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"Lost in Translation"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes on Genesis 5 and 10 (selected verses)
November 12 at 10 AM

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LIFT Next Wednesday

Join us for a pasta bar at 5:30, and then the following activities:

6:15 PM

- Activities for Kids 4 - 5th Grade
- Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM - Classes for Adults

- **CETI Class:** CETI is an acronym in Spanish—Comunidad de Estudios Teológicos Interdisciplinarios. This curriculum was created in Argentina and speaks to these very real questions about what it means to gather together with a perspective that's new and fresh for us as we continue to grow together as a community that is represented by more than one culture.
- **Art Activities:** Open Art Studio for High Schoolers & Adults.
- **Tech Team Meeting:** If you've been interested in what the Tech Team does during our Sunday worship services, or if you'd like to learn all about cameras, switching, and sound boards - please feel free to join us at 6:30 in the Tech Booth in the sanctuary



Back to the Border: A Ministry Update

On Sunday, November 12, if you come to Third Reformed Church at 10:00 or 11:30am, you might notice that Pastor Angel is not with us. That is because he is in Ciudad Juarez for a time of leadership and ministry! As many of you know, Pastor Angel serves in two ministries: he is one of the installed ministers at Third Reformed, and is also a part time missionary with a ministry at the US—Mexico Border through the Reformed Church's Global Mission. From November 7 to 15, Pastor Angel will serve as the leader and co-host, with Pastor Samuel López, of two learning groups from Holland, Michigan.



A picture inside of Frontera de Gracia from Third Reformed's trip to the border last fall, including Pastor Angel, Pastor Hunter, Bailey Brumels, Aspen Boes, Megan Boes, Miriam López-Koolhaas, Jack Bolt, Remi Van Farowe, and Anya Wolters.

Pastor Angel flew to Mexico early on Wednesday morning with a group from Intersection Ministries, and later on a group from Fellowship Reformed will arrive. Both groups are there to visit Iglesia Frontera de Gracia, Pastor Samuel López's church, and learn about the work being done there. Also, both of these groups come from fellow churches in the Classis of Holland, to which Third belongs. Join us in giving thanks for the cooperation of this vital ministry in Holland Classis and, for the leadership of Pastor Angel that continues to shed light on this important work for God's people!

Will you join us in praying for Pastor Angel as he travels to the border? Please pray for:

- The guests at the Frontera de Gracia Shelter who are waiting for the next steps in their migration or asylum needs.
- For Pastor Samuel Lopez, his family, and the ministry leaders at Frontera de Gracia; for renewal, rest, and the support that they need.
- A meaningful time of learning for the two groups, and for their learning to inspire them to ways God is calling their own churches in ministry and vision.

For Pastor Angel for safety, rest and health, and for joy Spirit guidance as he leads others through these heart-opening experiences.

Lakeshore Big Read Book Discussion this Sunday!

The Justice and Equity Team invite you to a book discussion on the Lakeshore Big Read book, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Led by a Hope College student, the discussion will take place at 4:00 PM in the Third Reformed library.

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VOLUNTEER TEAM

Then Third Reformed Pop Up Volunteer Teams are just right for you! At different times of the church year we have special events or meals where we sure could use some volunteer help, and we are hoping this is an easy way for people to step in and help out.

Coming up this December, we will have three events where we need volunteers to help:

- Wednesday, December 6 we need volunteers to help with Parent's Night Out. This will include helping with activities and serving food/ refreshments.

- Sunday, December 17 at 6 PM is the Choir Carol Service. Volunteers will put out cookies and punch, refill platters, and bring the empty/dirty dishes back to the kitchen.
- Our Christmas Eve Service and Children's Pageant is at 7:00 PM, and volunteers will again be needed to help put out cookies and punch, etc. This year there's only one Christmas Eve service because it is on a Sunday.

If you're interested in helping out at one of these events (or two, or all!), contact the church office to let us know!

Christmas Cookies Needed!

We are in need of Christmas cookies for upcoming events. Please bring cookies ready to be frozen (i.e. packaged in a freezer bag or in an appropriate freezer container) so that we can keep them fresh all month. You can drop them off in the church office, or place them directly in the freezer on Sunday morning with a note on them that states they are for Christmas events. PLEASE NOTE: If your cookies contain tree nuts or peanuts, please pop a note on them stating this so we can let our members with allergies know. Thanks!

TRC Resettlement Storeroom Needs

After serving several households recently, the TRC Resettlement Storeroom is in need of the following items:

- New pillows
- Pillow covers
- Queen comforters/quilts, sheet sets and blankets
- Twin comforters/quilts and sheet sets.

Your donations of goods and money to build the inventory is much appreciated. Should you have any questions or need us to pick up your donations, please contact Kay Stewart, Sue Boes or Cindy Hiskes. Thank you very much.

Announcements

Mosaic Class

November 12

TRC AND CLIMATE CHANGE: OUR ROLE, OUR RESPONSIBILITY, OUR WITNESS!

Don Triezenberg, scientist, teacher, community volunteer, and Third member

Climate change inflicts suffering on people around the world, especially the poor. We all contribute to the problem as we burn fossil fuels. That includes TRC. Find out how much CO2 our church puts into the air each year. (Does one million pounds sound about right? Or does that seem like way too much to you?) Then join the discussion about how we can do better. "Loving the Least of These: Addressing a Changing Environment" is an updated report showing how climate change impacts the world's most vulnerable. Read it here: <https://www.nae.org/loving-the-least-of-these/>

Questions Sought for the November 19 Mosaic Class

On November 19, Bart DenBoer, Current Executive Director of Kairos West Michigan and Third member will be presenting on Israel-Palestine: Reformed Reflections. In light of current events, you are invited to submit questions about this complex and often conflict-laden region prior to the class. Please email your questions directly to Bart at bdenboer52@gmail.com or bring them to the church office prior to November 15.

Corinthian Correspondence, Part Deux

This class takes place in room 22 on the lower level (up by the Centennial Room). All are welcome; prior attendance is not required.



Third Church Family News Sympathy

to Steve and Laurie Orlow on the passing of Laurie's father, Hub Nelson, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Thank You

Thanks to the Third Church family for the prayers and thoughts over my father's passing. Life is continuing to move, but there will be a strongly-felt void for some time to come.

Larry Sue

Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving:

- New Members by way reaffirmation of faith: Luke and Katherine Panning on November 12.
- Baptisms: Clara Callam, daughter of Dan and Jenna Callam, and Lena Panning, daughter of Luke and Katherine Panning, on Sunday, November 12.

Condolences:

- Steve and Laurie Orlow on the death of Laurie's father, Pastor Hub Nelson, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Lee and Milly Ten Brink on the death of Lee's sister, Jan Fisher, in Ludington.
- Jaime and Martha Amaro and family, on the death of Jaime's mother, Eva Herrera, in Mexico.

Pray for the following:

- Janelle Sievert who had surgery on Monday.
- Dean Miedema who will have hip replacement. Surgery has been postponed.
- Jonathan McMullen for healing.
- Kathleen, daughter of Charles Hunt dealing with advanced cancer.
- Steve and Laurie Orlow who have returned from England after being with their son Jeremy and his family.
- Carl Folkert as he continues with treatments.
- For all migrants and refugees throughout the world. Pray for the new families that have arrived in Holland. Pray for housing and cars. Give thanks for housing found this past week.
- For Marcia Calliccoat's son who is currently serving off the coast of Israel on an aircraft carrier and others who are serving in the military.
- For peace and justice in Israel and Palestine and all countries dealing with war.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos

Prayer Spotlight

The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village: Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Mary Heideman, Shirley Hoskbergen, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert.

Remember in Our Prayers

Reno Lamania, Joanne Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Linda Parchert, and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations.

Missionaries

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