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**THIS COMING  
SUNDAY, June 18:**

*Scars Tell Stories*

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes on Romans 5:1-8  
and Exodus 19:2-8a

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**Concert and Dinner!**

Join us for an amazing night with Natalia Serna, known as La Muna, as she brings the refugee and migrant experience to us through music. Third will host the concert in our sanctuary this Friday, June 16, at 7:30 PM, and you're all invited to a community meal of fajitas beforehand at 6:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Please email [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org) with the number in your party if you're planning on attending the dinner. Fellow sponsors for this concert include Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates, LAUP, and Intersection Ministries.

**LA MUNA | NATALIA SERNA** *corazón norte*  
A PLACE AT THE TABLE

**June 16, 2023  
7:30 PM at  
Third Reformed Church  
[www.trcholland.org](http://www.trcholland.org)  
Free! Donations accepted.**

This Saturday at 8 a.m.

# PARSONAGE PAINTING BEGINS!

The remediating, scraping, and priming are done, and it's time to PAINT!

It's not too late to help out! Come one, come all - we'll have a ball! You can come any time and stay as long as you want. Items to bring if you have them available:

- Paintbrush
- Scraper
- Rag
- Drop cloths
- Paint Can or Speed Bucket
- Small Roller
- Sand Pad or Sand Paper
- Step Ladder or Small Extension Ladder

Questions? Reach out to [Mark Hiskes](#) or [Jim Vander Meer](#).



## Juneteenth and JET Team Activities

- **Juneteenth Activities**
- June 19 2pm and 4pm, The First Juneteenth play at Holland Community Theatre
- June 19 5-7pm, History Talk with author Tracee Bruce at the Holland Museum
- Click [here](#) to see all the Juneteenth offerings. Consider volunteering with a friend!

**STEM Camp at Meadowlanes Townhomes. Sign up [here](#) to volunteer!**

**Dates:** June 22 - August 10

**Time:** 12 PM - 3 PM STEM Camp, 2 PM - 4 PM Food Distribution.

**Days of the week:** Tuesdays involve STEM Camp activities and Thursdays are to chaperone swimming lessons (and cheer the kids on!). You can choose one or the other or both!

**Questions?** Talk to [Laura Baer](#) or [Laurie Orlow](#).

**Intergroup Dialogue and trip to the Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit**

**Dates:** Sunday 7/16 Intergroup Dialogue Session #1 Sunday 7/21 Intergroup Dialogue Session #2

Saturday 7/29 trip to the Wright Museum, shared meal, and Intergroup Dialogue Session #3

**Interested?** Email [Laura Baer](#)

Save the Date: Congregational Meeting Monday Evening, June 26!

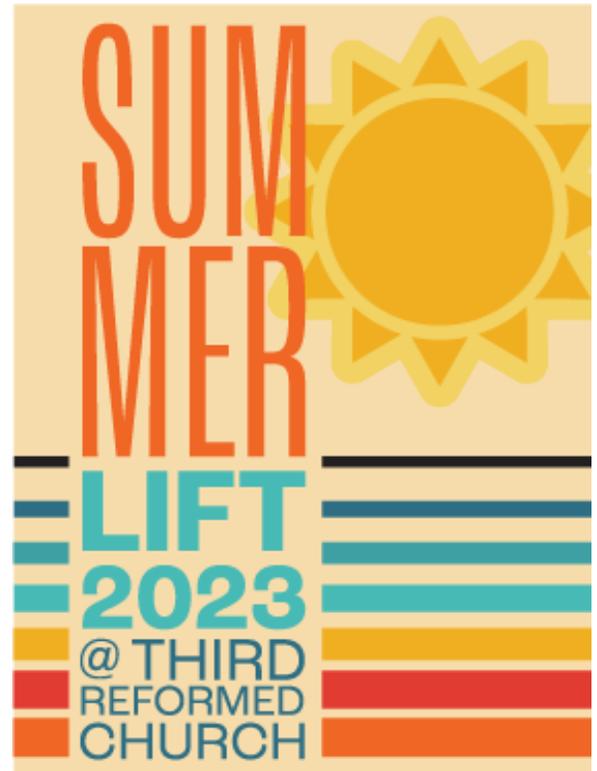
Join us for ice cream at 6:30. Our meeting will begin at 7:00. Topics include Budget, HVAC Update, and approval of Care Elders.

## Summer LIFT Program Starts June 28!

You won't want to miss this fun six-week series which will feature a water night, an ice cream social, and a summer season ending street taco night! Beginning June 28, Summer LIFT has something for everyone!

- **Children ages 4-5th Grade** will learn about the parables of the Bible.
- **Youth from 6th-12th grades** will participate in True Confessions!
- **Adults** will have Reciprocal Language activities - both verbal and in visual art.

So don't miss out! If you're interested in volunteering to help with activities or food, please sign up at church or email Kristen at the office at [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org).



## Bulthuis Visit to Casa del Maestro

Krystal and Kaylyn Bulthuis visited Casa del Maestro and shared a meal with our missionaries, Sandy and Albino Rodriguez, on June 5 during their recent trip to Peru. Casa del Maestro currently has 22 students! Political unrest in Cusco, Peru, (location of Casa del Maestro) has calmed and life has returned to "normal." Continued prayers for good health, learning successes, and faith development would be much appreciated.



Students use an online computer program to learn English. There are only 10 computers for all the students, and some of those computers are quite old.



Student dormitories at Casa del Maestro



Kaylyn did crafts with the three Rodriguez kids: Doriana, Tobias, and Felicity.

## Putting a Pause on the Pantry Volunteers

If you have come to the church this week, you probably noticed that the Micro Pantry is no longer out under our portico.

While the pantry has been very helpful to some people, especially when it was first instituted, it has become apparent that a couple of individuals are regularly cleaning out the pantry each time it is refilled. These are not just regular visitors, but persons who would strip the pantry bare except the cards and pamphlets in there. Unfortunately, this negates the good the pantry was intended to bring about. Therefore, we have put a pause on the pantry for now (it is stored in our basement).

What about the food we have on hand? Well, we currently have a couple of families in El Encuentro who, even though they are working, are very food insecure. We are inviting them to come and take what they need. The rest will be brought to the Community Action House food facility. Additionally, we have information in our church office about the Community Action House Food Club and other food resources for anyone who may come in with questions or needs.

Please know your generosity was a blessing to many people in a great time of need during the pandemic. If you have any further questions you may contact Beverley Rannow or Roger De Young.

## Announcements

### Cookies Needed!

We are looking forward to a summer where we will have many great things to celebrate, including Confirmation/Profession of Faith and LIFT celebrations. We are asking that the bakers of our congregation donate some of their delicious goodies so we can have them on hand for those occasions. Contact Kristen at [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org) if you would like to help out.

There is always a need for volunteers in a healthy and thriving church community. If you are interested in learning about ways you can become involved (and there are lots of ways: from property committee, to cooking, to kids, to cleaning, to creative expressions, and more) we would be delighted to have, and thankful for, your help. Contact us at [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org) if you're interested in learning more.

## Third Church Family News

### Happy Anniversary!

to Harvey and Margaret Doorenbos on June 21 - 67 years.

### Happy Birthday!

to Ron Boeve on June 17 - 88 years!

### Thank You

"Thank you to everyone that sent us beautiful cards for our 75th wedding anniversary. We appreciate every one. Third Church did not forget us!"

—Bob and Elle Kuiper

### Congratulations Graduates!

- Michael Hoffman graduated from Hope College in May with a degree in business and accounting. He will be working for Plante Moran in Grand Rapids as an audit associate.

Do you have a college graduate in your family? We'd love to recognize them in our publications - simply send their name to us at [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org).

# Prayer Requests

## Condolences:

to Lynne and Mark Bonnette and family, on the passing of Lynne's mother on Saturday morning, June 10.

## Give Thanks

- with Francisco Jarquin whose family will be arriving from Nicaragua on July 12.
- with Jose and Jesus, members of El Encuentro, who received their work permits this past week.

## Pray for the following:

- Barb Tenpas who is recuperating at home after surgery.
- Linda Strouf recuperating from her hospitalization.
- Letica Flores who is having medical tests, for healing and good results from tests.
- Phyllis and Harley Brown, as Phyllis adjusts to living at Royal Park Atrium.
- La Muna concert "A Place at the Table" on June 16.
- For Aspen Boes, Miriam Lopez-Koolhaas and Kimia McMullen attending Hope College Awakening.
- For the following students who will be attending Camp Geneva next week: Theodore Wandell, Penny Graham, Beatrix Schoon-Tanis.

- For immigrants here in Holland who need housing, for immigrants who are dealing with legal issues and work issues.
- For the middle school students who are beginning confirmation process.
- For El Encuentro members who are attending the Saturday morning Discipleship Class.
- For the beginning of Summer LIFT program beginning on Wednesday, June 28, for leaders, participants and volunteers to help.
- For the beginning of Summer Children and Worship program that begins on July 2.
- For the Congregational meeting on June 26.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos.

**Remember in our prayers:** Ruby Steketee, Reno Lamania, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Larry Loss, Mary and Harry Boersen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Linda Parchert, Lucille Schroeder, and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations.

**Prayer Spotlight:** Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Mary Heideman, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy.

**Missionaries:** John and Lynne Hubers (Ethiopia), Angel López (Mexico)