

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

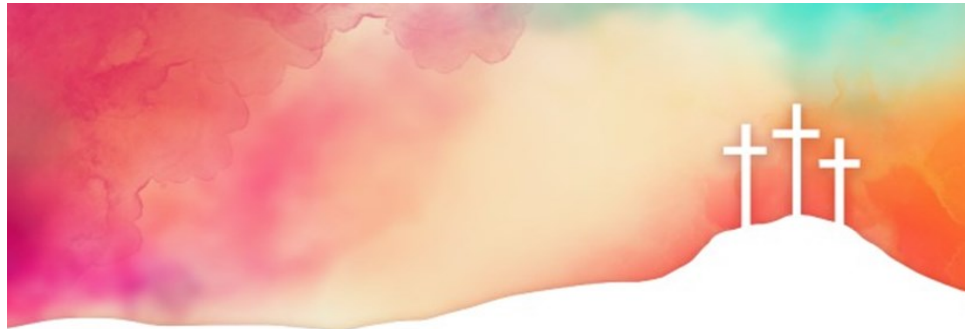
“Images of Love: Communion”

Rev. Janelle Lopez Koolhaas
Sunday, March 10
10:00 AM

Scripture

John 3:16-21 and
Ephesians 2:1-10

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

March 24
10:00 AM in English
11:30 AM in Spanish

Maundy Thursday

March 28
5:30 PM dinner
6:30 PM service in English with translation to Spanish available.
Communion will be celebrated.

Good Friday

March 29
12:10 PM Ecumenical service in English in our sanctuary.
6:00 PM Maple Avenue Ministries is offering an evening service at their church for those in the community who cannot make the mid-day service.

Easter Sunday

March 31
10:00 AM in English
11:30 AM in Spanish
Communion will be celebrated.
No Sunday Education hour on Easter.

Regional RCA Service Celebrating Five Decades of Women's Ordination at TRC on Sunday Night!

This Sunday evening at 6:00 PM, we will host a special regional RCA service of worship and thanksgiving for the legacy of 50 years of women's ordination in the RCA as Elders, Deacons, and Ministers, as well as celebrate the gifts and service of all women who contribute so much to the life of the RCA! Missionaries, Sunday School teachers, professors, church musicians, WMTRC, elders and deacons are all examples. Following the service there will be a reception hosted jointly by WMTRC and the RCA.

Below is a collection of photos of women in ministry from the RCA. How many do you recognize?

Memories, Show & Tell Items Requested for March 10 Celebration

Dear members and friends of Third Reformed Church,

If you have a small item, souvenir, photograph, article, or memento that represents your own experiences, or those of a loved one or mentor, as a woman serving in the RCA, you may submit these to the office or to Pastor Janelle for a table where memories will be displayed on Sunday evening. A limit of 1-3 items per person, please.

Items should be of a size to be on a table display (not larger than a cereal box), and should be accompanied by an index card sized note with the date, your name and the name of the person, event or program being recalled. These memories may certainly extend well beyond the past 50 years, and both men and women are welcome to submit your memories and treasures! Please deliver your items to the glass coffee table in the TRC office anytime up to 11:30 this Sunday, March 10, to allow time for set up. Thank you!



Amway River Bank Run - Kids

Hope USA

—Beverley Rannow, Kids Hope Coordinator

This year, Kids Hope USA is grateful to be a Charity Partner for the Amway River Bank Run! Sign up for the Amway River Bank Run on May 11, 2024 as part of Team Kids Hope USA! Whether you choose the 5K, 10K, 25K distance, or the kid's run on May 8. Contact Beverley Rannow if you are interested in participating. If you are not a runner, do you know a runner? Please spread the word!

LIFT Next Week

We will have delicious dinner at 5:30, including vegetarian and gluten-free options. Following dinner we have Middle School Youth Group, activities for children 4 - 5th grade, and groups for adults. We hope to see you there!



Third Church Family News

Thank You

For the warm shower of comfort and support from our Third Church "family," a most sincere word of appreciation from the VanGrouw family. If interested in a virtual link to LiveStream of Steve's service, please contact me for details.

—Peg VanGrouw

Announcements

Mosaic Class

March 10

NO CLASS - ALL CHURCH RETREAT

Church Office Closed Monday, March 11

The church office will be closed Monday, March 11, to give the staff time to catch up after the retreat. All regularly scheduled onsite meetings and gatherings will happen; this closing only involves the office.

Office Reception Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Fridays 8:00 AM to Noon. Phones are answered Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the following:

- David Krieger recuperating at home after hospitalization.
- Diann Koeman who fell last week breaking her left leg and right ankle while visiting family in South Carolina. If you would like to send her a card, please address it to: Diann Koeman/o Dale Koeman 191 Revetment Ln. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
- Charlotte Garlough in Holland Hospital
- Bea Rozeboom recovering from a recent hospitalization.
- Marcia Callicoa in Royal Park recuperating at home.
- Gayle (at American House) and Paula Wilson (home)
- Nathan Klay surgery March 13.
- Sue Boes surgery March 8.
- All those who are at various stages of diagnosis and tests.

- Recuperating from surgery: Dean Miedema and Dan Bolt
- Jonathan McMullen for healing.
- 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. For those seeking asylum, employment and housing. For new arrivals this week.
- For peace and justice in Gaza and all countries dealing with war. For all children who are in war areas, children who are fleeing dangerous places and are displaced from their homes.
- For the Lenten Bible studies.
- For the Church retreat March 8-10
- For the Women in Ministry Celebration on Sunday evening March 10
- For confirmands meeting with elders on Saturday
 - 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 the Church retreat March 8-10
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman and Dennis Gebben (home)

Prayer Spotlight

Appledorn: Donna Prins. Vista Springs: Barb Piaget. Maple Woods: Beth DuMez, Ruth Heideman. American House: Gayle Wilson.

Remember in Our Prayers

Joanne Kuiper, Larry Loss, Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Linda Parchert, and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations, and those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

Missionaries

Linn G. (Asia), Lubna Y. (Asia).