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## This Coming Sunday, February 12

Hunter Brumels will be preaching on I Corinthians 3:1-9 in his sermon entitled "Purpose of a Signpost."

## Staytreat '23 Schedule is Here and Registration is Open!

This year's Staytreat will center around the being nourished, comforted, or stretched in the life-giving richness of God's Word. How are we filled and sustained by the Word, in habits of reading, hearing and meditating in Scripture? Can we "stomach" the harder parts of what we read, and how can we "swallow" the challenges we find? Let's learn more about tasting and exploring the Word together as a body, and also find refreshment and reflection for our individual time in Scripture.



The large-group sessions will take the form of teaching, as well as guided small group discussion and lots of interaction to learn and hear from each other! The Staytreat teaching and conversations will represent part of the Lenten Study Series as well, which will feature 3 lessons by Dr. J. Todd Billings on *Understanding the Bible*.

The Staytreat '23 schedule is at the end of the newsletter

The sign up for Lenten Study Groups will be in the Tuesday, February 14. edition of Third Church News. Sign up by going to the church website or by calling the church office.

## Living Green

Last month we finally touched on the subject of composting. I applaud those of you who already compost at home. I encourage the rest of us to look into the program that our county offers out at the Recovery Center. It is working for me and has me thinking even more about portion size and meal prep. Remember...Less waste...Less landfill. Let's make that the theme of 2023, what do you say?

Now, onto this month. We are going to take a break and have some fun this month. Pop quiz time! Remember those in school and all the groans that came with it. Well this time no one will be graded. It's just for fun, a little educational as well. So let's do this...

1. What's the difference between soap and detergent? Which of the following describes one difference between soap and detergent?
  - a. because of their chemical composition, detergents have more cleaning power than soap
  - b. all soaps are made with animal fats; only detergents are vegan
  - c. soaps are made using natural materials while detergents are generally produced using human-made synthetics such as hydrocarbons of coal or petroleum
2. Which ingredients should you avoid in cleaning products?
  - a. fragrances
  - b. chloroform
  - c. 1,4-dioxane
  - d. citric acid
  - e. essential oils
  - f. saponified castor oil
  - g. formaldehyde
  - h. sodium bicarbonate
3. Is it more efficient to wash dishes by hand or in the dishwasher?
  - a. dishwasher
  - b. by hand
4. Do you know how to avoid toxic chemicals and hazardous volatile organic compounds (VOC's)? Which of the following options help make your laundry safer?
  - a. always use powdered soap
  - b. avoid detergents with optical brighteners
  - c. don't use fabric softener or dryer sheets
  - d. use color safe bleach with your detergent
  - e. choose unscented laundry products
  - f. always run an extra rinse cycle
5. True or False: It's best to always wash your hands with antibacterial soap.
  - a. false. Antibacterial soaps may contribute to the rise of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria.
  - b. true. Antibacterial soap prevents the rise of new strains of bacteria and helps protect against COVID.

And to keep the fun going, the answers will be found wherever our illustrious editor-in-chief de-

cides to put them.

And for this month I will leave you with not a quote but a note - Americans waste approximately 40% of the food we produce each year. That's about \$218 billion worth of food every year or about 400 lbs per person.

## Micro Pantry Needs

Thank you for your continued support of the Micro-Pantry! We are either out or very low on the following items: soap, canned vegetables, toothpaste, canned fruit, toilet paper, cereal, shampoo, canned baked beans, canned soup, spaghetti sauce, canned potatoes, noodles, rice, snack bars, macaroni and cheese.

## Ending of the CROP Receipts Program

Thank you for your continued support of the CROP Hunger Walk and its recipient agencies through your collecting of Spartan receipts. Since CROP Hunger Walk began collecting receipts from local churches in 2018, they have received \$22,000 in donations from SpartanNash. We recently learned that SpartanNash will be discontinuing their Direct Your Dollars program. The program will run through the end of this month. Please bring any Family Fare and D & W receipts you have been saving for the Direct Your Dollars program to the church by Sunday, February 19 so they may be used toward another donation to the CROP Hunger Walk. Reminder: for your SpartanNash receipt to be accepted the whole receipt needs to be turned in. They will not accept the receipts with only the Direct Your Dollars portion. They will, however, accept the whole receipt with your payment information blacked out.

## Announcements

### Ordination Service for Hunter Brumels is on February 19

On February 19, our Director of Youth Ministries, Hunter Brumels, will be ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church. The service will take place here at 4 PM and will be followed by a celebratory reception.

## Calling All Pickleball Players!

There will be pickleball at 10 AM on Fridays. If a conflict arises, the church calendar will be changed and, if possible, a notice will be placed in TCN.



There is no need to worry about level of play - just that you're prepared to have a good time!

## Upcoming Mosaic Classes

February 5 and 12, 2023

### A Two-Part Series on African Americans Who Helped Save Democracy

Dr. Fred Johnson

Dr. Fred L. Johnson III has taught history at Hope College since 2000 and was recently named to the Guy VanderJagt endowed chair of the history department. Dr. Johnson's primary field of study is 19th century U.S. history, specifically, the Civil War. His other areas of expertise are 20th century U.S. history, U.S. military history and African history. Dr. Johnson formerly served in the United States Marine Corps.

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### When Poets Pray

Jeff Munroe

Jeff Munroe is the author of Reading Buechner (IVP, 2019) and an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America. He blogs regularly for the Reformed Journal's The Twelve, and has had poems and pieces published in The Christian Century, Christianity Today, US Catholic, Think Christian, and also frequently writes devotionals for Words of Hope.

## 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.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Condolences to Jeanette Beagley and the Lopez-Koolhaas family in the death of Alan Beagley on January 28.
- Ruth Sill who had surgery on Monday.
- Dennis DeWitt
- Linda Strouf recovering from hand and elbow surgery.
- Kroll family
- Rebecca Rannow who is having difficulties with her pregnancy.
- New refugee/asylum families who have moved to Holland.
- Hospice Care: Sue Ten Hoeve, Don Maatman

**Remember in our prayers:** Reno Lamania, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Don Maatman, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Tom Norman, Lucille Schroeder, Bill & Roxanne Helder, Steve and Dawn Van Ark and son Adam.

**Prayer Spotlight:** : Holland Hospital - Dennis DeWitt. Hospice - Sue Ten Hoeve, Don Maatman. Maple Woods - Beth DuMez, Dennis DeWitt; The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacey, Herb Pollock, Eileen Resch.

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

## Living Green Quiz Answers

1. c. soaps are made using natural materials while detergents are generally produced using human-made synthetics such as hydrocarbons of coal or petroleum
  2. a. fragrance, b. chloroform, c. 1,4 dioxane, g. formaldehyde
  3. a. the dishwasher, unless you are using the two-basin method, in which dishes are soaked and scrubbed in hot water and then rinsed in cold water. This method is associated with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than machine dishwashing.
  4. b. avoid detergents with optical brighteners, c. don't use fabric softener or dryer sheets, e. choose unscented laundry products
- a. false



THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

# Staytreat '23 Schedule

## Friday, 3/10

- 5:30 PM Opening Dinner
- 6:30 PM Welcome: "World Vide Cooking Show" hosted by the one-and-only Klaus Von Apfelsaus
- 7:20 PM Session A: Youth & Adults "You Are What You Eat"  
Session B: Kids activities for 4 years old - 5th grade
- 8:30 PM Games and Snacks and Crafts and Fun! Regular and decaf coffee and tea served throughout the Staytreat.

## Saturday, 3/11

- 8:30 AM Consistory Member breakfast and discussion groups.
- 11:30 AM Lunch Launch to Day 2
- 12:30 PM Fun and Worship: games, singing, devotions.
- 1:30 PM Session C: Youth & Adults "Sourcing the Feast"  
Session D: Kids activities for 4 years old - 5th grade
- 3:00 PM Activities, refreshments and fellowship time
- 5:30 PM Dinner with the TRC Fam!
- 7:00 PM Fun and Worship followed by our annual Talent Show and Skits!
- 8:30 PM Sundae Bar and Desserts

## Sunday, 3/12

- 9:00 AM Early Service in the Sanctuary. Pastor Ryan preaching on Hebrews 3:9-4:13 followed by communion.
- 11:00 AM Bilingual Worship in the Sanctuary. Pastor Ryan preaching on Hebrews 3:9-4:13 followed by communion.  
No Education Hour and no High School Youth Group that evening.

