



# *Covenant Reformed Church*

## Announcement Bulletin

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### *THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE*

#### MONDAY

7:30 pm: Council meeting

#### WEDNESDAY

4:00 pm: CRYPS - Assemble puff pastries at church.

#### THURSDAY

9:00 am: Bulletin Announcement Deadline

#### FRIDAY

9:30 pm: Covenant Women

Nursery: Marlene H, Elaine D, Carolyn V

Preschool: Rochelle DB, Kathy VM

### *NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009*

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

9:30 am: Morning Worship Service. This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper D.V.

10:45 am: Sunday School program practice & Catechism class

10:45 am: Adult Sunday school

1:30 pm: Parish 5 leaves for County Care Facility

6:30 pm: Evening Worship Service

7:45 pm: Choir Rehearsal

#### **Offerings**

(am) Rev. Puzon, UCRCP Las Pinas City/Benevolence

(pm) CEAF

#### **Infant Nursery**

(am) Marianne Vink, Marla Schiebout

(pm) Jon & Jocelyn Meinders

#### **Toddler Nursery**

(am) Sarah De Vries, Cassie Gullion, Shane Beyer

(pm) Carolyn Ver Meer, Cailee Veenstra

Floater: (am) Dian Frost (pm) Jan Dieleman

#### **Enfolding**

Terry & Nancy Robinson

#### **Greeters**

Harry & Linda Verhoef

#### **Impromptu Hospitality Hosts**

Arvin & Carolyn Vander Wilt

## Librarians

(am) Mary Van Steenis, Joan Fopma, Vicki Van Mersbergen

(pm) Mary Van Zee, Bill & Marilyn Ver Meer

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Monday, December 14: Elders Meeting at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 15: Seek & Serve at 1:30 pm

Wednesday, December 16: Pastor's Study Group at 7:00 pm

Cadets/Gems at 7:00 pm

CRYPS - Christmas Caroling at 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 17: Bulletin Deadline at 9:00 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Council members** are asked to bring their policy manuals to the meeting Monday evening. Thank you.

Council will meet on Monday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. The new members of Council for 2010 are asked to attend. **Classis Central U.S. church visitors**, Rev. Larry Johnson, pastor of Covenant URC, a church plant in Prinsburg, MN. and Rev. Bradd Nymeyer, pastor of the Sioux Center URC will meet with the Council.

On December 13, there will be no Sunday school or catechism classes for ages 3 year old - 5th grade due to **Christmas program practice**. All children and junior high girls need to be in attendance.

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.

The offering for next Sunday morning will be for Rev. Edwin Puzon of the Las Pinas UCRCP. Las Pinas is near Manilla in the Phillippines. Las Pinas is a sister congregation to the Davao congregation that is led by Vic Bernales. In early October, a fire destroyed or severely damaged the homes of 22 families in the Las Pinas area. Many of the impacted families are a part of Rev. Puzon's congregation. The Las Pinas community was recovering from the effects of Typhoon Ketsana when the fire took place. Rev. Puzon has informed us that the affected families are currently staying in makeshift shanties while building materials can gathered. Please keep these brothers and sisters in your prayers as they seek to rebuild their homes.

In this Christmas season, let's **remember and encourage our church members** who are serving in distant lands. Christmas packages will be assembled for Katelyn Verhoef and Doug and Benita Le Mahieu and their children. If you would like to help, a list of requested supplies is located on the bookcase in the back of church. Please sign up for an item you would be willing to contribute. Contributions along with cards and letters can be brought to church and placed in the designated boxes through Sunday, December 13.

In addition, a package of clothing will be assembled for the needy children of Zimbabwe. Rev. Mhlanga from Puritan Reformed seminary gave a presentation to our church in August about how the people of Zimbabwe have been suffering due to political unrest and massive inflation. If you have some gently used clothing that your children have outgrown, please bring these items to church by December 13. Keep in mind that the temperature in Zimbabwe rarely gets below 45 degrees so please do not donate heavy winter coats. If you have questions about any of these Christmas packages, please contact Julie Hooyer at 621-1606.

Beginning in January 2010, we will revert to the practice of administering the sacrament of baptism on the first Sunday of every month.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Faith CRC Project SERVE will be wrapping gifts this holiday season as a fundraiser for our upcoming mission trips. Please consider dropping your presents off for a freewill donation. We are going to be located with the PATTH basket store on the Molengraght. The hours are as followed: Thursday, December 10: 5-8, Friday, December 11: 1-5, Saturday, December 12: 10-4, Thursday, December 17: 5-8, Friday, December 18: 1-5, Saturday, December 19: 10-4. If you have any questions, please call Amy De-Waard at 641-620-1085. Thank you for your support!

Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization would like to thank you for your generosity this year. You have donated \$100,000 of the approximately \$330,000 that we need to raise before December 31. Please pray that God will bless our efforts and requests as we raise the needed funds for Christian School tuition grants. Please see the accompanying sheet containing frequently asked questions and answers along with a donation form.

Pella Pro-Life invites you to walk down our aisle of delicious homemade cookies and let us do the holiday baking for you. **The Pella Pro-Life Cookie Walk** will be Thursday, December 10, 4-6 p.m. at Calvary CRC, 308 Maple St. Proceeds will be used to promote the sanctity of all human life.

**Pella Christian Grade School** is offering their used 8 foot steel Monroe tables for sale at \$20 each. Stop by the school office between 8:00am – 4:00pm to purchase. You may call the school at 628-2414 with any questions.

**What does being a “good steward” have to do with estate planning?** It helps you maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you. And, Don Long, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. A confidential Estate Planning consultation is available to you at no charge and with no obligation. Don will be meeting with Christian families in our area December 7 – 11, 2009. Call Nelson Nikkel at 641-780-0949 to set up an appointment.

Everyone is welcome to **KCWN Open House** this Christmas season on Thursday, December 10th from 3 till 6 pm, Friday, December 11th from 2 till 6 pm and December 12 from 10 till 2 pm! Come:

1. Tour the station
2. Enjoy goodies and hot cider
3. Meet with the dj's
4. Record why you like KCWN for air which enters you to win our KCWN Christmas Prize package!

Also, we are still short from Sharathon so it would be a great time to consider donating to keep us on the air! All donations are tax deductible! God bless and Merry Christmas from KCWN!

**Dutch Letters for Christmas:** Help support the Pella Teen Challenge Women's Home this season by purchasing homemade Dutch letters. They come frozen in packages of 2 logs for \$7 a package. Call Sharon at 641-828-7077 or Mary Ann at 641-780-0537 by December 9 to place order.

The **music department of the Pella Christian High School** invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium. The concert will present the message of Christmas in word and song centered on the theme, “The Wonder of His Love”. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season. The audience will be invited to join the choir in singing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' during the concert.

**PATTH (Pella Area Teams to Honduras)** is having their 2nd annual Gift Basket Sale. We have gift baskets in all sizes, prices and for all ages. We also are selling Pine needle baskets (made in Honduras), Jute bags from India and Fair trade coffee/beans. We are located in the Molengracht, by the white draw bridge, in the old jewelry store. We will be open on Thursdays 5-8, Fridays 1-5 and Saturdays 10-4, until Christmas. All proceeds will be used to purchase medicines and supplies for our trips to Honduras. **DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US!**

**Advance Notice** – Reserve Tuesday, December 22, for a delightful evening as Laurinda Nikkel returns to Pella Christian High to present a variety of Christmas music and other selected pieces. Laurinda, a graduate of PCHS and Drake University and currently co-chair of the vocal music department at San Diego State University, will team up with local talent in a “Coming Home for Christmas” concert. No tickets needed. More details to follow.