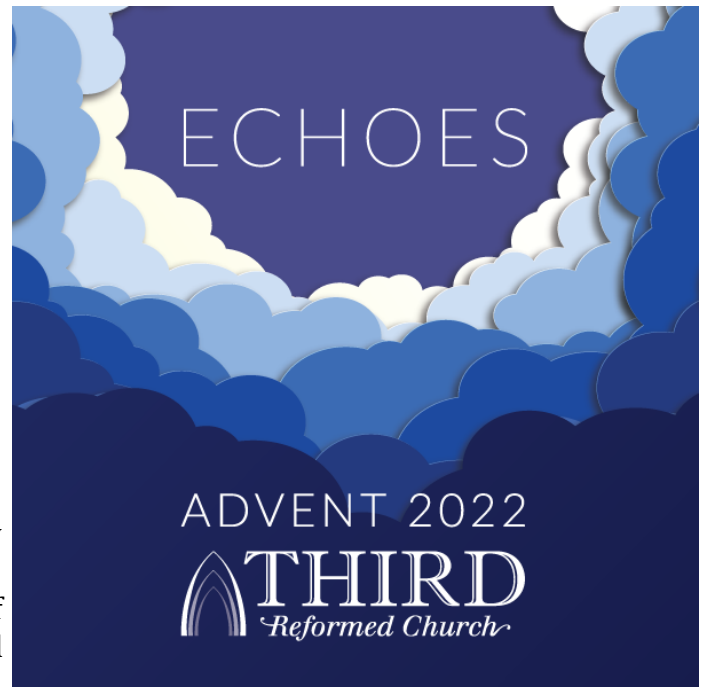
Echoes: The stories around Christmas time, the nativity, the magi, Jesus—they are all so familiar. But what if they weren't?

What if these stories were still being formed in our shared consciousness?

What if those writing the stories down were still just as awestruck as we were when we first heard it?

Did you hear what the shepherds said?
Is the promised Messiah really here?
Could it really be true?

When the early church was looking for words about what was happening in their midst, they leaned into the prophets. They turned back to the scriptures to remind themselves of the hope God gave them when they were in their darkest moments of exile. When things were still being formed, the faithful found the echoes of those that had gone before to ground them in what God was doing in their midst.



Do we still hear the echoes of the scripture in what God is doing among us?

Are we still open enough to hear it?

Are we willing to unplug from all the other distractions and listen to the echoes of the prophets again as they call to us to remember the promise of Emmanuel?

Join us this Advent and Christmas as the prophets speak to us again of the promise of the Messiah.

Announcements

Sunday Morning Education Series

NOVEMBER 6, 30, & 20, 2022

WE THREE KINGS

Rev. Dr. Steve Stam, Current Member and Former Pastor of Third Reformed Church (Retired)

This three-week series will focus on the lives and times of Saul, David, and Solomon whose reigns are often referred to as Israel's golden age. These were the years of the united Hebrew kingdom, before it was split into two nations: Israel to the north and Judah to the south. Our study will be informed both by Scripture and the archaeological record and will seek to offer a deeper understanding of the historical background and the politics of the time.

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.



Mitten Tree

Women's Ministries will again put up a "mitten tree" in December but want you to be thinking ahead of what you may like to make or donate for this cause. Some of your gifts will go to Third Reformed Church people, the rest will be distributed by Community Action House free to those in need.

Micro-Pantry Needs

The Micro-Pantry continues to be in great need of the following items:

Canned spaghetti sauce, Canned stews, Soups, Canned fruits, Canned Potatoes, Cereal, Toilet paper
Paper towel, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Hand wipes , Snack items

Third Church Family News

Dear Third Church Friends,

Thank you for all the contacts you made with me after my recent surgery. I appreciated the calls, emails, texts, cards and especially your prayers. Thanks also to Pastor Janelle for having said extra prayers for me in the hospital.

Gratefully,
Stan Witteveen

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Condolences and prayers for Willis and Ella Weymon on the death of their brother-in-law Fines Bass, husband of Willis' oldest sister.
- Thankfulness for those who made profession of their faith on Sunday at El Encuentro.
- For those who will be confirmed on Sunday Nov. 6
 - Those recuperating:
 - Kelly Pasatta
 - Ed and Jane Westerbeke dealing with COVID.
 - Jasmine Leal who is dealing with pain and an infection after the birth.
 - Stan Witteveen who is recuperating from a successful surgery
 - Alan Beagley who will begin cancer treatments next week.
 - Those in Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos and Lois Jalving.
 - For volunteers to drive to immigration appointments.
 - For those who have arrived in Holland, Michigan, this past week.

Remember in our prayers: Reno Lamanía, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Don Maatman, Larry Loss, Lucille Schroeder, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Betty Van Wyngarden, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Tom Norman.

Prayer Spotlight: Home - Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town - Don Maatman, Lucille Schroeder.

Missionaries: John & Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

