



First Reformed Church
The Newsletter
 November 2017

Glorify God in all we do,
Grow with Him daily and
Go with Him to share His love.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

REMNANT

Youth Groups



SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
FIX OUR EYES



Close to 60 S-O Students attended "See you at the Pole", hosted by Remnant, on Sept. 27th.



Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 4th:
 1500 subs were made in about 2 hours by 23 HS Remnant Youth!
 Thank You FRC for your Support!!



November at a Glance

- 1:** No Coffee With the Pastor
- 8:** 9:00 am Mothers Together
 - 6:30pm Wednesday Night Family Night
- 12:** 9:30am Combined Service
 - No Sunday School
 - 10:45am Annual Congregational Meeting
 - Spaghetti Meal fundraiser to follow meeting
- 19:** OCC boxes due at church
- 20:** 9:00am Faith Bible Study
 - 4:00pm Patience Bible Study
 - 7:00pm Consistory Meeting
- 22:** No Mothers Together
 - FRC is in charge of Nursing Home services
 - **6:30pm** Thanksgiving Eve Service
 - No Wednesday night classes
- 23:** Happy Thanksgiving!!

- ***Sunday Mornings:**
 - 9:00 Cornerstone Service
 - 10:10 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship
 - 11:00 Open Door Service
- ***Monday Evenings:**
 - 7:00 Women's Bible Study
- ***Tuesday mornings:**
 - 8:30 Chickadee Quilters
- ***Wednesday Evening Bible Classes and Youth Groups:**
 - 6:30-8:00 pm Alpha Bible Class at The Lantern
 - 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Classes G.1-5
 - 6:30-7:15 pm MS Remnant
 - 7:15-8:30 pm HS Remnant

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Words from Pastor Luke

As this month begins we start to really reflect on what we are thankful for... November always brings a time of reflection on this past year and how God has worked through it. We are called to "Give thanks to the Lord, His love endures forever." I continually am amazed by the outpouring of God's incredible love to me and to you. I am so grateful and thankful to be able to walk in a personal relationship with Him.

So what are you thankful for? What has God done within your life this past year? Did you deal with crisis? Did you lose someone close to you? Did you go through turmoil? Did you see blessing? Experience new life? Grow a relationship with someone else? How can we give thanks whatever the situation? We can give thanks because God is always faithful, always good and has the perfect plan for each of our lives. Our thanksgiving should not only be reflected on at this time of year but each day. Each day we have opportunity to be thankful.

As we are getting closer to the end of this year and I am thankful for this church. I am thankful for you and for hearts that are growing more passionate about Jesus. I am thankful for the generous financial giving and the staff that was added. I am thankful to be able to challenge you each week about the love of Jesus. I am thankful that I can live for Jesus!

I also wanted to give you an update on what is happening in the coming months. Three things:

1. To meet all our budgetary commitments we will need about \$70,000 between now and the end of the year. This means we will need to average about \$8750 per week in offering to meet that goal. Our average giving each week has been about \$5000. I would encourage you to pray about how you can help us meet that goal and give not out of obligation but from the heart.
2. At the congregational meeting we will be introducing a new resource to help equip you, your family and this church for greater ways to grow your faith. We will be introducing a resource called Right Now Media. It is sort of a Christian Netflix in which there are thousands of resources available for you to use. They range from children's programs to adults. Small groups, leadership training and even conferences. This resource will be available for you to use at any time and at no cost to you. The topics are endless and we hope it will be used by everyone attending our church. We will be collecting your e-mail addresses to get you signed up. After you are signed up, you will have access to anything you want to on the site. Check out the website rightnowmedia.org for more information.
3. We will also be presenting a proposal and bid for new sanctuary lighting. Take a moment to look up in the coming weeks. You will notice bulbs burned out, fixtures melting and beginning to create a possible safety hazard. We have also learned the bulbs for the fixtures are no longer available for purchase due to how old the fixtures are. This would lead to an updating of our current lights, which also would incur a financial cost. Be sure to attend the congregational meeting on November 12 to hear more details about this project.

Each day this month take some time to give thanks to the Lord. There are a million things that you could have on your list!

Blessings and Thanksgiving!

Pastor Luke



Fall Clean-up

If you would like help with raking or other fall clean-up please call
Lawrence Wiersma
or the church office.



It's Coffee Time... With the Pastor!!

Due to scheduling conflicts
in November we will **NOT**
be meeting for coffee.
We hope to see you all
again in December.

Trivia Time!!!

1. What book in the Bible doesn't mention God by name?
2. Who are the five angels mentioned by name in the Bible?
3. What so-called mythological creature is mentioned in the Bible?
4. What two men in the Bible never died?
5. In the Old Testament, what happened to the kids who mocked Elisha's bald head?



Mothers Together


With God in the Middle

Do you ever wish you had a place where you could connect with others who have experienced the same parenting issues that you have? Want some time to relax, recharge and make new friends? Then Mothers Together is just the place for you.

Mothers Together meets at First Reformed Church of Sibley from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Mothers Together provides excellent child care while moms get the break they deserve. Mothers Together is a non-denominational group. We hope you will make plans to join us!!

November Schedule:

- November 8 at 9:00am
- No Meeting on November 22 due to Thanksgiving break



Sometimes I just look up,
smile and say,
"I know that was you **GOD!**
Thanks!"

~Unknown

Cornerstone Service Greeters for November, 9 am



5 West - Pam Kruger and Jodene Kruse
Middle - Tim and Jodie Kruger/family
East - Rich Kruger and Robert Kruger

12 9:30 Combined Worship Service

West - Charles and Brenda Kuhl
Middle - Dave and Sandy Lamfers
East - Arnie and Diane Langstraat

19 West - Mark & Melissa Langstraat/family
Middle - Gary and Wilma Leusink
East - Brad and Sarah Loerts/family

22 Thanksgiving Eve Service

West - Brian and Megan Loerts/family
Middle - Ken and Wilma Loerts
East - Dave and Jessica McDyer

26 West - John and Kim Mc Dougall/family
Middle - Ed and Leona Meendering
East - Keith and Brenda Michelson



9:00am Nursery Nov.

5: Jennifer and Ella Bruxvoort
12: (9:30) Brenda and Alyssa Wassman
19: Tanya and Makya Dykstra
22: (6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service)
Amy Van Marel and Mary Hustoft
26: Daphne Bremer and Dalten or Tayler



11:00 am Nursery Nov.

5: Melissa Anderson and Melissa Langstraat
12: No 11:00 Service (Congregational Meeting)
19: Sarah Loerts and Megan Loerts
26: Marvella and Britta Harberts

Sunday School Nursery for November

5: Tami Tracy and Peg Van Kley
12: No Classes — Congregational Meeting

19: Pam Vande Hoef and Ruth Ann Wiersma
26: Luella Eggink and Jan Henrichs

Nov. Library Volunteers



5: LaVonne Prins
12: Janice Runia
19: Jennie Schram
26: Pauline Van Engen

ONE OF THE
GREATEST GIFTS
YOU CAN GIVE IS
YOUR TIME

#VOLUNTEER

Coffee Servers for November



5: John and Sharon Bartels

19: Ron and Nancy Dykstra

12: (9:30) Glenn and Paul Doorenbos

26: Harold and Luella Eggink



Children and Worship Leaders/Helpers for November

Cornerstone Service 9:00am

5: Leader: Jamie Hulstein

Helper:

12 Leader: Deb Kosters

Helper: Ashilyn Hulstein

19: Leader: Deb Kosters

Helper: Family of Peirce Julius

26: Leader: Deb Kosters

Helper: Lincoln & Addison McDyer

Open Door Service 11:00 am

5: Leader: Deb Kosters

Helper:

12: No Children & Worship —Congregational Meeting

19: Leader: Deb Kosters

Helper: Family of Jude Anderson

26: Leader: Deb Kosters

Helper: Paisley Kreykes

Women's Bible Study



Faith Bible Study, who meets the third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, November 20** at 9:00 am in the Library. Leader: Janelle Van Drunen; Hostess: Jan Harskamp . Come join us as we discuss, Lesson 6, "Christians at Risk," from the book 1&2 Peter And Jude by Carolyn Nystrom. Scripture for the lesson is: 1 Peter 4 .

Patience Bible Study, who also meets every third Monday of most months, will meet on **Monday, November 20** at 4:00 pm in the Church Library. The leader and hostess will be Barb Van Diepen. We will be studying Lesson 6, "The Future of the Human Person," from the book End Times by R. Paul Stevens. If you are interested in joining this study, please let Barb Van Diepen know and she will get you a book.

Monday Evening Bible Study meets weekly on **Monday evenings at 7:00pm**. Please join us as we dive into a video study of The Gospel of John led by a professor of Dallas Theological Seminary, Dr. Mark Bailey. This course will deepen your understanding of John's Gospel and strengthen your relationship with its subject — Jesus Christ. If you would like more information on this study please contact Annette Janssen.

After Church Greeters for November



5 SE: Josh Lucas
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Ken Loerts
BE: Ed Meendering
BW: Lyle Peelen

19 SE: Duane Vande Hoef
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Josh Lucas
BE: Paul Vander Linden
BW: John Van Diepen

26 SE: Josh Lucas
C: Pastor Luke
SW: Lawrence Wiersma
BE: John Bartels
BW: Marcus De Boer

12 SE: Pastor Luke
C: Josh Lucas
SW: Larry Riebeling
BE: Cal Runia
BW: Bob Tiedeman

22 SE: Curt Van Kley
C: Josh Lucas
SW: Pastor Luke
BE: Harvey Van Ruler
BW: Larry Verdoorn

Elders in Prayer Room

10:00 am

5: Marcus De Boer
12: Dale Honken
19: Lawrence Wiersma
26: Marcus De Boer

12:00 pm

5: Heath De Jong
12: Lennis Harberts
19: Duane Vande Hoef
26: Stan Gaalswyk



November Faith In Action:



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

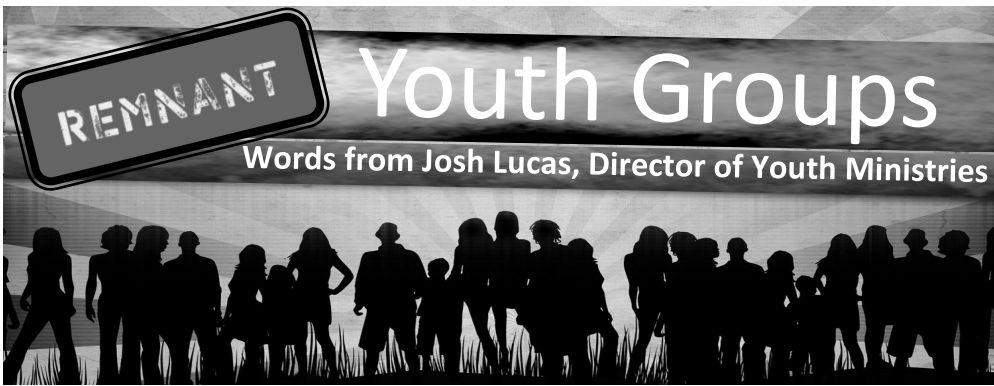
Shoeboxes are due in church
11/19/17.



November Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group
#5 will be responsible
for services during the
month of **November.**

Co-chairpersons are Dar & Dennis
Jurgens, Deb & Greg Kusters, and
Shelia & Harold Van Der Sloot.



Hello First Reformed Church,

The youth group and I have been beyond blessed so far, this year! Our sub sale fundraiser was so much fun especially since it was my first fundraiser of that size. We still have subs available for purchase! The sub sale fundraiser is just the first of many fun events that the HS and MS Remnant groups will be putting on! All of the money we raise will be going towards taking our Remnant Youth to future Youth Events. The Junior High Remnant will be attending Power Connection next July and the High School Remnant will be taking part in a retreat in April, as well as a mission trip during the summer of 2018. Also, we are trying to raise funds for Rocky Mountain High in 2020!

Hannah and I have been doing so superb these last three months living in the beautiful town of Sibley. We added a new addition to our little family out at the farm: A Great Dane puppy! His name is Zeus, and he is a big bundle of energy (Just like me). We are very grateful for all of the support from not only our church, but also from the youth group. We appreciate all of the help the sponsors give us, the enthusiasm that the students bring us every week, and we enjoy all of the love we get from the church every single day!

Here are my final thoughts! Currently in youth group we are doing a study of the cross, and the application that is expected in their daily lives as followers of Jesus. I feel this is a good time to pour out my heart. Everything that I do for this youth group, and for this church, is out of nothing less than pure passion. I have this burning passion for molding students to want to be followers of Jesus. I truly love each and every one of my students. I would do anything for them, and I know they would do anything for me. The things I do in this youth group may seem: crazy, unorthodox, extreme, wacky, or maybe even impossible. That is what the Pharisees told Jesus and all of His followers they were. It is my belief that we need to follow the same examples that Jesus showed. I only know how to do this one way, and that is being wacky and crazy. Thank you First Reformed, I love all of you! If you ever need a big hug, this big ole' teddy bear has got one for you!

With lots of Love,
Josh Lucas

Joke/ Riddle for the Week:

What kind of lights did Noah use on the Ark?



Answer: Flood Lights!



Mindful Gratitude

By: Ruth Boven

Scripture Reading — 1 Corinthians 10:27-33

Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. — 1 Corinthians 10:31

Gratitude requires mindfulness — living with eyes wide open. It calls for knowing that every good gift, everything beautiful and right and perfect and lovely, comes from God. And we must know where to direct our thanks. We know that at the center of the universe is the God who is strong and good. And we know what we're most thankful for—that when we were helpless and hopeless and dead in our sins, Christ gave us a new life, a clean slate, a holy purpose. We understand that although we deserve nothing, we have been given everything through God's grace. Going about our days with mindful gratitude makes a difference in us. And it makes a difference to those around us.

Paul wants us to be careful about the way we live out our faith. Our joy and thankfulness for God's gifts should be something that others find contagious, not condemning.

It's been said that our Christian witness in this world would be much stronger and more effective if we stopped shouting about the things we are *against* and started speaking more compellingly about the things we are *for*. That shouldn't be hard for us, for we believe that God is overwhelmingly *for* us and *for* this world.

How might we demonstrate that beautiful truth to our neighbors today?

Prayer

God, you love this world so much that you gave your Son to save it. From the depths of our hearts we thank you. Help us to live with gratitude that moves our neighbors toward Jesus. Amen.



Please remember the following: Weather Cancellations Procedure: **If there is NO school, or school is released early due to inclement weather, there will be NO WEDNESDAY Night activities. If the Cancellation is on Sunday, all services and activities will also be cancelled for the day.**

November Education Dates To Remember:

- **November 8:** Wednesday Night Family Night
- **November 12:** No Sunday School Classes due to the Congregational Meeting
- **November 22:** No Wednesday Classes. Thanksgiving Break
- **November 26:** Sunday School Christmas Program practice during Sunday School



College Addresses

Since we have had a few requests for our College Students' Addresses, we thought we would publish them. Being away at college can be a fun time. However, it can be a time filled with uncertainty and loneliness. If you get a chance, go ahead and drop a note in the mail to these students. You never know, it just may be exactly what they needed at that very moment. Parents, if you do not see your child's address listed here please let the church office know so it can also be published next month.

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NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST

BE A
Prayer
WARRIOR

Pray For God's People

- 1: Pastor Luke and Chris
- 2: Jennie Schram
- 3: Harold and Lynn Schram
- 4: Pray for our College Students
- 5: Pray for our Church
- 6: Ray and Ellen Schram
- 7: Ted and Eileen Schutte
- 8: Verlyn and Donna Smidt
- 9: Donna Sterler
- 10: Le Roy and Karen Stevenson; Jill
- 11: Pray for our College Students
- 12: Pray for our Church
- 13: Dave and Lesa Stofferan
- 14: Josh and Heather Tangeman; MaKayla, Lane, Kyra, Damon
- 15: Bob and Gladys Tiedeman
- 16: Jared and Jenny Tiedemann; Andrew, Avery, Alex
- 17: Pray for our College Students
- 19: Pray for our Church
- 20: Bubba and Sharalyn Tjaden
- 21: Jackie Tjaden; Alexa
- 22: Brent and Chelsey Town; Hudsyn, Hadlie, Kasen, Kayler
- 23: Greg and Tami Tracy; Lindy
- 24: Randy and Kelli Van De Berg
- 25: Pray for our College Students
- 26: Pray for our Church
- 27: Duane and Pam Vande Hoef
- 28: Paul and Phyllis Vander Linden
- 29: Harold and Shelia Van Der Sloot
- 30: Mark and Kim Van Der Sloot; Damian, Jackson, Keegan

College Students:

Lars Ackerman

Meggan Block

Peyton Chrichton

Britta Harberts

Andrea Meyer

Garrett Saylor

Makayla Tangeman

Colby Wagenaar

Collin Van Diepen

Adam Ackerman

Kailey Bruxvoort

Josh Wagenaar

Evan Mehls

Lexi Ackerman

Sarah Honken

Jena Van Marel

Alecia Martinez

Ignacio Romero

Devan Vander Veen

Owen Wiese

Brooke Block

Hannah Lucas

Jessica Mehls

Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12

November Celebrations

In all things
GIVE THANKS



~~*Birthdays*~~

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1 Matthew McDougall | 14 Paul Doorenbos
Karla Crichton
Kelsey Kleinwolterink
Kendra Kleinwolterink | 22 Nathan Buysman |
| 2 Melissa De Boer | 15 Bobby Baker | 23 Maverick Elser
Kody Wills |
| 3 Jennifer Bruxvoort
Lincoln McDyer | 16 Dalton Bremer
Jaeger Ackerman | 24 Jen Schram |
| 4 Rodney Hulstein | 17 Dwayne Heikes | 25 Regina Meyer
Carter Brouwer
Teddy Van Gelder |
| 5 Scott Hulstein
Jamie Hulstein
Hudson Feldkamp | 18 Derek Heronimus
Jenny Tiedemann
A.J. Weg | 27 Geneva Wissink
Junior Rasmussen
Jagger Johnson
Alyssa Jacobsma
Gabby Anderson |
| 6 Parker Loerts | 19 Emily Feldkamp | 28 Carl Berkenpas
Dave Kleinwolterink |
| 7 Nisa de Boom
Wyatt Dykstra | 20 Marvella Harberts
Amy Dykstra
Amelia Heilman | 29 Cal Runia
Kevin Heemstra |
| 8 Lucille Groendyke | 21 Roger Iedema
Addysen Langstraat | 30 Kaitlyn Mulder |
| 11 Dan Heilman | | |
| 13 Steve Van Kley
Marlin Roelfs
Tiffany Wynia | | |



~~*Anniversaries*~~

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 3 Lawrence & Ruth Ann Wiersma | 39 yrs. |
| 6 Paul & Phyllis Vander Linden | 53 yrs. |
| 14 Charlie & Brenda Ackerman | 25 yrs. |
| 19 Scott & Marlys Dykstra | 35 yrs. |
| 24 Dave & JoAnn Calsbeek | 50 yrs. |
| 24 Kelly & Rochelle Jacobsma | 27 yrs. |
| 26 Harold & Mim Ernst | 57 yrs. |
| 29 Travis & Joanne Klaassen | 26 yrs. |



If you would like to be included in our Birthday and Anniversary Calendar and do not see your name, please contact the office (sibleyfrcoffice@gmail.com or 754-2783) and let us know your dates! We would love to recognize YOU on your special day! Thanks

Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. (NIV)



Thoughts

While fishing off an arm of the Pigeon River in southeastern Manitoba, Canada, I came upon a massive beaver dam. I had to wonder - what purpose do all those logs and sticks serve besides a house for that beaver?

I came to realize that, as always, God has a plan for everything, even sticks. The dam serves not only as shelter for the beaver; but because it retains the water on one side, water lilies and plants grow on the other. Moose come to dams to feed off those plants. Bears know to check the dams in the Spring for beavers that did not make it through the harsh winters. Life goes on, just as God established it.

(Josh C)

Action Point

When encountering something in nature that makes no sense to you, stop and try to see it from another angle or from someone else's view point. It is amazing how many times our eyes can be opened to see God's work when we look through the eyes of someone else.

Sportsman's Tip of the Day

Polarized sunglasses do more than just shade your eyes from the glare of the water; they can also protect your eyes from a stray cast or the hooks of a misguided lure.

Trivia Time Answers!!!

1: Esther **2:** The Five Angels are Abaddon, Gabriel, Michael, Beelzebub and Satan.

3: Unicorns, in the KJV (Isaiah 34:7) **4:** Elijah (2 Kings 2:11) and Enoch (Genesis 5:21-24)

5. They were mauled by two female bears (2 Kings 2:23-24)





Tana and School Supplies – A Shoebox Story

I grew up during the communist regime in Romania. There was a cloud of gloom and sadness in the country. The atmosphere was very cold and unwelcoming. People focused all their energy on their jobs and sometimes overlooked their children. Sometimes my dad worked two jobs. He worked hard, and our basic needs were met, but we didn't have anything extra. My sister and I didn't usually receive gifts, even at birthdays or Christmas. Even though it was forbidden to talk about God, I grew up in a family that loved Jesus and went to church. But I was looked down upon for my faith. When I was 10 years old I participated in a Christmas Eve program at church. After the program, the children were surprised with shoebox gifts. We were thrilled to receive the boxes. I saw so much joy and excitement in the room. I was deeply appreciative of the gift. When I opened my shoebox, I saw an explosion of color—plastic jewelry, a new hat, and scarves. My favorite items were school supplies. I received colorful pens, a notebook, and colored pencils. As a child, I really loved going to school. I loved reading and writing. But school supplies were not readily available at that time. We only received a few pencils and they needed to last a long time. So, anything extra, or anything colorful, really meant a lot to me. We were told that the shoeboxes were packed by other Christians. I learned that there are people who love Jesus Christ enough to give special gifts to children they haven't even met. I felt valued and loved, and this helped me to have a deeper walk with the Lord.

Jaki and a Toothbrush – A Shoebox Story

At the orphanage in Guatemala, the caretakers provided for our basic needs. They taught us, fed us, and clothed us, but their limited resources meant that we ate a steady diet of rice and beans and wore whatever clothes were available, no matter what the size. Sometimes, the girls wore boy clothes because that's what the orphanage had on hand. I don't remember us having any combs or brushes.

We did have a toothbrush—one toothbrush for 10 girls. We shared it, like we shared everything else. That's why I was so excited when we each received our own Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.

My favorite thing I received in my box was a toothbrush of my very own. I got a lot of use out of it. It was a prized possession.

I also received a stuffed animal. I was 5 years old, so I loved to hug it. I was delighted to receive crayons and coloring books. When the girls and I colored, there was no white space left on the pieces of paper. We filled every available space with color.

I had heard about Jesus at the orphanage. When we had received our shoeboxes, we learned the song, "Jesus loves me." But it wasn't until later that I truly knew who He is and that Jesus really does love me.



First Reformed will be once again collecting gift-filled shoe boxes that will help spread the Good News of God's love worldwide. Shoe boxes are filled with small toys and other gifts and them distributed by Samaritan's Purse to children in poverty throughout the world. Last year First Reformed Church blessed 227 children with shoebox gifts! Boxes will be due in church 11/19/17. You can start shopping now!!!!



There will once again be the opportunity to volunteer at the Samaritan's Purse Processing Center in Minneapolis where you can experience the magnitude of this ministry. We have reserved 15 spots at the Minneapolis processing center for Operation Christmas Child on Friday, Dec. 1, to work in the afternoon. Please see the Kiosk to get signed up.

Thanksgiving Word Search

(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

- CARVE
- FRUIT
- SAUCE
- DESSERT
- HOME
- STUFFING
- DINNER
- PILGRIM
- FAMILY
- POTATOES
- TRADITION
- FOOD
- PUMPKIN
- WHEAT
- THANKSGIVING

Meet Our

Adrian and Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly



Dear friends,

First of all we thank you immensely for your continual support of our ministry through prayers, letters, encouraging words, and financial help. You have made us feel so special and blessed by including us in your life agenda.

Despite of all kinds of trials, with God's help our ministry is going ahead. We continue to provide a meal a day from Monday to Saturday to the children of the two feeding places. More than a hundred are fed at the 19 of July kitchen and 40 more are fed at the Beholden feeding place. Sometimes we don't even

realize the difference we make in people's lives. Recently a little girl, after eating her meal, went to our cook and said, "Thank you ma'am, for the food, it was so nice! Today we didn't have anything to eat at home because my mom doesn't have a job and that's why I thank God for this kitchen. God bless you!"

Last December two of the Tabitha Home girls, Eva and Joselyn, graduated from high school. Eva is studying for port and airport administration and Joselyn for nursing. For this year we expect to have one of the boys from the boy's home graduating from high school. Our Medical brigades up river continue normally. In this last trip made in July we brought down a two month old patient struck with pneumonia to the Bluefields hospital. The people from the communities are always thankful for this medical program. During this recent trip one of the villagers said to me, "Pastor, this medical program is a great blessing to our people because if we had to pay for the medicines we get from your doctors, I think most people would not be able to afford it."

Three weeks ago we had midwives and pastors training. In the medical field they were introduced to alternative medicines and massage therapy, and in the biblical field they were taught on Christian Stewardship. At the end of this training we made a circle and held hands and prayed for health, peace, wellbeing and prosperity for all of you.

Prayer Requests:

1. Knowledge of God for the children at the two kitchens and at the two homes.
2. Provide enough money to buy land and build a new kitchen in Beholden vicinity.
3. Give wisdom, intelligence and protection to those attending school and college.

Pray for the staff, my family, and for the whole Tabitha's Home ministry.

In Christ Love

Bobb-Kellys



Joselyn studying under the microscope



Joselyn in her uniform

Let your
Light So Shine
before men, that
they may see your **GOOD WORKS,**
AND *Glorify* your FATHER
which is in Heaven.

About Bernardeth and Adrian's ministry

Bernardeth Kelly Bent and Adrian Bobb, who is ordained, work with the Institute of Social Development of the Moravian Church (IDSIM) training health workers, pastors, and other people from villages and neighborhoods. They work with churches to establish foster homes, feeding programs, and scholarships for children from poor neighborhoods in Bluefields, and they provide pastoral and health care to people in remote villages along the Rio Grande de Matagalpa. studying theology, counseling and social work in the new faculty of social sciences. Rowland and Jane served previously in Sierra Leone, Malawi, and the Gambia. They have two daughters, Jenna and Michelle.

We hope you have been remembering your Secret Sister in your



prayers as well as with acts of kindness. Secret sisters is a great way to encourage someone and lift them up. Our Secret Sister Reveal will be held on **December 1st at 7:00 pm**. Be sure to mark your calendars! More details to follow about the reveal later on. Thanks for participating Sisters!!!

Be kind
Be thoughtful
Be genuine
But most of all
Be thankful



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CONSISTORY MINUTES

October 16, 2017

6:00 pm

Elders Meeting 6:00 pm

6 present, a Quorum

179. Pastor Luke opened the meeting with prayer.
180. MMSC to receive the membership fo A. J. Weg from the Ocheyedan Christian Reformed Church.
181. MMSC to administer the Sacrament of Infant baptism to Kailer Brentlei Town, daughter of Brent and Chelsey Town, on December 10th, 2017.
182. The Constitutional Question was asked, "Are there any members needing spiritual care?" Concerns and various members were discussed.
183. MMSC to have Ordination and Installation of newly elected Deacons and Elders on January 7, 2018 at the 10:00 am service. We will have one service that day.
184. Josh Lucas presented several requests including:
 - July 24-29, 2018 MS Remnant to go to Power Connection in Kansas City, KA. MMSC to approve this trip.
 - February 9-11 or 23-25 2018 to have a weekend Retreat with the HS Remnant at the Hole in the Lodge Wall, in Akron, Iowa.
 - Mission Trip to Houston, TX for hurricane Harvey relief. The trip is planned to occur sometime this summer with all dates and details to be finalized. MMSC to approve these two proposals.
185. MMSC to approve and support the fundraiser to be held at the First Presbyterian Church on November 1, 2017 for the family of Carly Kreibaum.
186. MMSC to approve these minutes.
187. MMSC to adjourn following closing prayer by Duane Vande Hoef.

Full Consistory Meeting **October 22, 2017; 10:00 am**

13 present, a Quorum

188. Pastor Luke Opened with prayer.
189. The budget was discussed. Pastor Luke shared with the Consistory that 2 areas of the budget that needed to be looked at. The first area was in Christian Education. He shared that the Education Ministry budget would increase due to the addition of "Right Now Media" and explained it. Dr. Brian Sayler moved increase small group, etc. portion of the Education budget be increased by \$2,000. Marcus De Boer seconded the motion. All vote "Aye". Motion carried.
190. Dale Honken moved the increase of \$1,000 to Director of Youth budget retirement line item. Chris Wynia seconded. All vote "Aye". Motion carried.

191. Daren Rockman presented and explained the Russell Electric sanctuary lighting proposal. Charlie Kuhl moved option "C" be presented to Congregation at the upcoming Congregational Meeting. Lawrence Wiersma seconded. Motion carried.
192. Meeting was adjourned following prayer.



Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.

Harold S. Geneen



Church Visitation Teams

Church Visitation Teams have been re-instated and have started home visits in the middle of October.

Those on the visitation list can expect to see someone from church every month. This will be a great way to get acquainted with fellow church members as well as renewing some old friendships.

Anyone who would like to be visited but was inadvertently left off the list, please call Lois or John Van Diepen. (754-3625)



Make a joyful noise!

All voices are welcome to join the FRC choir.

This means you, too, high schoolers! The FRC Choir practices in the Fireside Room on Sunday mornings, at 8:20 am. All you need is a love of sharing God's word through music. Questions?

Contact Peg Van Kley 754-2945.

FRC in Action...



Soup & Pie Supper

