

Lord's Day, July 12, 2009

We extend a cordial welcome to all who come here to worship our wonderful covenant God. Please fellowship with us also following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer & Praise

Our Worship

- God calls us today to honor and worship Him in the words of Psalm 66:8-9. "Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping." Pray for a greater hunger and thirst for evening worship among the people of our congregation.

Our Community and World

- Pray that the Lord will call many people, both young and older, to Himself by using the VBS program this week here at our church. Pray for the work of the Spirit to open the hearts and minds of many to the truth.

Our Missionaries

- Rev. Steve McGee (Ministries in Action/MINTS): Pray for MIA and wisdom for Steve as he has taken the position of President. Pray for his upcoming travels and ministry in Trinidad and Haiti, for the continued adjustment of the family back into the American culture.

Our Church Family

- Pray for the VBS outreach this week. Ask for the Lord's blessing on the leaders, teachers, helpers, and the STEP team, Emily, Ashley, and Stephanie, and for Jeff and Pastor Falkena as they all participate in this important outreach. Thank the Lord for the good number of volunteers who will be helping out in VBS this year.
- Thank the Lord for the special 50th anniversary celebration that Nelson & Clarine Wiersma had this past week. May the Lord grant them the health and strength to spend many more years together.
- Pray for healing and assurance of God's care for Bets Bos who has been moved to the Kindred Care Center, 550 N. Monterey, Ontario, as she deals with pneumonia, and for Steve Van Hofwegen who remains in the Kindred Hospital in Brea. Uphold Vicky Van Heyningen and Jeanne De Jong who are making gradual progress at home. And pray for complete recovery for Harlan Miersma, Grace Vander Wal, and Judi Rietkerk.
- Pray for those who are unable to worship with us, including Clara Van Hofwegen, Gertrude Visscher, Tena Gerritsen, Art Burghgraef, Sadie Vander Weide, and Rena Mellema.

- Uphold those who are presently unemployed so that their needs will be met and a new job found.

Our Federation

- Pray for the RYS Convention coming at the end of this month (July 27-31) in North Carolina. Pray all the young people who attend, their leaders, and those who speak and lead workshops, including Pastor Falkena.

Church Announcements

THIS MORNING it is our privilege to hear the profession of faith of Julia Smith, fiancé of Rob Rietkerk. We are so glad for the work of Christ's Spirit within her. May the Lord richly bless her and use her gifts to honor and magnify her Savior and King.

WE ALSO HAVE the opportunity to welcome into our church family Rob, Rose and Kamilah Castro from the Ontario URC. We are richly blessed to know them and to receive them back into our family of believers. May the Lord also bless and encourage them in their relationship to Christ and His church.

ALL VBS REGISTRATION STAFF, TEACHERS, Teacher Helpers and recreation staff are requested to meet in the front of the sanctuary briefly after the morning service today. **T-SHIRTS FOR VBS STAFF ARE IN** and are available for pick up after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear it each evening of VBS to identify you as a staff member. Also, as many staff members as possible should plan on meeting in front of the sanctuary on Monday at 5:10 pm for devotions and last minute instructions.

IF YOU HAVEN'T already enrolled your children in VBS please do so today after the morning service. Registration is outside under the canopy. This will help to reduce the congestion at the registration tables tomorrow evening. Teens and adults are encouraged to sign up for the adult class, which will be taught by Dan Dundon.

UPWARD BOUND VBS! Begins tomorrow evening at 5:30 pm with registration and a light meal, followed by an exciting journey, reaching for the heights of God's glory. Please be in prayer for this mission outreach of our church, that we may share the gospel of Jesus Christ and show his love to many families in our community.

THIS AFTERNOON Pastor Falkena will be leading the service at Inland Christian Home.

SUMMER SUNDAY school will continue every Sunday during the month of July at 9:00 AM. 4 year olds - 6th grade will meet in the Youth Room. The Adult Class will meet in the Education Building.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH WILL NOT meet this week because of VBS, but will meet on July 21. Clara J. & Char V. are the hostesses. John V.L. has devotions.

SINGLE FOCUS meets tonight for an introductory look at the book of Ruth. Come and join us in the youth room after the evening service!

SHIELD.... Convention money is due! Please place your payment in Mark and Georgene Ligtenberg's box. Start planning now for our trip to Rocky Mount, North Carolina. It is coming quickly! Ideas for the talent show are welcome!

IN HONOR OF HER 80th birthday, the children of Dorothy Miersma invite you to an Open House this Saturday, July 18, noon - 2 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts, please.

THIS PAST THURSDAY was the 500th birthday of John Calvin, a servant of God in the Reformation for whose work and insights into Scripture we give thanks to the Lord. We thank God for returning the church to the Word of God as the source of truth for the church, and for Christ the Living Word in whom alone we have eternal life. Those who are interested in reading a very helpful and understandable work on the life and ministry of Calvin may like to read John Calvin, Pilgrim and Pastor, by W. Robert Godfrey.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS requesting support from the Reformed Higher Education Fund need to submit their request to the Deacons in writing in the next couple of weeks. Last November, the council modified the eligibility for this fund to be used only for students who are planning on attending an approved Reformed four year college. One exception to this change is for current students who attended a non-approved Christian college last year (and requested funds last year), and are continuing study at that same college. These students are still eligible until they have graduated with a four year degree.

ARE YOU THINKING about the next issue of the Fellowship Is...? We'd love to have any vacation pictures you might want to share! Place them in the Fellowship Is... mail box or e-mail to the church office.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Hospitality Committee is planning Bunco Night, Saturday, July 25 at 6:30 PM.

TAPES & CD'S of the services may be ordered at the information desk.

NEW ADDRESS: Dena De Haan, 1950 S. Mountain Ave. #211, Ontario 91762, 909.544.7102.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALEM CHRISTIAN HOMES is selling tickets for "Concert Under the Stars,". For every ticket sold, Salem receives the entire profit! Please visit our website or contact Cindy at (909)614-0585 to get your tickets or send a Salem resident in your place to the Hafif Estate in La Verne. Tickets are \$55.00 each and include dinner, entertainment and 100% donation to Salem!

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 1:17

NIV, *"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."*

KJV, *"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:"*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

NURSERY TODAY AM: Dawn Dirksen, Julie Meeks, Rebekah Dirksen PM: Laura Bosch

JULY 19 AM: Pattie De Haan, Jenny Vander Well, Taylor Smith PM: Tracie Vanden Heuvel

JULY 26 AM: Ingrid Sterk, Dianne De Groot, Rachel Smith PM: Cindy Rietkerk

COOKIES FOR July 26: Sandy Nanninga, Elena Nanninga, Pam Offinga (Note change of date because of Potluck.) (5 dozen)

CAR WATCH TODAY AM: Jerry Stueve PM: Mike Stueve, Bert Van Dam

Next Sunday AM: Geoff Vanden Heuvel PM: Don Vanden Berge, Joshua Vander Well

GREETERS TODAY AM: Alice Douma & Dena De Haan; David Douma & Erinna Gabrielse PM: Mike & Grace Dykstra

NEXT WEEK AM: Wilbur & Teresa Dykstra; Joel & Julia Eigenbrood PM: Bernie & Carol Gabrielse

INFORMATION BOOTH TODAY AM & PM: Betty Greydanus

Next Sunday AM & PM: Nelvina Sybesma Fellowship Hall: Sophie Koolhaas

USHERS FOR JULY: AM: Bryan Struiksma, Kevin Struiksma, Michael Struiksma PM: Keith Gabrielse

OFFERINGS Next Sunday AM: General Budget & Providence Christian College PM: Mid-America Reformed Seminary

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY: 9:00 AM Summer Sunday School for all ages
7:30 PM Single FOCUS, Amanda P. & Michael L. have refreshments

MONDAY: 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY: 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Chino Denny's. Read Romans 12:3-8 and pages 116-127 in part two of "The Epistle to the Romans".
5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY: 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY: 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 AM Summer Sunday School for all ages
11:30 AM All Church Potluck Lunch