

"Use whatever gift you have received to serve others" -1 Peter 4:10

**GREETERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

Jan 4	South: Bob & Cindy Vennema; North: C.J. & Sara Bruno
Jan 11	South: Jean Venema; North: Kevin & Tami Eisenga
Jan 18	South: Sam & Steph VanHoute; North: Jim & Bev Ouwinga
Jan 25	South: Jason & Shari Bentham; North: Paul & Carole Shaarda

**NURSERY – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

Jan 4	Stephanie VanHouten, Ruth Kulhawick, Claire Thompson
Jan 11	Maggie Southwick, Donna Veddler, Jayden Bentham
Jan 18	Esther Bode, Cam Mulder, Charlotte Thomas
Jan 25	Sue Meeuwenberg, Diane Nemeth, Lilly Schoch

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH – (September – May; Sundays Only)**

Jan 4	***Christmas Break***
Jan 11	Teacher: Jordyn Richardson; Helper: Gracyn Swiler
Jan 18	Teacher: Jodi DeHate; Helper: Harrison Tossey
Jan 25	Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helper: Alan Thomas

**SOUND / VIDEO / POWERPOINT**

Jan 4	Matt Thompson, Deb Eisenga, Tami Eisenga
Jan 11	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
Jan 18	Kyle Meyering, Jon Ouwinga, Micah Chrispell
Jan 25	Cary Sikkema, Kaylie Bentham, Deborah Ouwinga

**USHERS – Please arrive by 9:15 am**

January:	Greg Hesselink, Kerwin Huttenga, Den Kamphouse, Jerry Nemeth
February:	Kevin Huttenga, Aaron Koetje, Jerry Koop, Ryan McQuestion

**2ND OFFERINGS:**

**JANUARY:**

4 <sup>th</sup> : Booster Club
11 <sup>th</sup> : Project Canefire
18 <sup>th</sup> : Right to Life
25 <sup>th</sup> : Capital Improvement Fund

\*\*Parking Lot Pledges can be turned in at any time using the pledge envelopes available on the information table\*\*



**January 4, 2026**  
**Highland Christian Reformed Church**

*"Striving to be the heart and hands of Jesus"*

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"Centered on Jesus Christ and his Word, Highland Church seeks to glorify God with joyful and reverent worship; nurture our children and people of all ages through biblical teaching; promote Spirit-filled fellowship through acceptance and respect, healing and love; and share the good news of Jesus both individually and together."*

**CORE VALUES:**

*Worship joyfully and reverently.  
Treasure familiar neighbors and warmly welcome new relationships.  
Nurture our covenant children and serve our community.  
Earnestly pray and eagerly work.  
Embrace diversity and emphasize unity.  
Empower ministry staff and employ the ministry gifts of all.  
Give generously and invest globally.*

**Rev. Mark Bonnes & Rev. Ashley Bonnes**

Sunday Worship 9:30 am 9034 23 Mile Rd; Marion, MI  
Sunday School & Catechism (231) 825-2171  
10:40 - 11:30 am (Sept-May) [www.highlandcrc.org](http://www.highlandcrc.org)

LIVE stream via YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE](https://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/highlandchristianreformedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/highlandchristianreformedchurch)

Welcome to  
**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am**  
**January 4, 2026**  
**Happy New Year!**

**The People of God Gather:**

Prelude: Anne & Selah Thomas – Special Music

Welcome & God's Greeting

Greet One Another

To Praise God in Song:

*We've Come This Far By Faith*

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me (vs 1, 3 & 4)*

*Grace Alone (vs 1-2)*

Prayer of Praise

To Pray and Serve God

Installation of Office-bearers

Announcements

The Lord's Prayer & Congregational Prayer

To Proclaim God's Word

Children's Message: Linda Wing

Song of Preparation: *We Will Extol You God & King (vs 1 & 4)*

Passage: **2 Corinthians 5:11-21 & Colossians 2:6-7**

Sermon: ***A New Year And A New Hope***

Prayer of Response

Song of Response/Offertory: *We Who Are Called* – Special Music

Today's Offerings: 1st: General Fund; 2nd: Booster Club

To Go in God's Name

God's Blessing

Closing Song: *We Receive Your Blessing*

Postlude

- **Nursery** is available year-round downstairs for children ages 0 - 3 years old.
- **No Children's Church January 4; Children's Bulletins** are available on the information table in the Fellowship Hall

**COMING UP:**

**2026 Council Installation:**

Today, January 4, 2026

**Next Council Meetings:**

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:30 pm Elders

7:00 pm Deacons

7:30 pm Full Council

**Next Communion:**

Sunday, January 11, 2026

**Preaching Schedule:**

January 4: Rev. David McBride

January 11: Rev. Mark Bonnes

January 18: Rev. Mark Bonnes

January 25: Rev. Mark Bonnes

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**  
**Council Officers for 2026:**

<b>President</b>	Steve Meeuwenberg	<b>Pastor</b> Mark Bonnes (765) 532-4612 <a href="mailto:hcrcpastor@gmail.com">hcrcpastor@gmail.com</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Ken Meyering	
<b>Clerk</b>	Greg Tossey	
<b>Sec. of Deacons</b>	Jon Ouwinga	
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	James Bazuin	

**Districts for 2026:**

Elders	District	Deacons
Greg Tossey	#1, A-C	Kevin DeHate
Jason Benthem	#2, D-E	Jon Ouwinga
Steve Meeuwenberg	#3, F-L	Miranda Dykhouse
Paul Shaarda	#4, M-O	Kyle Veltema
Doug Mitchell	#5, P-T	Ryan McQuestion
Ken Meyering	#6, U-Z	James Bazuin

**CHURCH OFFICE INFO:**

**Phone:** (231) 825-2171

**Email:** [office@highlandcrc.org](mailto:office@highlandcrc.org)

**Normal Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 2:00 pm

\*Bulletin announcements due by noon on Thursdays

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

**Care & Fellowship Team** – Cindy Vennema

**Education Team** – Megan Pluger

**Facilities Team** – Greg Hesselink & Devon Dracht

**Outreach Team** – Committee

**Prayer Team** – Sandy Rice

**Service Team** – Carrie Thompson

**Worship Team** – Bonnie McBride

\*\*Our LIVE Stream has moved over to our YouTube channel, **Highland CRC LIVE** (make sure it says LIVE) <http://www.youtube.com/@HighlandCRCLIVE>. Links can also be found on our Facebook page and under "sermons" on our website.

## AREA EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**GriefShare 2026** sessions will begin at Vogel Center CRC on Saturday, January 3 from 9:00-11:00AM and will continue every Saturday through March 28. Please share this information with those who are grieving a loss and help them find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Pastor Adam Barton at adam.mh.barton@gmail.com or (616) 566-7937.

**Calling all 20 Somethings!** (Post high school to age 29) - Rehoboth Reformed Church is kicking off a brand-new group on January 14 at 6:30 PM, and we're starting strong—with corn-hole, competition, and copious amounts of pizza. Bring your best bean-bag toss skills (or just your appetite). Questions? Contact Kendrick & Katelyn Smallegan or Drew Vana.

## Notes

## PRAYER CONNECTIONS:

**Mark Eisenga** had right shoulder replacement surgery on December 23. Your continued prayers for complete healing are greatly appreciated.

**Lynn Rice** had left knee replacement surgery this past Tuesday. Prayers for healing and relief from any discomfort are greatly appreciated.

**Chris Sheats Update:** On December 23, we received a highly encouraging report from the Hematologist with numbers that exceeded our expectations! Chris's kidneys and liver function are performing exceptionally well, which is a significant triumph in the face of myeloma. An x-ray was conducted to investigate the source of additional pain on the left side, and although it revealed two new lesions, we remain hopeful. A PET scan has been scheduled for January 12th. We would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who have stood by us throughout this challenging journey. Your unwavering support and love have been a constant source of strength and inspiration, and we feel truly blessed to have you all in our lives. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus ~ The Sheats Family

**Colter Bailey** began his 2<sup>nd</sup> Stem Cell Rescue on December 29. Please continue to hold up Colter and his family in prayer in the following weeks:

- For protection over Colter and minimal side effects from the chemotherapy.
- For wisdom and discernment for the medical team.
- For strength and peace for Kait and Justin as they care for Colter and are away from their other children.
- That when they don't know what to pray for that God and friends and family will intercede for them and carry them.
- That their other children stay healthy & for strength, patience, and peace for those caring for them.

## OUR MISSIONARIES

- **Josh & Mandy Shaarda (Serving in Uganda)**  
Email: [jshaarda@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jshaarda@crcnapartners.org); Blog: <http://shaarda.blogspot.com>
- **George & Sarah de Vuyst (Serving in Europe)**  
Email: [gdevuyst@crcna.org](mailto:gdevuyst@crcna.org); Website: <http://www.devuysts.com>
- **Matthew & Emily Slack (Serving in the England)**  
Email: [mslack@crcna.org](mailto:mslack@crcna.org)

## OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:

- **SSgt, Tyler Bode (US Airforce; currently stationed in Italy).**

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: JANUARY 4-10

SUN 1/4	9:15 AM 9:30 AM ----- -----	Prayer Worship Service & Installation of Office-bearers No Sunday School/Catechism – Christmas break No Fellowship Bible Study – Christmas break
MON 1/5	5-7 PM 7:00 PM	Youth Building Use Praise Team Practice
TUES 1/6	9:30 AM 5:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study with Hilda REV Moms
WED 1/7	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Family Night Dinner Centershot & GEMS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **This morning** we will have the **Installation of Elders and Deacons for 2026**.

Incoming Elders are Steve Meeuwenberg, Doug Mitchell, Greg Tossey & Paul Shaarda. Incoming Deacons are Kevin DeHate, Miranda Dykhouse, & Kyle Veltema.

As we install new elders and deacons to serve on the Highland Church council, we also extend our heartfelt appreciation for those who have just completed their terms of service: Elders Mark Eisenga, Joe Kulhawick, Jerry Nemeth and Bob Vennema and Deacons Gary Hesselink, Carrie Thompson and Curt Wemple. We honor them for investing their time, energy and hearts as leaders and servants at Highland Church. We are grateful to God for their service and for being a source of God's blessing to the church and our community.

**Poinsettia Pick-up:** Thank you to everyone that provided the beautiful flowers for the front of church throughout the month of December. We now ask that you take them home after this morning's service for your continued enjoyment. All remaining poinsettias will be cleared out after today.

**Fellowship Bible Study** is on break for the remainder of December and will begin Season 2 of Ray Vander Laan's "The Study" near the end of January. More details to follow in January. Contact Sandy Rice to reserve your Season 2 participant guide.

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will resume this Tuesday at 9:30 with Lesson 13 of their study on the book of Genesis. Please contact Hilda if you have any questions.

**Family Night** is this coming Wednesday, beginning at 6:30 pm with a delicious dinner of homemade mac and cheese, ham, green beans and brownie sundaes. Centershot and GEMS will begin at 7:00 p.m. We are asking for a few volunteers to make pans of brownies for this dinner. If you are able to help with that, please contact either Bev Taylor or Cindy Vennema.

**Communion:** We look forward to celebrating the Lord's supper together next Sunday, January 11. Please contact Pastor Mark, Pastor Ashley or an elder if you or a loved one is home-bound but would still like to take part in Communion.

**Freedom in Christ Bible Study:** All are invited to join a Bible study recommended by Josh and Mandy Shaarda. This 11-week study will be held on Thursday evenings at 7 pm, beginning January 15. Each lesson is video-led followed by a time of discussion. The course focuses on how to believe, not how to behave and will help you clear away the spiritual cobwebs and connect with Jesus in a deeper way. This course will help you grasp the amazing truth of your new identity in Christ and teach you to uncover and resist the enemy's deception. Homework is not required, but is optional to review what we are learning. Please contact Linda Wing with any questions and to reserve your participant workbook.

**Thank you** to everyone that took part in our gift card fundraiser for **Single Momm**, a local non-profit organization that "addresses the core issues of single motherhood and provides innovative and diverse solutions for families desiring to reach self-sufficiency." Highland Church collected a total of 43 gift cards! For more information on this organization, please visit their website, [www.singlemomm.org](http://www.singlemomm.org).

**Phone Tree & Directory Information Update:** In an effort to maintain clear communication in the event of a prayer chain, service/event cancellation or pastoral care you will soon receive a Member Profile Form in your church mailbox. Please verify the info we have or provide the updated information. If you don't have a mailbox yet, you can request one alone with a Member Profile Form from the office.

**Lost & Found:** Are you missing a favorite casserole dish or those handy to-go containers? How about a coat? They're probably here. Please take a moment to check the table in the fellowship hall this morning.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

**Winter Clothing Drive:** The Service Team is holding a Winter Clothing Drive through the months of November, December, January. We are accepting new and gently used (in good condition) items. Needed items: coats, snow-pants, boots and gloves. Please place donated items on the table in the east wing.

**Community Hope's "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" Food Drive** is coming soon! This year, the drive runs from January 31 – February 13. This food drive is the primary way we put food on the shelves of area food pantries that provide much-needed resources to the people of our community. More details to follow!