GREETERS: North Door South Door

Don & Marian Ouwinga Dec 8 Jason & Shari Benthem

Dan & Brenda Ouwinga Larry & Laurie Witt Dec 15 Scott & Diane VanPolen Dec 22 Kevin Huttenga

Todd & Jackie Schmid Dec 24 (Christmas Eve- PM service) Margaret Westmaas

NURSERY:

Brandy VanPolen, Joey Kulhawick, Tana VanPolen, Dec 8

Kaylie Hiller, Sue Cook, Franklin Baas,

Nicole Schultz, Courtney Vanderhoef, Linda Ellens Dec 15

Maggie Southwick, Karianne Smith, Leah Thompson

Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore, Jodi Meyering Dec 22

(JUMP) Kendyn Meyering, Diane Nemeth, Mikayla Powers

Dec 24 Mary Rees, DaNay Tossey, Madelyn Benthem,

Cindy Vennema, Becky Bode, Jayden Bode (Christmas Eve)

Thank you! ...to everyone who serves either up front or behind the scenes each week in helping to further the

kingdom of

God!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP - LITTLE LAMBS:

CIW: Teacher: Marilyn Visser; Helper: Karsyn Meyering Dec 8

LL: Teacher: Anne Thomas; Helpers: Emma Oeverman & Linda Wing

CIW: Teacher: Kasey McQuestion, Helper: Emma Oeverman **Dec 15**

LL: Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: Amanda Lee

CIW: Teacher: April Villwock; Helper: Sara Bruno Dec 22 (JUMP)

LL: Teacher: Amy VanPolen & Tana VanPolen & Emerson Tossey (Christmas Story)

Dec 24

No Children's Church (Christmas Eve)

SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:

Matt Thompson, Al Fox, Deb Eisenga Dec 8 **Dec 15** Kyle Meyering, Paul Rivera, Jodi DeHate Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Tana VanPolen Dec 22 (JUMP)

Cary Sikkema, Al Fox, Deb Eisenga Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)

1st: Booster Club 5th: Booster Club DECEMBER OFFERINGS JANUARY OFFERINGS 8th: New Building 12th: New Building 15th: Existing Building 19th: Mississippi Trip 22nd: Benevolence 26th: Centershot 29th: Project Canefire

DECEMBER USHERS: Aaron Koetje, Cole Dykhouse, Larry Visser, Devon Dracht JANUARY USHERS: Kevin DeHate, Mike Pluger, Al Thomas, Adam Southwick

Note: If you are unable to make it on your Sunday, please find your own replacement or call the office for assistance. If you do make changes, please let the office know so we can post those changes as well.



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 8, 2019

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.

9034 23 Mile Rd. • Marion, MI 49665 (231) 825-2171

Email: office@highlandcrc.org

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM Sunday school for all ages: 10:50 AM Website: www.highlandcrc.org

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM Highland Christian Reformed Church

December 8, 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent



From the Cradle to the Cross

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Advent Reading: "HOPE & PEACE"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs 1-3
"Joy to the World" vs 1-3

Profession of Faith –Brook Veddler "Who you Say I Am"

Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer Children's Message

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 (page 1072)

Sermon: Small Things

Offering: "Days of Elijah" (with Sunday school kids)

1st - General Fund; 2nd - New Building Fund

Blessing

"Go Tell It On The Mountain" 2x

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. Please note, there will no longer be children's church on the Sundays we have communion.

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

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.

Council Corner

2019 Council						
Exec. Board: *	Rev. Dr.	Gregory J. k	.* 825-2171 Church			
<u>ELDERS</u>			<u>DNS</u>			
Joe Kulhawick V.P.*		District #	‡1, A-C	Matt Thompson –Sec. of Deac.*		
Lars Fredin		District #	‡2, D-E	Kyle Meyering		
Al Thomas –Clerk*		District #	#3, F-L	Rick VanPolen		
Bryce Eisenga		District #	4, M-O	Adam Southwick V.T.*		
Larry Witt		District #	#5, P-T	Larry Sikkema		
Chad Dodde		District #	#6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion		

November		2nd Offering		
3rd	6,024.00	Highland Booster Club		
10th	4,959.00	New Building Fund	10,011.00	
17th	5,630.00	World Renew	2,028.00	
24th	7,162.00	Church Building Fund	961.23	
Thanksgiving	14,069.00	George & Sarah DeVuyst	700.00	
		Josh & Mandy Shaarda	750.00	
Budget needed weekly	6,200.56	Josh & Poppy Buning	400.00	
Times 47 weeks	291,426.32	Benevolence Fund	950.00	
Received to date	<u>268,580.60</u>	Misc. Offerings	695.00	
Balance	(22,845.72)			
		CRC Loan Fund - Beginning Balance	322,617.21	
		Principal Paid to Date	<u>57,195.72</u>	
		Ending Balance CRC Loan Fund	265,421.49	
		Interest paid to date	13,240.28	

Pastoral Support:

Pastor Greg Kett (231) 825-2171
Normal Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM or by appointment as needed. Call anytime.

Church Office:

Sara Bruno (231) 825-2171

Normal Office hours:

Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

**Please have bulletin announcements to church by
Thursdays at 12 pm.

Ministry Team Leaders:

Connection Coordinator (Amie Kett)
Care & Share Team (Cindy Vennema)
Prayer Team (Sandy Rice)
Education Team (Mary Rees)
Service Team (Julie Dorman)
Worship Team (Committee)
Facilities Team (Rick Dorman)
Safe Church Team (Linda Wing)
Safety Team (James Bazuin)

World Renew Gift Catalogs- Trying to find a special gift for that person who has everything? How about a chicken? A cow? Provide training for abuse prevention? A well-baby kit? Tools for farming? Free a family from poverty for less than \$1/day?

The list is endless! Prices range from \$3 to \$3,900. You can find your World Renew Gift Catalog on the back table.

NMCS Job Opening – NMCS needs a qualified individual to drive bus for athletic games, field trips, and a daily route. This part-time position requires a CDL License (NMCS pays for the road test), all appropriate endorsements, and a current physical. Please submit a cover letter, resume and references to Scott Curell, Superintendent scurell@nmcs.us

Wexford/Missaukee Right to Life has chartered a 52 passenger bus to attend the 47th annual "March for Life" in Washington DC on January 24th. For more information, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, or call (231) 839-2583.

McBain High School Baseball Taco Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, December 19th at the public school from 5-7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for everyone over the age of 6 and \$5 for those younger.

Notes			

PRAYER CORNER

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Steve Sluiter, Dick Bruno, Marilyn Ouwinga, Dawn Richardson, Mike Dodde and Sarah Dodde. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need and may your light shine on them and through the caregivers you have sent to help. Surround them with your love and comfort. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, that they may be a testimony to your greatness.

Prayer Request: Please keep Mary Lou Karsten in your prayers as she is recovering from back surgery this past Thursday.

During this season of Thanksgiving and Advent, let's join our hearts and prayers by focusing on one attribute of our awesome God each week.

God, My Hope and My Peace: I will praise you, my Savior and my God, for I have put my hope in you. Sovereign Lord, You have been my hope and my confidence sine my youth and I will praise you more and more. (Ps 42: 5; Ps 71:5, 14) I praise you with all my heart, Lord, because you are the God of peace. I lie down and sleep in peace for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Ps 4:8)

OUR MISSIONARIES:

George & Sarah de Vuyst & Family Serving in Ukraine

Email: gdevuyst@crcna.org
Website: http://www.devuysts.com

Josh & Mandy Shaarda & Family Serving in Uganda

Email: jshaarda@crcnapartners.org Blog: http://shaarda.blogspot.com/

*CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

Mike* & Dawn (Dodde) Winkle (Master Sargent, Air Force) – Spokane, WA Tyler* Bode (Senior Airman, Air Force) Davis Monthan Airforce Base, Tucson, AZ Caleb* Dodde (Private, Army Reservist) – Fort Leonard Wood, MO

OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 8-14

SUNDAY	9:15 AM Prayer in the Prayer Room	
	9:30 AM Morning Worship Service & Profession of Faith	
	10:50 AM	Sunday School/Catechism, Sermon Deep Dive
MONDAY	6:00 PM	Vision/Mission/Theme Planning Committee
TUESDAY	5:45-8:00 PM	MOPS
WEDNESDAY	2:00-7:00 PM	Blood Drive
	7:00 PM	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Profession of Faith: This morning we join together in celebrating the public profession of faith of Brooke Veddler.

You're invited! The family of Bonnie Veddler has invited everyone to help them celebrate Bonnie's 85th birthday with cake in the fellowship after this morning's service.

Upcoming: We will have the installation of new elders and Communion on Sunday, December 29. The installation of new deacons will be January 5.

The Poinsettias in the sanctuary have been placed in memory of these loved ones:
Darryl Baas, Tom Boven, Virginia DeHaan, Ron Dodde (20 years), John Dracht, Hank & Reka Eisenga, Jake & Jo Eisenga, Jerry Eisenga, Whip Koetje, Al & Tena Medendorp, Mark Miller, Bonnie Oeverman, Loretta Swiler, Josie Thompson, Anna VanPolen, and John & Anne Vennema

Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 PM. **Note for Parents: We will be starting Christmas Program practice this morning, December 8th. Parts for the program will be assigned in the first two weeks of practice; today & December 15th. If your child cannot be at Sunday school on those days please let me know. We will not be adding parts after the 15th of Dec. and want everyone to have a chance to be involved. Thank you! ~Dana Baas

Our next Blood Drive is this Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 2-7 pm. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or log on to Versiti.org to schedule your donation appointment. If you have any questions or need assistance with scheduling, please contact Sara in the church office at (231) 825-2171.

Small Groups- We will be starting up **small groups** again for January, February and March. If you are interested in taking part in a small group or even hosting a small group, please sign up at the information table or contact the church office.

Church Vision/Mission Planning-We are inviting all professing members interested in participating in mission, vision, & theme planning to attend a meeting on Monday, December 9, from 6-9:00 PM. This session will be led by Dr. Chris Schoon, the Director of Faith Formation Ministries of CRCNA. If you have an interest in the direction of the church and want your voice to be heard, we need you at this meeting. For planning purposes, if you will be attending, please let Al Thomas know.

Kids Hope Mentors Needed: Marion Schools and Highland CRC are teaming up once again through our Kids Hope program. We are looking for individuals that would like to become mentors. If you would like more information or would like to sign up, please contact Kasey McQuestion. Thank you!

Christmas in Bethlehem is a new children's book written and illustrated by former Highland Church pastor, Steven Elzinga and his son Michael Elzinga. He writes:

"I have grandchildren. In fact three of them are in this book. I wanted to write a Christmas book where they could insert themselves in the middle of the story. Toward the end of the book, the main character (my granddaughter) says to her mom, 'I was there, Mom'. My hope is that your child or grandchild will be able to say the same thing". The illustrations in this book are actual photos captured by his son Michael while they were in Israel. "Christmas in Bethlehem was written so that you and your child might experience, in some way, the wonder of being in Bethlehem to witness one of the most significant events ever celebrated—the birth of Jesus."

Copies of *Christmas in Bethlehem* are \$15 each and will be available for purchase in the fellowship hall starting today. Each book contains a payment envelope.

Directory Update: Please send an updated family photo to the church office as we are working to update our website directory info and Pastor Greg's prayer wall. Photos can be dropped off or emailed to the church office at office@highlandcrc.org. Please include names, phone #'s, address, email, full birthdays (with year) for adults and children, & anniversary information. Thank you!

Visitation: One of the joys of being part of a church, is that we get to fellowship with one another. If you would like a visit from the elder or deacon of your district, or Pastor Greg, please let them know. They would love to connect with you at your home, over a cup of coffee, or wherever is convenient for you.

Friends Ministry is searching for a Director. Call/text or email Larry Stahl (231) 830-5321 or lsstahl@mail.com for information about the position and the job requirements.