

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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## "It Matters"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes  
Sunday, January 28  
10:00 AM

## Scripture

I Corinthians 8:1-13

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## LIFT Next Week

Join us at 5:30 for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Dinner is a delicious surprise (vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options will be available), followed by Middle School Youth Group, activities for children 4 - 5th grade, groups for adults, and are launching our intergenerational book club next week!



JEFFREY MUNROE

# BOOK LAUNCH Party

THIS SATURDAY, JAN. 27  
4:00 - 5:30 PM  
TRC GATHERING PLACE

BOOK SIGNING & READING  
WITH AUTHOR  
JEFFREY MUNROE

Jeff and Gretchen Munroe invite the congregation to join them for a launch celebration for Jeff's new book, ***Telling Stories in the Dark***, on Saturday, January 27, at 4pm in the Gathering Place. There will be cake and punch and Jeff will share briefly about the book. Dress is casual. Books will be available for purchase at a discounted price of \$20 for softcover and \$30 for hardcover.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
THE ALL-CHURCH  
RETREAT IS  
MARCH 8-10!**

## The All-Church Retreat is a bit over 1 month away!

This will be a weekend full of food, fun, and fellowship! Featuring speakers from the RCA, and activities for all ages!

Look for more information and the sign up form in next week's edition of TCN.

## Living Green

—Mark Faga, Head Custodian and Green Team Member

The past couple of weeks have reminded us what winter can mean here in West Michigan. Icy cold temps, wind chills below zero, tons of snow and school closures. As we begin to dig out and our bodies are becoming more accustomed to the weather I want to bring us back inside to warm chores in the house. Yep, laundry is on my mind. Extra warmth and outside snow garments mean more laundry or at least larger items to wash.

So before a fun quiz to test your laundry skills I will remind you of 2 things...

- A. Unless instructed otherwise, wash your clothes in cold water.
- B. Air dry what you can.

So here we go. All questions are True or False.

1. Hot water works best to remove oily stains. T or F?

2. You should let lint collect on the dryer filter until it's a thick sheet and easy to remove. T or F?
3. The heat from the dryer is the main cause of shrinking. T or F?
4. Wool, silk and linen don't have to be dry-cleaned. T or F?
5. To clean your machine, you can add mild dish soap to the empty drum before running a cycle. T or F?
6. You should button shirts and pants before tossing them in the wash. T or F?
7. Using fabric softener can shorten a towel's life span. T or F?
8. Washing sheets with other clothes prevents pilling. T or F?
9. Washing machines have a lint filter just like dryers. T or F?
10. You can leave wet clothes in a washing machine for up to 12 hours before they need to be rewashed. T or F?

Instead of the usual note or quote before you go I will leave you with a heads up. Through the end of January Holland BPW is offering double rebates on appliance recycling. So if you are replacing or are thinking you should now may be the time. Rebates for refrigerators=\$100, Freezers=\$100, Mini-fridges=\$50, Window air conditioners=\$30 and Dehumidifiers=\$30. To recycle one of these appliances call Mike's Junk hauling (616-405-9889) or email at [recycling@hollandbpw.com](mailto:recycling@hollandbpw.com).

ANSWERS BELOW:

1=T, 2=F, 3=F, 4=T, 5=F, 6=F, 7=T, 8=F, 9=T, 10=F

How'd you do?

- 1 - 3 = Better luck next cycle.
- 4 - 7 = Not bad, but you could use a boost.
- 8 - 10 = You're a laundry machine!

## Third Church Family News Happy Anniversary

To Steve and Dawn Vander Ark who celebrate 54 years on January 30th.

# Announcements

## Mosaic Class

January 28

### TELLING STORIES IN THE DARK

Third Church members Rev. Jeff Munroe, Editor, *The Reformed Journal*; and Dr. Dan Rooks, Psychologist

Join Dan Rooks and Jeff Munroe for a conversation about Jeff's new book "Telling Stories in the Dark: Finding Healing and Hope in Sharing our Sadness, Grief, Trauma, and Loss." This will be the kickoff event for this new book.

## New Key System Installed: Your Key Will No Longer Work on Exterior Doors

We recently made a major upgrade in security and accessibility by installing an RFID lock to our main parking lot doors. These doors will now unlock with card access, which we can customize to days, times, and hours for special events or access needs, and also allows us to set open and close hours automatically. As a part of this process, we have rekeyed the rest of our exterior doors for full security. If you currently have a key to the church, please turn it in to the office. If you have a need for church access outside of the regular office or Sunday hours, please contact the office and we can help you.

## Permanent Office Hours Change

Our office will be closed to the public on Friday afternoons going forward. The church is still available for use, and meetings can still be scheduled for that time frame; however, the office will not be open for regular business.

## No Camp Scholarships for 2024

We will not be offering camp scholarships in 2024 as we are looking at ways to best steward our budget and resources.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for the following:

- Bob Kuiper in Holland Hospital.
- Dean Miedma who is in Holland Hospital for surgery for a broken femur following a fall.
- Phyllis Brown has returned to Vista Springs
- Marcia Calliccoat medical tests
- Kathleen, daughter of Charles Hunt dealing with advanced cancer.
- Steve and Laurie Orlow's son, Jeremy, dealing with cancer.
- For all migrants and refugees throughout the world. Pray for the new families that have arrived in Holland this past week.

For confirmands and their mentors as they go through the profession of faith process:

- Anna Stewart - Kay Stewart
- Lucy Green - Chris Walvoord
- Faith Millen - Anna Beird
- Kimia McMullen - Susan Boes
- Rilla Carpenter - Madison Pierce
- Lucy Carpenter - Laura Baer
- Jana Honeycutt - Jane Dalman
- Remi VanFarowe - Megan Boes
- Miriam Lopez-Koolhaas - Kathy Schoon-Tanis
- Lorena Lopez-Koolhaas - Bethany Bulthuis
- For Marcia Calliccoat's son who is returning to the states and others who are serving in the military.
- For peace and justice in Gaza and all countries dealing with war.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos and Mary Heideman

## Prayer Spotlight

Appledorn: Donna Prins. Vista Springs: Barb Piaget, Phyllis Brown. Maple Woods: Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman. American House: Mary Boersen.

### **Remember in Our Prayers**

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

### **Missionaries**

Wayne and Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. and Jane VanEs (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

## **Winter Weather Cancellation Policy**

During the weekdays, Third Reformed Church will follow the Holland Public Schools cancellations to determine whether we will be having daily and evening activities. For weekend events and Sunday service: if we cancel services, text and email messaging will be used, and it will be announced on the church web site on the home page. There will be a walk-in service at 10 AM for any Sunday service cancellations.