

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

## THE SEASON OF EASTER 2023



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THIS COMING  
SUNDAY, May 14:

*"Too Religious for God"*

*Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes  
on John 14:15-21 and  
Acts 17:22-31*

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# Thank You, and Welcome!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Elders and Deacons who are coming off consistory. They are:

## Governing Elders:

Ellen Awad, Linda Jacobs, Meg Frens

## Deacons:

Lynne Bonnette, Jon VanDuinen, Jane Johnson-Keeter, Willis Weymon

## Care Elders:

Ruth Sill, Gretchen Munroe, Stephanie Brumels, Joyce Magee, Lee & Milly Ten Brink, and Mark & Chris Walvoord

And we welcome our new consistory members:

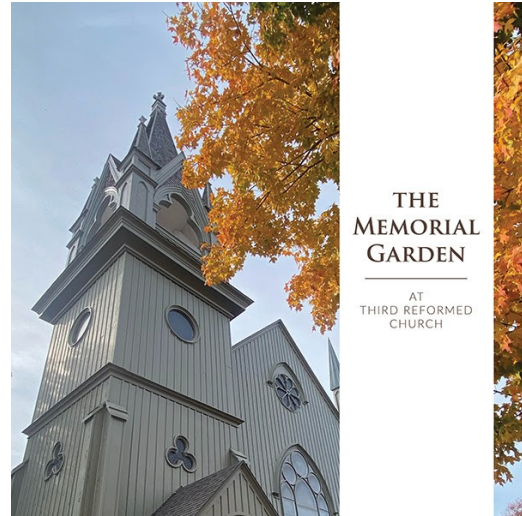
## Elders:

Mary Toppen-Palma, Carl Folkert and Harold Gazan

## Deacons:

Lucia Torres, Laura Baer, Bethany Bulthuis, Sandy Stielstra and Jeff Voskuil.

If you are interested, please email the office at [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org). Painting times will be on Saturdays and in the evenings.



If you have taken a look out of the north windows in the Gathering Place, you may have seen our Memorial Garden. It was finished last fall. We now have a brochure with information on the garden, which you may pick up on the entryway welcome table.



As you may have seen this past Sunday, our contractor is busy remediating the lead paint off the back and west side of the parsonage, as well as a few other spots. Once done, they will prime it. In a week or two, it will be time to paint, and we're inviting you to help us! A couple of things to note:

- Mark Hiskes and Jim VanderMeer are our team leads.
- No one will be required to go on ladders.
- It will be fun. Promise.
- We are painting it white, and painting the shutters black.

## Rev. Eddy Alemán, General Secretary of the RCA, to Preach May 21

Rev. Eddy Alemán will be preaching at both the 10 AM service and the 11:30 AM service, and will be delivering two different sermons.

- At the 10 AM English service, he will preach on Matthew 20:1-16 in a sermon entitled "The Unfair Generosity of God"
- Para el servicio a las 11:30 AM en Español, el título del Sermón es "Solo Cristo" y el texto Bíblico es Hechos 4:9-13

We are excited to welcome Rev. Alemán to Third Reformed!

# RCA Denomination-Wide Restructuring Zoom Meeting

—Larryl Humme, Director of Advancement, Reformed Church in America

You're invited! Join members of the RCA restructuring team and GSC staff leadership for a denomination-wide, virtual event on Thursday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. During this time, attendees will hear what the restructuring team has been working on and the outcomes around which they feel called to restructure, after much discernment. Attendees will have the ability to ask questions and provide feedback on what is presented in the Zoom chat. This invitation is for all RCA members, especially young people with a heart for the RCA's future. RSVP is required. To register, use this link: [rca.org/virtual-roundtable](https://rca.org/virtual-roundtable).

## Living Green: "Saving Us" Book Discussion

"A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World"

Tuesday, June 20; Tuesday, July 18; Tuesday, August 15

Hosted by Hope Church Creation Care Ministry  
77 W. 11th Street  
12:00-1:00

Please feel free to bring your lunch, light refreshments will be provided. Books are not provided, but may be checked out from the library or purchased in advance. RSVP's are not required, but are appreciated: <https://bit.ly/savingusbook>

Hope Church's Creation Care Ministry invites you to join them as they explore Dr. Katharine Hayhoe's book "Saving Us." Discussions will be led by Michelle Seppala Gibbs, Hope College's Director for the Office of Sustainability. Guest presentations will include Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger, Hope College's Religion Department and Green Team Chair (June), Andrew Reynolds, Holland

Board of Public Works' Community Energy Services Manager (July), and Solar Faithful (August). Prior to each meeting please read the following sections: June (Sections 1 & 2), July (Sections 3 & 4), and August (Section 5).

## Announcements

### Installation of Elders and Deacons May 28

We will ordain and install our new Elders and Deacons during the 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services on Sunday, May 28.

### Parking Lot Closed

Our parking lot will be closed at points during Tulip Time and used to raise money for Women's Ministry. This will happen on Thursday, May 11, and Saturday, May 13. Parking will be \$10 per car.

### Final Sunday School Classes of the Year

The final Sunday School classes of the year will be on May 21, and the last Children and Worship will be on May 28.

### Upcoming Mosaic Classes

**May 14, 2023**

***18th Century Pietism Part I: Freilinghuysen***

**Rev. Dr. Dennis Voskuil**

Dennis will share in this second part on spirituality in the 18th century, through the lens of Theodore Jacobus Freilinghuysen, an early Dutch-American minister and theologian, in the context of the Great Awakening, English & German Pietism. Dennis Voskuil is a pastor, professor, and president emeritus of Western Theological Seminary and Hope College. Dennis is a Senior Research Fellow and the Director of the Van Raalte Institute for historical research. Dennis is a member of Third Reformed Church.

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## *18th Century Pietism Part II: Geesje VanderHaar* Nella Kennedy

Among Holland, Michigan's earliest immigrant pioneers was Geesje VanderHaar. Geesje faithfully kept a diary that highlighted her spiritual journey, insights, and her walk with the Lord.

Historian Nella Kennedy will present on her research on Geesje's life and reflections. Nella is a Senior Research Fellow and Official Translator at the Van Raalte Institute for historical research at Hope College. Nella is a member of Third Reformed Church.

## 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 in the basement.

## Third Church Family News

### Sympathy

- to Linda Jacobs on the passing of her brother, Ted Yester, on May 2 in Mesquite, Nevada.
- to Kathy and Joel Schoon-Tanis, and Harper and Beatrix on the death of Kathy's sister-in-law Michelle Schoon on May 4.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for the following:

- Sarah Unzicker who is at home recuperating from a medical procedure.
- Pastor Angel who is traveling to Mexico this week.
- Reformed Church in America restructuring team and their work.
- Jane Johnson Keeter who is recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Phyllis Brown who has returned to The Inn from the hospital.

- Kathy Van Tubbergen who continues therapy, this week for a pinched nerve in her neck.
- Give thanks for those who have served on consistory, and for the new consistory members:
- Elders: Mary Toppen-Palma, Carl Folkert and Harold Gazan; Deacons: Lucia Torres, Laura Baer, Bethany Bulthuis, Sandy Stielstra and Jeff Voskuil.

Hospice:

- Margaret Doorenbos

**Remember in our prayers:** Ruby Steketee, Reno Lamanía, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boldersen, Margaret Doorenbos, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Lucille Schroeder.

**Prayer Spotlight:** Home - Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee; Out of Town - Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck.

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