

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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## Upcoming Worship Services

This coming Sunday, February 26, Pastor Janelle will deliver the message on Hebrews 1:1-4.

## Publication Day Change

In order to serve you best, staff is changing the publication day for Third Church News from Tuesdays to Thursdays, beginning next week.

## Lenten Bible Studies and Staytreat '23 Registration and Schedules

2023 TRC LENTEN STUDY & STAYTREAT  
SERIES: **UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE**

Members of Third Reformed Church are invited this Lent to refresh, challenge, and help us to grow in our reading and understanding of God's Holy Word. A variety of small groups will be formed at distinct dates and times which are outlined in the sign up form below, which will also be available physically in the Gathering Place on Sunday. In addition, the teaching and discussion themes at Third's annual all-church Staytreat March 10-12 will continue this theme of deepening our exploration of Scripture, and why it matters. If you wish

to sign up for the Staytreat the link is below, or call the church office at (616) 392-1459, or sign up in person in the Gathering Place on Sunday. You may get a copy of the schedule from the church office

This special weekend will be held onsite at church (free of charge), and the church bus will be available. You do not need to sign up for the Staytreat to join the Lenten study group, but are warmly encouraged to do so if you are able!

### The Study Series

The 3 lessons we will engage for the group studies come from a teaching series designed by Dr. J. Todd Billings of Western Theological Seminary. From the *Understanding the Bible* website:

*"In three engaging and digestible lessons, professor and theologian Dr. J. Todd Billings breaks down how to understand the Bible and wrestle with its complexities as a Christian. You'll learn how you can get more out of reading God's Word, work through differences in biblical interpretation, and ultimately, become more like Christ.*



*Dr. Billings, who is the Gordon H. Girod research professor of Reformed theology at Western Theological Seminary, first developed this course as a video series that could be used in a church setting. The Faithward team has lightly adapted the video material so that you can read each lesson [as well]."*  
- <https://www.faithward.org/understanding-the-bible/>

**To sign up for the Lenten Bible Studies and Staytreat visit the church website, sign up in the Gathering Place or call the church office.**

## Ordination of Rev. Hunter Brumels



The new Rev. Hunter Brumels serving communion alongside his mother, TRC elder Stephanie Brumels, to father Kirk, and grandmother, Doris. Thanks be to God!

## Disability Concerns

Phil Coray, Advocate

There are still free copies of the book (Amy Kenney's My Body is not a Prayer Request) available for people interested in reading and discussing it in Zoom meetings at 2PM on Mondays March 27 to April 17. If interested contact me at [pjcoray@att.net](mailto:pjcoray@att.net) or Mark Stephenson at [bwest@gmail.com](mailto:bwest@gmail.com).

In my previous article I did not mention some of her important ideas. She writes that she and other people think that their disabilities are so very

much a part of their identity that they will be with them even in eternity. Another subject that should lead to much discussion is her belief that Jesus remains a suffering Savior, and that God Himself suffers.

## Micro Pantry Needs

Thank you for your continued support of the Micro-Pantry! We are either out or very low on the following items: cereal, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, kleenex, wet wipes, and hand sanitizer.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Mosaic Classes

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### Spirituality in Dance

Lindsey Hansen, MFA

An assistant professor of dance at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, Lindsey holds an MFA in dance from Montclair University and a BA in dance from Hope College. She has had an extensive career as a dancer and actress, performing on esteemed stages such as The Kennedy Center, Radio City Music Hall and Broadway's Marriott Marquis. Lindsey will lead us through an interactive class as she unpacks different approaches to the relationship of dance and worship.

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### Spirituality in Visual Art

Joel Schoon-Tanis

A life-long member of Third Reformed Church, artist Joel Schoon-Tanis is constantly exploring spirituality in art - from canvases, to murals (on buildings and international border walls), to furniture. In this presentation Joel will share that exploration with us.

### 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.

# Third Church Family News

## Sympathy

to the family of Don Maatman who passed away this morning. A family grave-side ceremony is being planned.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Condolences to the family of Don Maatman, who passed away on February 21.
- Condolences to Tom Ten Hoeve and family on the death of Sue Ten Hoeve on February 13.
- Condolences to the Harley and Phyllis Brown on the death of their daughter-in-law Kelly Brown.
- Ruth Sill who is recuperating from surgery.
- Thanks for safe travels to Mexico for Bethany Bulthuis, Mark Hiskes, Lorena Lopez-Koolhaas

and Pastor Angel and others.

- Staytreat in March, those attending and those planning the activities.
- Give thanks for the ordination of Hunter Brumels.
- For the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 22.
- For the Lenten Bible Studies.

**Remember in our prayers:** Dennis DeWitt, Reno Lamanía, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Margaret Doorenbos, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Tom Norman, Lucille Schroeder, Bill & Roxanne Helder.

**Prayer Spotlight:** Appledorn - Bob Kuiper, Donna Prins; Vista Springs - Barb Piaget.

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