

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Jennie Bakker who celebrates her 94th birthday on December 16.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **BEV MATTER** as she is at the CHCC recovering from hip surgery after falling and breaking her hip last week.
- **CASE VANDER STELT** will be having a cardiac catheterization procedure done tomorrow, December 13 to help with some heart problems Case has been having.
- **COLESON BRINK** (son of Ryan & Sara Brink) as he finished another round of chemo this week. We rejoice with the Brinks that the tumor seems to be responding to the treatments and that Coleson's lungs are now completely clear. Continue to pray for Coleson that he may stay fever-free over the next few days and that the tumor will continue to be reduced by the treatments. Also pray for patience and strength for the entire Brink family and for all the other families with children they come into contact with at Children's.
- **SCOTT McKEE** (son-in-law of Rich & Coni Hoolsema) as he has now been placed on the heart transplant list. Pray that Scott will continue to improve so he can be moved up higher on the transplant list, and continue to pray for strength and patience for both Scott and Jill.
- **TONY FRANSEN** as he is in the CHCC after cracking a bone in his hip.
- **LEN VAN DYKEN** as he is in the CHCC recovering from pneumonia.
- **LARRY NYHOFF** as he continues to struggle with issues involving his legs.
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:**
Hilda De Kubber Hilda Roberts
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:**
Cornie Holleman Kristi Nieuwendorp
Bill Roberts Sena Sterk
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:**
Liz Baas Ann De Jong
Dick De Waard Jeanne Drouin
Tony & Etta Fransen Emma Gibson
Anna Van Diest Betty Whitman
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:**
Elaine Scholten

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Hope Office through the food drive. First CRC donated 812 pounds of food to the Hope Office!

For the Fiscal Year 2009 (December 2008 to November 2009), our congregation gave the following:

- \$327,000 to Operating Expenses
- \$84,000 to Denominational Shares
- \$23,000 to the Building Fund (separate from offerings)
- \$118,000 for Sunday offerings
- \$33,000 for Thanksgiving offering

Altogether, you gave a combined total of \$585,000 for 2009! Your generous giving is overwhelming and greatly appreciated by us as well as the hundreds of ministries supported by offerings and denominational shares. May God continue to bless this church with a giving spirit to enable ministries to thrive both here and abroad.

~ Paul Assink, Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES:**
Saturday, December 19 9:30 – 11 a.m. Church
Sunday, December 20 9:30 a.m. Ed. Bldg.
Please bring your children at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, December 20 to the church basement.
- **COUPLES CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Join us on Friday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Ham, Turkey and trimmings will be provided. Couples with the last names of A-L please bring a dessert and M-Z please bring a side dish or salad. Child care will be provided - please indicate how many children. To R.S.V.P. contact the church office or sign up at the Information Center. If you are willing to help with food, decorating, or setup please contact Dan at 354-4560. Don't worry if you have never attended couples club, this is a great way to meet other young couples.
- **NEED A CHRISTMAS IDEA?** How about tuition to the Perspectives Course? Sign up by December 25 and get a \$25 discount. Additional discounts available to students and spouses. This outstanding course with world class presenters is being offered for the first time in Lynden beginning Monday evening, January 11 for 15 weeks. Total cost before discounts is \$265. Scholarships are available. You will be blessed and amazed at the insights you gain from this course. Brochures are available at the Information Center. For more information, contact Scott Rempel at 360-318-1704 or Robert Woodyard at 354-4560.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **ORCHESTRA:** We will practice today at 11:45 a.m. and Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Dick Bosch.
- **FIRST CHORD:** We will practice today at 4:30 p.m. All who love to sing and praise the Lord are welcome.
- **TRUTH PROJECT:** We will meet tonight at 7:15 p.m. at Reed's house (note the change of location).
- **COUNCIL:** We will meet on Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING:** We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS:** All girls in 1st – 8th grade are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 16 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Ed. Building for a Christmas Party! We will be playing games, having snacks, and exchanging gifts. Please bring along a \$5.00 food gift to exchange.
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Join us on Wednesday, December 16 for our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560.
- **OASIS:** We will be having a special Christmas party with the children of "New Way Ministries". Parents please bring your students to New Way Ministries by 6:15 p.m. and pick up them up at the Bethel Youth House at 8:30 p.m. After ministering at "New Way Ministries" we will go back to the Bethel youth house for pizza and goodies. Please bring the following: 7th graders – a dozen sugar cookies to decorate; 8th graders – 12 cans of pop or water for our pizza party. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560.
- **MEN'S STUDY:** We will be meeting on Thursday, December 17 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the church basement to study the Five Aspects of Man. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 354-4560.
- **CADETS:** We will have our Overnight Christmas Party on Friday, December 18. We will leave from church at 6:30 p.m. and return to church at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Today, Sunday, December 13, 2009

Greeters: Bill & Dora Brouwer
Beth Boxum
Info. Center: Kyle & Swandel Ekema
Nursery Baby: Crystal Hilverda, Dawn Honcoop
1 yr. old: Jessica Honcoop (Lead),
Louise Heeringa
2 yr. old: Bev Honcoop, Marilyn McCoy
Floater: Molly Honcoop, Mindy Honcoop
P.M.: Coni Hoolsema, Denise Kooi
Ushers: Cal Buys, Sid Giliam
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra
Bus Driver: Blaine Kooy
Cookies: Beth Boxum
Heather Burger
Joan De Boer
Coffee: Marlys Heeringa, Cora Seigman
Sound: Tim Hagglund
Organ A.M.: Lee Van Beek
Piano A.M.: Sharon Assink P.M.: Dave Korthuis

Next Sunday, December 20, 2009

Greeters: Tim & Heather Burger
Kyle & Swandel Ekema
Info. Center: Dustin & Kari Heeringa
Nursery Baby: Mary Plata, Emily Plata
1 yr. old: Krista Kok (Lead), Cheryl Korthuis
2 yr. old: Ardelle Kooy, Candi Laird
Floater: Megan Plata, Jesse Plata
P.M.: Joan Maas, Megan Maas
Ushers: Cal Buys, Sid Giliam
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra
Bus Driver: Blaine Kooy
Cookies: Susan Berendsen
Vicki Dykstra
Myrna Brune
Coffee: John & Jennie Berendsen
Sound: Rick Biesheuvel
Organ A.M.: Cheryl Korthuis
Piano A.M.: Perlene Hoekema
P.M.: Nancy Zylstra

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Christmas Day Service
December 25, 2009 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Ken and Louisa Haveman
Brian and Leeann Bunn
Info. Center: Linsey and Kristin Hoekstra
Nursery
Baby: Stephanie Rennie, Leah Spady
1 yr. old: Mike and Michelle Seigman (lead)
2 yr. old: Demetrio and Stephanie Rodriguez
Floater: Colby and Kali Spady
Ushers: Cal Buys, Sid Giliam
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra
Bus Driver: Galen Laird
Sound: Rick Biesheuvel

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Calendar for the week of
December 13, 2009

Sunday, December 13 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 Children's Christmas Practice
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Offering: Building the Future Fund
Sermon: *The Merciful God Who Loves*
Scripture: *Jonah 3*
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement
11:45 Orchestra Practice
4:30 First Chord
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Offering: Building the Future Fund
Sermon: *The Invisible God*
Scripture: *Exodus 20:4-6*

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 16

6:30 GEMS Christmas Party in Ed. Building
7:00 Worship Planning in Council Room
7:30 High School Youth Group in Basement

Thursday, December 17

7:00 OASIS

Friday, December 18

6:30 Young Couple's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 19

9:30 – 11:00 Children's Christmas Practice

Sunday, December 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 Orchestra Practice
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10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Offering: Dara De Boer Watson
Sermon: *The Patient God*
Who Gives Grace
Scripture: *Jonah 4*
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time in Basement
6:00 Children's Christmas Service
Sermon: *"The Christmas Gift"*
Scripture: *Matthew 2:10-11*