



# *Covenant Reformed Church*

## Announcement Bulletin

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### *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

#### MONDAY

7:30 pm: Council meeting

#### TUESDAY

1:30 pm: Seek & Serve - Lesson 8

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm: Pastor's Study Group  
Gems/Cadets

#### THURSDAY

9:00 am: Bulletin Announcement Deadline

### *NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010*

Our services will be led today by our pastor, Rev. Patrick Edouard.

9:30 am: Morning Worship Service

10:45 am: Sunday School & Catechism class

10:45 am: Adult Sunday school

1:30 pm: Parish 6 leaves for County Care Facility

6:30 pm: Evening Worship Service

7:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal

#### **Offerings**

(am) CEAFF

(pm) Focus on the Family

#### **Infant Nursery**

(am) Shirley Verhoef, Lisa Ver Meer

(pm) Linda De Jong, Kathy Van Mersbergen

#### **Toddler Nursery**

(am) Jon & Jocelyn Meinders, Michaela Chapman

(pm) Jill Bandstra, Sarah Posthuma

Floater: (am) Vickie Van Wyk (pm) Nicole Fopma

#### **Enfolding**

Brad & Michele Worthington

#### **Greeters**

Leighton & Dian Frost

#### **Impromptu Hospitality Hosts**

Harold & Florence Meinders

#### **Librarians**

(am) Mary Vander Wilt, Marilyn Van Gorp, Vicki Van Mersbergen

(pm) Jan Dieleman, Nancy Robinson, Michelle Meinders

*ADVANCE NOTICE*

Tuesday, January 12: Building & Grounds at 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 14: Bulletin Deadline at 9:00 am

Parish 7 leaves for Hope Ministries at 5:45 pm

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

The 2010 budget envelopes will be available for you to pick up on Sunday January 10.  
The Deacons

Those attending the Pastor's Study Group on Wednesdays should purchase their copy of J.I.Packer's *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* soon as we will be studying this book later in January or early February, Lord willing. The book may be purchased through Amazon.com (\$8.00), Christianbook.com (\$5.99), or your local Christian book store.

Pella Senior Meals is in need of people to deliver meals from January 4-15. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheets on the counter in the narthex. Thank you.

Dear Covenant family,

We wish you all a most blessed Christmas and New Year. As we celebrated Christ's birth here, our thoughts were also with you. We want you to know that during the past year we have prayed specifically for the needs, joys, and sorrows of the congregation. We pray that the Lord will continue to provide for you in the upcoming year.

On Christmas day, during our church service, the Christmas story was read in many different languages including English, Dutch, German, Finnish, Swedish, Japanese, Korean, and many Papua New Guinean languages. The last reader was a translator who just dedicated the 174<sup>th</sup> scripture that Wycliffe has worked on in PNG. As we looked around the auditorium, we had a glimpse of Revelation 7:9-10 as we saw the congregation composed of believers from many different tongues and nations.

Today (Dec. 27) our family sat down to listen to Pastor Edouard's sermon "The Real United Nations" based on Acts 2. It struck our whole family that we had experienced that harvesting of the nations a few days earlier during the Christmas service. We consider it a privilege to be in PNG helping to bring in the kingdom by supporting the work of Bible translation. One dedication is scheduled for January and another for February. Please pray that God's truth will help to transform the lives of people who will be reading God's word in their own language for the first time.

Thank you so much for being part of God's work here in PNG. We want to express our deepest gratitude for your gifts, emails, letters, and prayers you have given our family. We appreciate you remembering our family in the recent Thanksgiving offering. May God bless you for your partnership in helping bring in His eternal harvest. We are very grateful for God's providence in giving our family everything we have needed in the past year.

In January, Ukarumpa is hosting a Scripture Use conference. Church leaders from across PNG have been invited to come and be challenged to become more involved in the process of Bible translation, as well as learning ways to integrate the Bible into the daily lives of the members of their congregations. Those organizing the meetings want the church of Papua New Guinea to be excited about reading God's word and having it influence the culture. Please pray that all those in attendance will grasp the vital role that the Bible should play in the future of this country.

Serving our Savior,

Doug, Benita, Cole, Leif, Noah, and Tia Le Mahieu

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bibles for Missions Thrift Center is opening in Pella soon and needs more volunteers. Call Rob and Sandy De Cook at 628-2724 if interested. Current volunteers and those planning to volunteer are invited to an Open House at the Thrift Center on Thursday, January 7, between 3 - 7.

You can continue to bring your gently used furniture, housewares, jewelry, clothing, and toys to 2500 Fifield Fridays and Saturdays between 10 - 2. Profits from the store will help provide Bibles to Christians in Romania.

**Parents of Juniors and Seniors:** Reserve Monday evening, January 11, for a financial aid meeting with Mike Epema, the financial aid administrator at Dordt College. Mike will present general information about college financial aid and will also walk us through the FAFSA form. This meeting will be held at 7:00 pm in the Pella Christian High music room. This invitation is open to all regardless of which college a student is planning to attend. In a time of economic uncertainty, understanding the college financial aid process is more important than ever. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the process.

**Jamie Soles in Concert:** Christian recording artist is coming to Pella for two nights to sing uplifting, edifying music for Christian families. Freewill offering for both concerts. Tues., Jan. 12th, 7 PM, Faith CRC, 215 E. University St. Mon, Jan. 11th, 7:30 PM, Smokey Row, Pella. Preview concerts Tues. AM at Pella Christian Grade School (8:30) and Pella Christian High School (9:50). [www.solmusic.ca](http://www.solmusic.ca)

**Calvin College January Series:** The award-winning January Series of Calvin College is coming to Pella, Iowa. From **January 6 through January 26, 2010**, Pella Christian High School will be one of 28 remote Webcast locations continent-wide to broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series. The lineup of award-winning presenters include the founder of Wikipedia, a current member of Egyptian parliament, a CBS foreign news correspondent who was seriously wounded in a Baghdad car bombing, and a woman who narrowly escaped the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, to name a few. For a full list of speakers and topics visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january). The January Series lectures will be video-streamed live at the **Vermeer Auditorium at Pella Christian High School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST Monday through Friday**. The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information to contact Stacy VanRandwyk at 641-780-8239.