

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012 [Hudsonville]

9:30AM

"Thinking on Baptism"

Lord's Day 26

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PSALTER NUMBERS

416, 103, 212, 318

OFFERINGS

This Week: 1- General; 2- Covenant Chr. High.

Next Week: 1- General; 2-Special Education

6:00PM

"The Final Encouraging Words"

Philippians 4:20-23

PSALTER NUMBERS

76, 34, 381, 405

OFFERINGS

This Week: 1- Benevolent; 2- HPRC Expansion Fund

Next Week: 1-Benevolent; 2- Beacon Lights

Reformed Witness Hour

Sunday - 8 AM on WFUR-FM (102.9) and 4 PM on WFUR-AM (1570)—www.prca.org

This Week: "The Mystery of Marriage" Ephesians 5:31-32 Rev. W. Bruinsma

Next Week: "God's Command to Husbands and Wives" Ephesians 5:33 Rev. W. Bruinsma

Welcome to all our visitors today.

We pray that God's Word may save and build up all God's people.

Please sign the guest book and join us for fellowship after the worship service.

CD's and DVD's of sermons are available upon request.

See the notebook on the bulletin table.

Consistory

The Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual congregational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30pm. The council presents to the congregation the following nominations for the office of elder (4 to be elected): Eric Dykstra, Rich Hoekstra, Gary Holstege, Daryl Kuiper, Marv Lubbers, Dan Nagelkerke, Andy Peterson, and Russ Zwak; and for deacon (2 to be elected): Jordan Dykstra, Kevin Gritters, Marlin Hoekstra, and Jordan Van Baren. If you will be submitting a PROXY BALLOT, please write on a piece of paper the elders and deacons you are voting for, and please sign the paper. Place it into an envelope, and put it in the clerk's mail slot.

Membership: Tyson and Surekha Boeve have requested of the consistory that their membership papers be sent to their home so that they can join Harvest OPC. The consistory granted their request and sent their dismissal papers to them.

Baptism: The consistory granted the request of Brad Butler for the baptism of their daughter, Paige Elise, during the morning worship service on January 6.

Worship: The consistory took a decision at its meeting to change the evening doxology from #196 to "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior." The words can be found in the "Doxologies" section in the back of the Psalter. This change will begin in January.

Old Church Bell: is cleaned and painted, and is located under the canopy of the west entrance. Our old church building has already been torn down, and we are happy to have the bell before we lost the opportunity, because of the historical and sentimental value to our church. Because of the urgency to lay claim to it, the Council has not yet had an opportunity to approve any further plans. We would like to cover the \$3,000 incurred so far through donations. If you would like to donate to this cause, please give your donations to Pete Miedema. Pete or the Building Committee would also welcome your ideas on its use, and where to place it.

Catechism

Afternoon classes: Lesson 12

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 38

Essentials: Lesson 7 memory work 1-5; extra work 1-3

What It Means: Canons Head II - Christ and the covenant

Church Family

Our Sick: Mary Barnhill did not have a chemotherapy treatment this past week because it was a scheduled week off. She will have another treatment Tuesday. May the Lord continue to sustain Les and Mary and their family in the knowledge that God's grace is sufficient.

Thank You: We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the congregation for the many prayers, cards, visits, and words of comfort given in the recent loss of our mother and grandmother. The Mulder family

Food Drive: During the month of November, the congregation is being given the opportunity to share what the Lord has given us in a food drive for others in our church family. Please bring canned and non-perishable food items and leave on the table across from the new bathrooms by Sunday, December 2, for distribution by the Deacons. If you would prefer donating gift certificates, you may put those in any offering plate, marked "Food Drive".

Christmas Caroling/Cards: Remember to bring your Christmas cards to church by December 14 for the young people to hand out at their luncheon. Please add Jacob Overweg to the list.

Societies and Committees

Sunday School: Christmas program practice will be held this morning after the worship service until 12:00 noon. The program will be on December 23 after the morning worship service.

Mass choir practice continues this morning from 11:15 - 12:30.

Young Peoples: We will meet TONIGHT after the worship service to study Daniel 3. Please remember that your dues of \$16 must be given to Austin Brower ASAP.

The Young Adult Society will be meeting after this evening's worship service. We will be studying Mark 2, why Jesus eats with sinners and the Pharisees questions on fasting. We are thankful for any new member that will discuss a portion of God's Word with us tonight.

Ladies Society will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 PM. Bible Study starts with Nehemiah 3.

Men's Society will meet Tues., December 11 at 7:30 PM. Bible study will begin with John 3:11.

Hudsonville Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday, December 12 at 9:45 AM at Hudsonville PRC.

Denominational News

- Rev. W. Langerak is considering the call from Randolph.
- Faith's new trio is Rev. Griess (Calvary), Rev. Haak (Georgetown), and Rev. Spronk (Peace).
- Hope PRC's new trio is Rev. Haak (Georgetown), Rev. N. Langerak (Crete), and Rev. Overway (Doon).

Outings and Activities

Cookie Decorating Reminder: If you or your children would like to decorate cookies, meet in the large society room next Saturday morning, December 15 from 9am - 11am. Any questions, please contact a member of the Activity Committee.

Dinner Mixers: Remember that Dinner Mixers start again in January! Sign-up sheets are on the back table. Deadline to sign up is December 16. Join us for this fun way to get to know fellow members of your church!

<p>Nursery: TODAY AM Infants: Vicki Zolen, Jori Kuiper, Rachel Rowe AM Toddlers: Holly Cnossen, Jocelyn Miedema, Garrett Miedema PM Infants: Kelly VanOverloop, Miranda Barnhill, Sadie Engelsma PM Toddlers: Terri Boven, Amy Westing, Kate Eriks</p> <p>Next Week: AM Infants: Kerri DeGram, Alyssa Mingerink, Pam Hoekstra AM Toddlers: Lois Kamps, Leah Booth, Leah Rowe PM Infants: Lisa Kortering, Erinn Kuiper, Kara Gritters PM Toddlers: Peggy Jansma, Leanne Cnossen, Erica Dykstra</p> <p>Greeters: TODAY AM: Jason and Alyssa Butler PM: Art and Darlene Bykerk Next Week AM: Alex and Pam Bylsma PM: Mike and Rachel Cnossen</p> <p>December Ushers: AM: Rob Huizinga, Greg Kalsbeek, George Kamps, Matthew Kamps PM: Trevor Huizinga, Caleb Kamps, Justin Kamps</p> <p>December Valet Parking: AM: Jon Mingerink, Dan Langerak PM: David DeBoer, Randy Veldman</p> <p>December Safety: AM: Dave VanTil PM: Jason Butler</p>

Requested Announcements

The Reformed Doctrines Class will meet Wednesday, Dec. 12 at Faith PRC at 7:45 PM. Prof. Engelsma will explain and apply the truth of the catholicity of the church. This class will meet in the main auditorium of the church.

RFPA Warehouse Sale: Fill a bag with books for only \$25! Come to the RFPA on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9am-3pm and fill a reusable grocery bag with books for only \$25 and the bag is yours to keep, too! Browse the 40 titles available for the fill-a-bag special and take advantage of other discounts on select additional titles. Get your Christmas shopping done, enjoy some refreshments, tour the building, and stock your library with Reformed literature at an unbeatable price! The RFPA is located at 1894 Georgetown Center Drive, Jenison MI 49428. See you there!

Byron Center PRC's next women's conference will be held March 8 & 9, 2013 in Hudsonville, MI. Visit our website <http://prwomensconference.webs.com> for more information or to contact us.

The Dutch Dinner, sponsored by the Byron Center Young People, has changed its date to March 16, 2013. Please mark it on your calendars, and stay tuned for more information. Thank you!

Young Adults' Retreat: Registration for the Colorado young adults' retreat opens Monday, December 10, and will be open until January 10. Spots are limited, so register quickly! The retreat website can be found under "Upcoming Events" at www.prca.org. The link can also be found on our facebook page, so look us up! The retreat will be held March 18-21, 2013 at Glenwood Canyon Resort in Glenwood Springs, CO. The speakers are Rev. Key and Rev. Eriks, and the retreat text is Philippians 3:10-16. Post-high to age 30 are encouraged to attend!

"Fitting Praises" Vol. 16 by the PR Psalm Singing Choir is now available at the special introductory price of \$8 per CD until December 15, 2012. To order, contact Cheri Rutgers at (616) 719-3822 or email jon253@sbcglobal.net. See the flier in the *Closer Look*.

"Be Still My Soul", the 2012 Hope Heralds CD, is available at the Reformed Book Outlet for \$12, or is available for \$10 at Heritage Chr. School, from Dan VanDyke (610-3276), or from Karen Daling (662-0784).

School News

The Heritage Christian Herald is available this morning on the pamphlet hutch.

Hope PRC School Board will meet this Wednesday, December 12, at 8:30 pm. Please note time change.

The Student Council of CCHS is again sponsoring its Gift Certificate Drive (November 26-December 20) to help those who have need in our area Protestant Reformed churches. To participate, you can send money or gift certificates/cards to grocery stores, gas stations, etc. to Covenant, care of Student Council. If you have any questions, call Jennifer Knott at Covenant (453-5048) or email her at jknottcovenantchristianhs.org. Thank you!

Hope School Circle will be making Pigs-in-the-Blanket THIS WEEK Tuesday. Your orders can be picked up at school between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Thank you so much for your orders!

Adams Christian School will present their Band/Choir concert on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 PM in the school gym. Please join us as we listen to our covenant children praise God with voice and instrument.

Hope PRC School's Band (6th - 8th) and Choir (7th - 8th) Concert will be held on Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 pm in the Hope School gym.

CCHS Band and Choirs Christmas Concert will be held on December 19, 7:30 PM at the Calvin College Covenant Fine Arts Center. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Heritage Christian School's 6th - 8th grade bands and 5th - 8th grade choirs will present a concert on Thursday evening, December 20. The concert will be held at Georgetown PRC at 7 PM. All are invited to hear our students as they praise God with music!

The Federation of Protestant Reformed Schools is once again offering the course, *Principles and Practices of Reformed Education*. The course will examine the history and goals of Christian education and set forth the principles that shape Reformed Christian education. The course, taught by Prof. Dykstra, is intended especially for teachers and college students, but others interested in Christian schools are welcome also. D.V., the class will meet in the seminary alternate Wednesdays from January through May 2013. For more information or to register for the class, please contact Alex Kalsbeek at (708) 331-1026 or alexkalsbeek@gmail.com by Friday, December 21, 2012.