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THIS COMING  
SUNDAY, July 9:

*I Get It, We Don't Get It*

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes on  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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## Celebrating 4 Confirmations this Sunday

We give thanks to God that we will be welcoming

- Willem Bolt
- Henry Kroll
- Harper Schoon-Tanis
- Paige Frens

through confirmation into the life of the church at the 10 AM service this coming Sunday. A cookie and punch reception will be held following that service.

# TRC Resettlement Storeroom

Dear TRC Friends,

A small team is creating a basement storeroom of home goods to be used by Pastor Angel and others who assist immigrant families with resettlement. This inventory will enable a resettlement team to "pick" basic goods to help families set up their new households. At this time, we are seeking donations of the following new or clean, gently used items: silverware set; pots and pans set; linens for twin, full and queen beds (mattress pads, sheet sets, blankets, comforters/quilts, pillows), bath towel set; broom and dust pan, and fans. You may drop off these items in the space outside the office where pantry items were placed. Monetary donations are welcome too! We'd like to thank you and can provide you with a receipt if requested, so please attach your name to your donation. If you have any questions, you may contact

- Kay Stewart (616.745.0268)
- Sue Boes (248.600.2294)
- Cindy Hiskes (616.990.2268)

Thanks so much!

## InterGroup Dialogue with I AM Academy students

Are you interested in joining in a facilitated discussion on race with I AM Academy students? Would you like to travel with those students to the Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit? We are hoping to gather 10 individuals from Third for this experience. Please contact Laura Baer if you are interested at [Laura.m.baer@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.m.baer@gmail.com).

### Details:

- SUN July 16 3-4:30pm at TRC. InterGroup Dialogue Session #1
- SUN July 23 3-4:30pm at TRC. InterGroup

### Dialogue Session #2

- SAT July 29 9am-9pm. Bus trip to Detroit to visit the Wright Museum, share a meal and InterGroup Dialogue session together.

## Living Green

—Mark Faga, Green Team Member and Head Custodian

Last month we talked about saving water by repairing any leaks in our homes and how much water is actually wasted by those leaks. So now that all of our homes are buttoned up and dry, let's talk about online shopping and the amount of returns that end up in the landfill.

Not being one to order much online, this article has made me aware of how much I still don't know how the world works right now.

I'd like to refer you to the Earth911 article "Rescuing Product Returns Before They Reach the Landfill." It states the obvious when it says that online shopping has become the way of the world. But that's not what the article is highlighting. It is bringing awareness to the fact that with so much online shopping there is then an increase in product returns. And according to Optoro, 9.5 billion pounds of returns ended up in U.S. landfills in 2022 alone.

So how can we make a difference? One way is to know that there are companies out there that are trying to help retailers as well as the public manage this problem. Good360 and Morningday Community Solutions work together to prevent goods from ending up in landfills by reselling it at sometimes up to 70% off the original price as well as redistributing goods to those in need.

Want other ways to help?

- think before you buy
- utilize size charts

- instead of returning, regift, donate, repurpose or resell
- support companies that have responsible return practices
- educate others on the problem of returns

Together we can make a BIG difference.

And I will leave you with this quote...

*"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."*

—Robert Swan

## SAVE THE DATE: Walk-in-choir on Sunday, July 30

Rehearsal is at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room; the choir will sing in worship at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome, and if you would like to see/hear the music ahead of time, send Linda an email at [strouf@hope.edu](mailto:strouf@hope.edu) and she will send you a PDF of the music and an audio file so you can try it out at home.



## Announcements

### Summer LIFT

Summer LIFT continues for the next 4 weeks. Don't miss out on the fun. If you're interested in helping out, please contact us at [office@trcholland.org](mailto:office@trcholland.org).

## Third Church Family News

### New Address

LaVerne Lievense  
Covenant Living of the Great Lakes  
2520 Lake Michigan Dr. NW Apt. 209  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
616-735-5905

## Prayer Requests

### Give Thanks

For Austin and Maria Geelhoed-Trevino, interns from Western Seminary this year. They assisted

with El Encuentro worship and youth groups on Wednesday and Sunday evening.

### Condolences:

Madison, Curtis and Isla Pierce on the death of Madison's grandmother.

### Pray for the following:

- Francisco Jarquin who is waiting for the arrival of family members this week. Pray for housing for them.
- Bob Kuiper who is recovering following a recent hospitalization.
- Leticia 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.
- Immigrants here in Holland who need housing. Immigrants who are searching for work and are in career transitions.
- Summer Lift program on Wednesday evenings. Give thanks for the good attendance last Wednesday.
- Summer Children and Worship program that began on July 2.
- Those in Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos, Beth DuMez.

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

**Remember in our prayers:** Ruby Steketee, Reno Lamania, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boldersen, 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.

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

