

Lord's Day, July 26, 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

- We recall the words of Isaiah 40:8 and we are truly comforted and assured of God's presence and blessing as we come to worship. "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Our Community and World

- Pray that the message of the gospel planted in the hearts and minds of those who attended the VBS will produce much fruit unto eternal life. Pray that our nation and its leaders will repent and turn to the Lord.

Our Missionaries

- Rev. Steven & Nalini Poelman (Presbyterian Theological Seminary, India) They give thanks for the prayers on their behalf. Continue to pray for their work at the seminary and for the students enrolled there and for sound doctrine to be preached in their church and surrounding churches. Pray for their children's studies, of which two are in America.

Our Church Family

- Pray for Henrietta Visser who is recovering after her hip replacement at the Community Extended Care facility in Monclair, for Bets Bos at Kindred Care Center, Ontario, and for Steve Van Hofwegen who remains in the Kindred Hospital in Brea. Uphold Vicky Van Heyningen and Jeanne De Jong who are making progress at home. Pray for John Faure who will be having a second hernia surgery on Wednesday. And pray for daily encouragement 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.
- Pray for each of us and our families as they are impacted by the tough economy, especially those who are presently unemployed.
- Praise the Lord with Stacy Nanninga and Ryan Zamroz who were united in marriage on Friday at our church. May the Lord add His rich blessing to them as they set up their home in the name of Christ and seek to have Him at its center.

- Pray for comfort for Russ and Cathy Smith in the passing of Russ' mother this past week. May the Lord graciously grant them and their family assurance from the promises of Scripture.
- Pray for the meetings of a couple of synodical committees in Grand Rapids this week and for safety for those who attend including Pastor Scheuers. In case of an emergency, please contact your district elder.

Our Federation

- Pray that the RYS Convention this week in North Carolina will be a spiritually enriching time for all who attend. Pray for all those who travel, including our young people, and their leaders who plan to leave very early tomorrow morning and return home on Friday, and those who speak and lead workshops, including Pastor Falkena.
- Give thanks to the Lord for the Phoenix URC and Rev. Phil Grotenhuis who hopes to be installed there next Sunday as their new pastor.

Church Announcements

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will follow the evening service. Our special guests will be Kevin & Liz Schouten, who plan to report on their recent time in China. Elder Herman Haringa's District (Dekker - Dykstra) is in charge of refreshments. Each family in the district is asked to bring 2-3 dozen bars or cookies.

THE OFFERING TONIGHT will be for S. California Reformed Fellowship (SCRF), a Christian fellowship and ministry to single and married young adults in Reformed denominations. Our church's Single Focus group attends their conferences and missionary endeavors. The few events they hold each year are designed to be fun, foster fellowship, and promote biblical instruction and application. SCRF continues to be in need of your prayers and financial gifts.

SINGLE FOCUS meets tonight in the Youth Room! Jeff Munive will be leading a lesson on Mormonism. Come join us!

CALLING ALL SHIELDers!!! We leave tomorrow for the RYS National Convention - FORGIVEN! Please be at church at 3:15 am with your photo ID and one suit case weighing under fifty pounds. Call Pastor Falkena if you have any questions.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL teacher is needed for the 1st and 2nd grade level. If you would be interested, please call Cheryl Smith.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS. For those who may be considering becoming a communicant member of our congregation, Pastor Scheuers plans to begin a membership class on September 13 after the morning service. Please keep the date and subsequent Sundays open. All are invited to attend.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS requesting support from the Reformed Higher Education Fund need to submit their request to the Deacons in writing TODAY. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! The 2nd Annual Classis Picnic is being planned for Saturday, September 26, at the William Mason Regional Park in Irvine.

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

OFFRINGS: General Fund \$12,607; Faith Promise \$20; Mid-America Reformed Seminary \$508; General Fund \$6,960; Providence Christian College \$1,157; Tuition Assistance \$936; General Fund \$12,220; Inland Home CARE Fund \$721; Voice of the Martyrs \$454; Bethany Christian Services \$458.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 1:17-18A

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. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, *the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*”

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: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, *and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe,*”

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

NURSERY TODAY AM: Ingrid Sterk, Dianne De Groot, Rachel Smith PM: Cindy Rietkerk

NEXT SUNDAY AM: Julie Van Horssen, Katie DeGraaf PM: Erinna Gabrielse

August 9 AM: Sarah De Hoog, Vanessa Munguia, Elle Pierce PM: Tracie Vanden Heuvel

August 16 AM: Debby Wiersma, Jessica Vander Well, Miranda Kortenhoeven PM: Georgene Ligtenberg

August 23 AM: Debbie Peters, Sierra Dayen, Danielle Dirksen PM: Lila Van Ravenswaay

COOKIES FOR AUGUST 2: Dorothy Miersma, Greta Miersma (5 dozen)

AUGUST 9: Sandy Nanninga, Elena Nanninga, Agnes Otte **AUGUST 16:** Debbie Peters, Janelle Peters

CAR WATCH TODAY AM: John Van Leeuwen PM: Martin Verhoeven, Dean Visscher

Next Sunday AM: Len Stob PM: Harvey Visser, Bryan Visser

GREETERS TODAY AM: Chris Freeman Family; Melissa Fulton & Betty Greydanus PM: Matt & Keith Gabrielse

NEXT WEEK AM: Cecil Gosliga & Andy Van Voorthuysen; Case & Liz Groen PM: Herman & Rheta Haringa

INFORMATION BOOTH TODAY AM & PM: Char Verhoeven Fellowship Hall: Betty Greydanus

Next Sunday AM & PM: Katie De Graaf Fellowship Hall: Dorothy Miersma

USHERS FOR AUGUST AM: Jerry Sterk, Ryan Sterk, Don Rietkerk PM: Erwin Scharping

OFFERINGS Next Sunday AM: General Budget & Tuition Assistance PM: Reformed Youth Services

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY:
9:00 AM Last Summer Sunday School for all ages
7:15 PM Coffee Fellowship with the Schoutens
7:30 PM Single FOCUS, Julia S., Rich & Rob R. have refreshments

MONDAY:
3:15 AM SHIELDers leave for Convention
7:00 PM Consistory Meeting

TUESDAY: 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, lesson #5, Beppy has refreshments.

WEDNESDAY: 5:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Chino Denny's. Read Romans 12:9-16 and pages 127-137 in part two of "The Epistle to the Romans".