

# THIRD CHURCH NEWS

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CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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## Maundy Thursday

Dinner at 5:30

Service at 6:10

Meditation by Rev. Janelle López-Koolhaas

## Good Friday

Ecumenical Service at 12:10

Participating Churches:

- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Hope Church
- Holland United Church of Christ
- Maple Avenue Ministries
- Third Reformed Church

## “Images of Love: Resurrection”

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes

Sunday, March 31

10:00 AM

## Scripture

John 13: 10-17;

John 14: 23-27;

John 15: 9-17

## Scripture

Luke 23:32-43

John 19:26-30a

Mark: 15:33-34

Psalm 22

Luke 23:46

## Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

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## Designated Offerings for Maundy Thursday and Easter

Our special Holy Week Offerings this year will be as follows:

- Maundy Thursday: Church World Service to aid refugees in both Gaza and Ukraine
- Easter: Lighthouse Immigration legal aid

## Third Church Merch!

We have Third Reformed T-shirts available for order! Shirts are \$25 each and come in three designs, in men's and women's cuts, sizes XS-XXL. The shirt printer we are using, Love Works, is a local company in Grand Rapids that empowers refugees and low-income women through training and employment. Here's are the designs:

**Design 1 Detail**  
Actual product color  
may vary slightly.



**Design 2 Detail**  
Actual product color  
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**Design 3 Detail**  
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To order some fabulous TRC swag for yourself, a family member, or a friend, contact the church office!

Orders may be placed until Thursday, April 4.

## TRC Resettlement Storeroom Request

Pastor Angel has brought several families to our Immigrant Resettlement Storeroom recently—families in the process of setting up new households. After these visits, the Storeroom is low on several items, and we invite the congregation to help us restock with gently used or new items. Items the most needed are the following:

- Silverware sets
- Pots & Pans
- Stockpots
- Mixing bowls
- Queen blankets, comforters, bedspreads mattress pads, sheet sets
- Twin mattress pads, sheet sets
- Laundry baskets
- Corelle winter white dishes

We thank all who have donated goods and funds so far. We have used the funds to purchase new pillows mostly and other items when suddenly needed. If you want to know more or have questions, please call Cindy Hiskes (616-990-2268) or Kay Stewart (616-745-0268). Thank you very much for supporting this TRC ministry.

## LIFT Schedule and Special Events

Here are some upcoming LIFT dates to keep in mind:

- April 3: No LIFT - Spring Break
- April 10: LIFT resumes YAY!
- April 17: Special presentation "Reverse Karaoke for Piano Concertos." This involves a piano-computer duet!
- April 24: LIFT Talent Show and final full LIFT of the semester

Here's the full description of the presentation on April 17: *Matt DeJongh will present his sabbatical research project entitled "Reverse Karaoke for Piano Concertos." He will play some Preludes and Fugues by J.S. Bach, then perform the Andante and Allegro movements of Mozart's A major piano concerto (K414) accompanied by his computer.*

## Offering of Letters

—Beverly Rannow, member of the local Bread for the World team

**“Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”** Proverbs 31:9

Since 1974, Bread for the World (BFW) has worked through nonpartisan political engagement with politicians of all stripes to advocate for the poor and powerless in the U.S. and around the world. BFW has worked to end hunger in our times by advocating for equitable and effective food systems, structures, and policies.

Every 5 years the Farm Bill needs to be reauthorized giving Christians the opportunity to advocate for a more equitable and effective bill to address hunger both here in the U.S. and across the globe. Last year was the year for reauthorization of the Farm Bill, however, as of now Congress has not completed this bill.

Therefore, the Offering of Letters for this year is once again calling on Congress to complete the reauthorization of the Farm Bill and pass a Farm Bill that:

- Protects SNAP from funding cuts and further restrictions.
- Increases funding for fresh produce within SNAP benefits through the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP).

- Reduces food waste by cosponsoring the Food Date Labeling Act, H.R.3159/S.1484.
- Reauthorizes the Food for Peace global nutrition program at no less than its current level of \$2.5 billion annually and allows additional flexibility to provide the most effective form of assistance in each local context.

For more information on how to send your letter, contact Beverly Rannow.

## Third Church Family News

### New Address

Barb Tenpas  
5 E. 8th St. #212  
Holland, MI 49423  
616-566-6035

### Thank You

Thank you to the Third family for the prayers, notes, reading material, and treats. I appreciate all the support while my leg failed to provide it.

—Dan Bolt

## Announcements

### Mosaic Class

March 31

**NO CLASS - EASTER**

April 7

**CHRISTIAN THINKING ABOUT POVERTY, INEQUALITY, AND THE WELFARE STATE (Part 2)**

**Dr. Steve McMullen, Professor of Economics at Hope College and Third Church Member**

There are deep disagreements in the Church about poverty, inequality, and government programs. In

these classes we will examine recent economic data, evidence on the effects of welfare state programs, and different conceptions of justice that Christians bring to these topics.

## Office Closed April 1

The church office will be closed April 1. Regularly scheduled meetings taking place in the church facility will still happen.

## Office Reception Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Friday 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

### Sympathy:

- Jenny Hoffman and family on the death of her father, Peter Schakel
- Elle Kuiper and her family on the death of Bob

### Pray for the following:

- Grayson Sievert recuperating from surgery.
- Marcia Callicoa at American House, pray for healing.
- Gayle (at American House) and Paula Wilson (home)
- Nathan Klay recuperating from surgery.
- Sue Boes recuperating after surgery.
- Diann Koeman who is recuperating from a broken leg and ankle.
- Jonathan McMullen for healing.
- Kathleen, daughter of Charles Hunt dealing with advanced cancer.
- Matthew and Bridgette Rannow difficult pregnancy
- Kids Hope families dealing with stress.
- For all migrants and refugees throughout the world. For those seeking asylum, employment and housing.
- Pray for people at the US border who will show mercy and hope to all those who come to the US.
- Pray for the people of Haiti.

- For peace and justice in Gaza and all countries dealing with war. Pray that aid can reach those who are starving.
- For all services during Holy Week.
- Pray for the choir and all musicians who prepare for these services.
- Give thanks for all the artists who have made the artwork for the bulletins, Harper Schoon-Tanis, Kathy Van Tubbergen, Madden Pasatta, Megan Boes, Kara Green, Elias Baer, Joel Schoon-Tanis, Kimia McMullen, and Aspen Boes.

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 Bulhuis
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos, Charlotte Garlough, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman and Dennis Gebben.

## Prayer Spotlight

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

## 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

Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico), Albino & Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).