



# *Covenant Reformed Church*

## Announcement Bulletin

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### *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

#### MONDAY

7:30 pm: Deacons meeting

#### THURSDAY

9:00 am: Bulletin Announcement Deadline

7:00 pm: Old Years Worship Service

Offering: Mid American Reformed Seminary

Greeters: Rev. Patrick and Grace Edouard family

Infant Nursery: Verna Zylstra, LuAnn Blom

Toddler: Darcy Horstman, Kim Van Zee

Floater: Cheryl Fynaardt

#### FRIDAY

9:30 am: New Years Worship Service

Offering: Pella Pregnancy Care Center

Greeters: Clarence and Marlene Hettinga

Infant Nursery: Steve & Sara Runner

Toddler: Craig & Adele Shannon Family

Floater: Leisa Zylstra

### *NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010*

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

9:30 am: Morning Worship Service

6:30 pm: Evening Worship Service

#### **Offerings**

(am) Building Fund

(pm) CEAF

#### **Infant Nursery**

(am) Kari Roozeboom, Jean De Graaf

(pm) Marie Schiebout, Delores Rus

#### **Toddler Nursery**

(am) Danece De Zwarte, Mary Vander Wilt, Timothy Van Donselaar

(pm) Wanda Brand, Meghan Parman

Floater: (am) Becky Meinders (pm) Karen Parman

#### **Enfolding**

Bruce & Marla Schiebout

**Greeters**

Harold & Carolyn Vos

**Impromptu Hospitality Hosts**

John & Frances Rus

**Librarians**

(am) Elaine Derringer, Alice Vande Haar, Carolyn Vander Wilt

(pm) Denise Ver Meer, Darlene Van Hal, Linda De Jong

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Monday, January 4: Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 5: Seek & Serve at 1:30 pm

Wednesday, January 6: Pastor's Study Group at 7:00 pm

Cadets/Gems

Thursday, January 7: Bulletin Deadline at 9:00 am

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Matthew Nuiver will be our guest minister for our Old Year Service. Rev. Nuiver is the pastor of Wellsburg, Iowa URC.

A couple of weeks ago the youth education committee handed out daily devotional books to all catechism students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11. The devotionals are the same ones given out last year to all the grades, but since they were given out to two grades at once only the odd number grades received the books this year. We hope this will be a good tool to start the kids in a life long habit of personal devotions. In addition the committee will be giving the 3-year-olds through 2nd graders "First Catechism" books. The booklet has the catechism questions and answers written in a way that it is easy for children to understand. This is a good aid to help parents in teaching the catechism to their children.

The Covenant Reformed GEMS and Cadets are requesting donations for our food drive for Hope Ministries. This drive is to replenish their supplies after the long holiday and during the winter season. All items will be delivered in January. There will be a collection box in the back of church and at Pella Fareway. Hope Ministries provided a list of the things that they will be in need of: liquid laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, caffeinated coffee, canned vegetables (particularly cut green beans), canned fruit (particularly pineapple), non-stick cooking spray, Pull-ups for girls and boys, size 5 and 6 diapers, and hand sanitizer. Thank you for your help during this Christmas season.

Stephanie Fynaardt will be giving a presentation about the Summer Teen Evangelism Project (STEP) team that she was a member of last summer in Chino, California. STEP is the missions outreach program of the Reformed Youth Services. This presentation will be on Sunday, January 3, following the morning worship service.

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.

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! The Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization (LOG STO) has collected the \$332,000 we needed by December 31. Your support is much appreciated. The program will be available again next year with a need to collect \$320,000. We look forward to your continued support.

**Are you short on cash at the end of the month?** If so, come join us for the Free End of the Month Meals on Monday, December 28th, at the Trinity Church Activity Center-407 Franklin-Pella. Serving from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. No questions asked & no reservations required.

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.

**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)

As we near the end of 2009, **Pella Christian High School** encourages you to consider a gift to help in the financial obligations before us at this time (new campus, operating expenses). We praise God for his blessings in the completion of all the physical work at our new school and thank you for all the ways in which you have been and continue to be a part of this huge endeavor to provide quality Christian education for our covenant young people. Gifts may be sent to PCHS, 300 Eagle Lane, Pella, IA 50219. Please designate where you would like your gift applied.

**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.

The "Bibles for Missions Thrift Center", opening in Pella in early January, needs volunteers and merchandise. Call Rob and Sandy De Cook at 628-2724 or contact Glenn Matherly at [gmatherly@iowatelecom.net](mailto:gmatherly@iowatelecom.net) to let them know when you will help.

Bring your new and gently used furniture, housewares, antiques, jewelry and toys to the Center at 2500 Fifield Fridays and Saturdays between 10 – 2. (closed holidays) Profits from the store will help provide Bibles to Christians in Romania. If you have a passion for missions, this is your opportunity to help.