

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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Happy New Year!

Many in our congregation came together for a delicious brunch on Sunday after the El Encuentro service, celebrating with wonder and with hope in the Savior who changes everything. Enjoy these pictures, and happy New Year!



Christian Education Re- sumes

Christian Education Programs resume next Sunday, January 8 from 11:15am-12:15pm. All classes welcome drop-ins and new participants! A huge thanks to all teachers, presenters, and volunteers who will be leading this semester.

Mosaic Class also resumes on Sunday: Pastors Angel and Ryan, along with Laura Baer, will lead a panel discussion on their recent trip to the US-Mexico Border and the shelter at Frontera de Gracia.

Save the Date!



Keep your eyes peeled for the Staytreat 2023 sign up sheet, coming soon. We're super excited about it, and you should be too!

Disability Concerns

Copies of the Fall issue of "Breaking Barriers" are on the table near the west entrance. The theme "Acquired Disability" contains articles by people who have developed a disability sometime after childhood.

A professional musician was no longer able to use

her left arm; with the help of a craftsman in The Netherlands she is now able to perform using a flute with all the holes on the right side. .

An audiologist helps people with hearing loss to understand the challenges they face daily, and how they can benefit from looping. David Meyers writes about his first experience with a hearing loop in Scotland.

On February 6, 2023, two hearing loop experts will describe the benefits of hearing loop technology via Zoom through the Breaking Barriers website.

Read the articles found in the newsletter on the table by the front entrance

Additionally, Amy Kenny, the author of "My Body is not a Prayer Request", will be speaking Friday January 14, 2023, as part of the Calvin University January Series. Her presentation, which you can view at Christ Memorial Church on Friday, January 13, at 12:30 PM.

The Youth Are Going Away!!!

The Youth are going away!!!!....on mission trips and retreats! The Youth of TRC are preparing for middle and high school retreats and mission trips this upcoming year. On January 20th, 2023 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, the Youth will be hosting a Student Sponsor-thon! Students have been training hard, honing their skills, and preparing to offer their gifts to the highest bidder! Everyone, and we mean EVERYONE, is invited to this fundraising event to help the youth of TRC! Come join us for a time of hors d'oeuvres (fancy word for appetizers) served by the youth, a program on the various trips youth will take, and.....drum roll, please.....bid on youth provided skills such as babysitting, shoveling, baking, dog walking, and so much more, during the silent auction portion of the event! Our goal is to raise \$6,000!

Please consider donating to help the youth of TRC experience the love of God through service, learning, and community, as they take part in the retreats and mission trips both domestically and internationally! Please contact Hunter Brumels, hunter.brumels@trcholland.org, if you would like more information.

Trips include:

- Middle School Retreat - Camp Geneva, January 27-29th, 2023

- High School Retreat - Grace Adventures, February 24-26th, 2023
- High School Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico - Mar. 31st to April 5th, 2023
- Middle School Mission Trip - Hope House Detroit - June 26-30th, 2023

Intergroup Dialogue Sessions Begin

Next Thursday our first round of Intergroup Dialogue sessions begin. Our slate of facilitators for this conversation are: Elissa Lappenga, Jim Neevel, Ellen Awad, Dan Rooks, Vicky Mast, and Tim DuMez. These small groups will be facilitated in teams of two, and we have enough people signed up to create three good-sized groups. Thank you to those that agreed to facilitate these conversations! We ask that you please keep all those involved in your prayers as they undertake this important work.

Announcements

LIFT Resumes Next Wednesday

LIFT is back next Wednesday with dinner at 5:30 and offerings for children and adults, as well as Middle School Youth Group, from 6:30 to 7:30.

Micro-Pantry Needs

The Micro Pantry continues to serve a need in our neighborhood. You will notice that it has moved from the church driveway to under the canopy. We are low or out of the following items:

- Canned Fruit
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Elbow Noodles
- Rice
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tomato Sauce
- Tomato Paste
- Canned Meat
- Cereal

Thank you for your faithful support of our Micro Pantry.

Guest Preacher on January 29

Rev. Liz Testa is a pastor, artist, visionary leader, innovator and community builder who is passionate about encouraging and equipping others to live into their God-given gifts and callings. She currently serves the Reformed Church in America (RCA) as the denominational executive leader for Women's Transformation and Leadership. Rev. Testa will be leading our 10:00 AM worship service on January 29, and presenting the Mosaic class that morning as well.

Third Church Family News

Address Correction

Esther DePree is in apartment #233, not #223. Her full address is:
145 Columbia Ave. #233
Holland, MI 49423

Happy Birthday with Correct Ages!

We were ahead of our time (or at least our calendar time) when we posted a couple of birthdays in our end of year issue in December. Therefore please note that the following ages are now correct:

Eli Van Duinen who turned 13 on January 2.
Elaine Tanis turns 88 on January 5.

Happy Anniversary

to Dean and Kathy Miedema, who celebrate 55 years of marriage on January 5.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Give thanks that Ahmadza (eldest son of the Afghan family we've been assisting) will be reunited with his family on January 9. Pray for safe travels.
- Jo Kuiper who has return home from Holland Hospital.
- Etta Hesselink who has returned home from Holland Hospital following surgery.
- Herb Pollock who is now at the Inn at Freedom Village.
- Mary Boersen who is now at the Inn at Freedom Village.
- Jaime Amaro recuperating from surgery on Monday, Dec. 26.
- Tom Ten Hoeve who has returned home.
- Lucille Schroeder.
- Steve and Dawn Vander Ark and their son Adam.

- Hospice Care: Lois Jalving, Sue Ten Hoeve

Remember in our prayers: Reno Lamanian, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Don Maatman, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Tom Norman, Elvira Garcia.

Prayer Spotlight: Home - Bill Charlton, Barb Mum-
mert, Ruby Steketee;
Out of Town - Don Maatman.

Missionaries: Jaime and Martha Amaro (Mexico),
Albino and Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).