GREETERS:

	North Door	South Door
Dec. 10	Mary Dracht	Ruth Bazuin
Dec. 17	C.J. & Sara Bruno	Dale & Bev Taylor
Dec. 24	Curt & Becky Wemple	James & Lizelle Bazuin
Dec. 31	Eric & Kelly Seitter	Dollene VanPolen & Phil VanAssche
Jan. 7	Jon & Michelle Dracht	Jim & Bev Ouwinga

NURSERY:

Dec. 10	Patti Koop, Julie Dorman, Addean Oeverman Amy Eisenga, Kasey McQuestion, Karly Crowe
Dec. 17	Karen Oeverman, Lindsay Beerens, Megan Benthem Sherry Jackson, Diane Eisenga, Isaac Baas
Dec. 24	Melissa Oeverman, Brandy VanPolen, Emma Oeverman Kaylie Hiller, Sue Cook, Tana VanPolen
Dec. 31	Lizelle Bazuin, Ruth Kulhawick, Joey Kulhawick Sue Cook, Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde
Jan. 7	Nicole Schultz, Sheri Fiet, Grace VanHaitsma Linda Ellens, Kathy Vana, Katie Medendorp

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP – LITTLE LAMBS:

Dec. 10	Tiffany Ouwinga, Madeline Benthem – Amy VanPolen, Megan Benthem
Dec. 17	DaNay Tossey, Tana VanPolen – Becky Wiinikainen, Kari VanPolen
Dec. 24	Lizelle Bazuin, Emerson Tossey – Anne Thomas, Tucker Tossey
Dec. 31	Kaylie Hiller, Karsyn Meyering – Kasey McQuestion & Leah Thompson
Jan. 7	Lacy Veddler & Miranda Dykhouse – Nicole Koetje & Karen Oeverman

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

Dec. 10	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Julie VanHaitsma
Dec. 17	Matt Thompson, Al Fox, Tami Eisenga
Dec. 24	Cary Sikkema, Roger Hagerman, Alex Vana
Dec. 31	Mark Eisenga, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga

DECEMBER OFFERINGS: 10th New Building, 17th Parsonage Fund, 24th Christian Reformed Home Missions, 31st Existing Building Fund

DECEMBER USHERS: Phil VanAssche, Ed Schultz, Roger Hagerman, Kyle Meyering
JANUARY USHERS: Butch Karsten, Ken VanPolen, Jr., Gary Vana, Alan Baas
Note: *If you are unable to make it on your Sunday, please find your own replacement or call the office for assistance.*

HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 10, 2017

Vision Statement
In our endeavor to seek Christ's will and follow His calling, we desire to strengthen our church through growth in prayer, growth in vibrant worship, growth in committed outreach, and growth in thriving fellowship.

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Morning Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday school: 10:50 AM
www.highlandcrc.org

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM
Highland Christian Reformed Church
December 10, 2017

Prelude "Agnus Dei"

Invitation to Worship and Greeting
Advent: Peace
- Responsive Reading
- Lighting of the Candle
- "Hosanna"
- "Be Thou My Vision"

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

"Blessed Assurance"

Scripture: Luke 7: 36-50
Sermon: **Get Peace**

Offerings: "Glory (Let There Be Peace)"
- 1st - General Fund; 2nd – New Building Fund

Blessing
"How Great Thou Art"
Postlude

Children's Church: *Children are welcome to attend Children in Worship (preschool and kindergarten) and Little Lambs (3-4 yrs. non-preschool) programs. They leave the sanctuary and go down the NORTH stairs to the basement. You may pick them up there after the morning service.*

Fellowship: *Everyone is invited to refreshments and fellowship following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.*

DVD: *If anyone would like to see a video from a past church service, they are in the rack on the information table. The most current service is at the bottom of the rack.*

2017 Council

Exec. Board - * Pastor –Gregory Kett 825-2171 Church

ELDERS			DEACONS	
Bob Lee - Pres.*	743-6794	District #1, A-C	Denny Curtis	499-2431
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Gary Vana - Clerk*	942-4363	District #3, F-L	Paul Rivera - Sec.*	825-2911
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Scott VanPolen	825-8323	District #5, P-T	James Bazuin - V. Treas*	825-9722
Don Eisenga	825-2828	District #6, V-Z	Aaron Koetje	631-9809

Ministry Team Leaders:
Outreach Team (Jodi DeHate)
Care & Share Team (Bev Taylor)
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)
Education Team (Laura Hesselink)
Service Team (Julie Dorman)
Worship Team (Hilda Cruz)
Facilities Team (Rick Dorman)

OFFICE HOURS: December 10-16
Tuesday-Friday 8:30-2:30
Monday-off
Bonnie Fox 231 878-6424
Pastoral Support
Pastor Greg Kett 231 425-8819
Kathy Vana 231 667-4146

Congregational Prayers:

Please continue to pray for Carole Shaarda, Gord DeHaan, Carol Niver, Ken VanPolen, Kathy Martin-Ouwinga's mother Marilyn Ouwinga, Pearl Koetje, Vicki Mosher, Dave Westmaas, Al Fox and the Kamphouse family. May God make his presence felt and surround each of you with his love.

"We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and

The Blood Drive is this Wednesday, December 13th from 2:00-7:00 pm. Could we please surprise the people from Michigan Blood, by getting at least 20 to donate on Wednesday? Please consider this "gift of life" and help others this holiday season. Come any time between 2:00 and 7:00 pm!

We are still in need of a new Kids Hope director. Won't you please consider this position to help young students? Thank you.

On Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm NMC School's musical celebration of the birth of Jesus will take place. Come to the school gym and enjoy the beautiful sounds of the season. Pre K-12th grade students, bands, and choirs will present familiar favorites and new selections, as well as audience group singing of carols.

The Service Team would like to thank all those who donated items of clothing to the children of Marion Elementary this year. Twenty-five coats, thirty-five pairs of snow pants, and twenty-five pairs of boots were given to forty-seven students to help keep them warm this winter. Multiple hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens were given, as well. We would like to thank all those who helped with the distribution of these items, and a special thank you to Gin Dodde for all the time and effort she put into this worthwhile cause.

OUR CHURCH WEEK: December 10-16

SUNDAY	**9:15 AM**	Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Christmas Program practice
	6:00-7:30 PM	Bible Study and Fellowship-Lesson 10 "Three Others"
MONDAY	**6:15 PM**	Women's Yoga
	7:30 PM	Men's Yoga
TUESDAY	**9:30 AM**	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	**2:00-7:00 PM**	Blood Drive
THURSDAY	**7:15 PM**	Bible Study - Improving Your Prayer Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's Christmas Program will be next Sunday at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday night prayer time from 7:00-7:30 pm. Meet in the prayer room. This week's prayer focus is the Shepherd's Window and the lost of the church.

GEMS Painting Night! The GEMS girls will be hosting a canvas painting night on December 20th, directly following family dinner. All ladies in the church are invited. The cost is $10.00. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Would you like a great idea for a Christmas gift? We have several centennial cookbooks left for sale. They are $15.00 apiece. Please contact Jean Venema 743-6163 or Jackie Schmid (231) 878-7465, if you are interested in purchasing one. A copy is on the desk in the office, if you would like to look at one.

Several times a month Love, Inc. gets requests for Bibles. If you have extra Bibles in your house and would like to see them placed in a home where there are none, please leave them in one of the two boxes designated for that purpose. On Monday, December 18th they will be delivered to Love, Inc. in time for Christmas distribution. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to help sponsor a high school student to go on the Winter Retreat this February to Spring Hill Camps, please contact Justin Sluiter. The cost of the retreat is $139.00 and we are hoping to take around 25 students this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Operation Christmas Child was very successful this year and Highland CRC gathered 74 boxes!! Thank you to those who donated and contributed to this great effort! Our boxes were added to the Tustin Relay Center which collected 1,384 boxes from Osceola, Lake (and a few from Wexford) Counties. Northern Michigan collected 12,135 boxes, which filled two semi-trailers, and were delivered to Boone, NC. Please continue to pray unceasingly until they reach their final destination, the little hands of children all over the world.

Project Canefire has a team of 25 leaving for the Dominican Republic on January 23, 2018 for two weeks. They have $30,500 of the $85,000 needed. If you feel led to give to this ministry, donate to Project Canefire, P.O. Box 556, Lake City, MI 49651

A beautiful Christmas Cantata, *O Night Divine, Dawn of Love's Pure Light*, will be performed by the Falmouth Area Community Choir tonight at 6:00 pm at the Prosper Christian Reformed Church. Nursery is provided for children three and under and coffee and fellowship will follow the service. Prosper Church is located at the corner of 8 Mile and Prosper Roads. Please come and be blessed.

New Hope Shelter is in need of volunteers for all shifts for the women's shelter on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Two of the shifts will be overnight sleepovers. Please contact Dennis Anderson at (231) 775-4109 if you can help. Thank you.

November		2nd Offering	
5th	6,625.00	Booster Club	803.00
12th	6,137.61	New Building Fund	7,902.00
19th	5,895.00	Parsonage Fund	818.00
26th	5,363.14	Highland Young People Retreat	417.00
		Church Building Fund	508.00
Budget needed weekly	6,233.55	Benevolence	150.00
Times 48 weeks	299,210.40		
Received to date	279,986.50		
Balance	(19,223.90)		
Thanksgiving Offering			
General	12,651.00		
Booster Club	500.00	CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	421,509.46
Benevolence	1,435.00	Principal Paid to Date	47,076.28
NMC Scholarship	250.00	Ending Balance CRC Loan Fund	374,433.18
George & Sarah DeVuyst	1,225.00		
Josh & Mandy Shaarda	1,575.00	Interest paid to date	17,960.72
World Renew	1,600.00		
New Building Fund	11,855.00	Parsonage Loan	40,000.00
Parsonage Fund	5,070.00	Loan Repayment	14,888.00
Strong Tower	150.00	Parsonage Loan Balance	25,112.00
Home Missions	200.00		
Friendship Family Homes	155.00		
Misc	90.00		
Total	36,756.00		

Council Corner

- The new Elders and Deacons were present.
- The installation of the new Elders and Deacons will be January 7, 2018.
- Communion will be served six times a year, rather than four.
- The windows in the Youth Director's office and Pastor Greg's office will be replaced, as they are rotting out.
- Josh Shaarda will be preaching December 31, 2017.
- A safety team will be formed to help keep our church safe during all church functions.
- The directory will be updated.
- The Council thanks you for your generous giving on Thanksgiving!