

PRAYER CLOSET

- **CASE VANDER STELT** is home recovering from a heart procedure.
- **BEV MATTER** is recovering from hip surgery after breaking her hip.
- **TONY FRANSEN** is back at home after fracturing his hip. Please pray for continued healing and recovery.
- **TONI TJOELKER** is recovering from injuries due to a fall.
- **LARRY NYHOFF** is recovers from surgery on his leg. Please pray that Larry will have a long lasting recovery.
- **COLESON BRINK** (son of Ryan & Sara Brink) continues to recover from another round of chemotherapy. 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 Hospital.
- **SCOTT McKEE** (son-in-law of Rich & Coni Hoolsema) 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.
- **LEN VAN DYKEN** is in the CHCC recovering from pneumonia.
- **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE:** Join us on Thursday, December 31 at 7 p.m. for a service of prayer for past and future grace. We will also be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this service.
- **CHURCH CLOSURES & DEADLINES:** Church building will be locked and offices closed on Friday, January 1. The deadline for bulletin announcements will be Tuesday, December at noon.
- **A SPECIAL GIFT FOR THE BRINK FAMILY:** To help the Brinks stay in touch with our church family during Coleson's treatment for cancer there is a colored church calendar on the information center for everyone to sign. The calendar will then be given to the Brinks in a couple of weeks so sign and write greetings on the calendar A.S.A.P.
- **GIVING FOR BUILDING FUND:** Some people have indicated they would like to give before the end of the year and before our capital campaign has formally been started. You may bring your contribution to the church offices during office hours, put it in the offering bag before the end of the year or give it directly to one of the deacons by December 31.
- **PERSPECTIVE CLASS:** The deadline to get a \$25 discount has been extended to December 31. Additional discounts are 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. Brochures are available at the Information Center. For more information, contact Scott Rempel at 360-318-1704 or Robert Woodyard at 354-4560.
- **EDUCATION CLASSES** will start on Sunday, January 10 at 9:30. Brian Bunn will continue his class on the Book of Luke and Fred Ypma will lead a class on the study of *The Book that Understands You*. This study invites you to make sense of your own life story through the larger story of the Bible. It's an invitation to connect your personal story to the ancient, life-giving story of the Bible. We hope this study will feel like opening a family album. Sure, it pictures strange uncles and weird cousins, but it also describes majestic great aunts and other inspired leaders who help keep the family together in times of crisis. Most of all, it presents the God who wants us to have the best life possible.

- **"MAXIMUM MARRIAGE":** A one day seminar for single or married women is coming to Cedar Springs Retreat Center on Saturday, January 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The cost is only \$15.00 for breakfast, lunch, snacks, program and material. For more information, contact Phama Woodyard at 306-5854.
- **DAUGHTER'S OF ZION:** The first meeting of the New Year will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 7. We will study lesson 7, "Victory at Ai". Hostesses will be Sharon Van Beek and Myrna Brune.
- **RUTH SOCIETY** will meet on Thursday, January 7 at 2 p.m. We will study lesson 7. Hostesses will be Anna Groen and Rena Steensma.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **DEACONS:** We will be meeting on Monday, December 28 at 7 p.m.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING:** We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 30 at 7 p.m.
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next gathering will be on Wednesday January 6. More details will be provided soon. May God bless you this Christmas season and don't forget to stop by or call us when you get bored!
~ Dan Houston and the youth leaders
** Ski trip news: High school students – if you have not turned in your money or permission slip for the ski trip (January 22-24), please do so soon. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560.
- **OASIS:** Our next gathering will be Thursday, January 7 at the Bethel Youth House at 7 p.m. We can't wait to hear about your Christmas and kick off another great season of Oasis with you. For more information, contact Dan Houston at 354-4560.

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Emma Gibson who celebrates her 82nd birthday on December 28.

I would like to wish all my friends and church family a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. I miss you and think of you often. ~ Ella Mae Winter

THANK YOU

Dear First Church Family,
What a blessing all of you are to our family. We rejoice in being able to share this wonderful season with you. Thank you very much for all the cards, pictures, notes, goodies and gifts. We are looking forward to a great 2010 with you as we explore and experience the spiritual journey God has planned for us. May God richly bless each of you and your families. We love you.

~ Pastor Robert and Phama and sons

The results of the Thanksgiving offering are in the boxes this week. The deacons wish to thank everyone for their generous giving in 2009!

New Year's Eve,

December 31, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Greeters: Jake De Hoog
Elvin & Anna Lee Feller
Nursery: Lori Scholten, Riley Scholten
Ushers: Cal Buys
Sid Giliam
Roger Plata
Doug Honcoop
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra
Bus Driver: Hank Roorda 354-5928
Sound: Jed Scheffer
Piano Betty Sterk
Organist: Shirley Bierlink

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, December 27, 2009

Greeters: Jeff & Donelle Fast; Link & Kathy Finnson
Info. Center: Brent & Jolene Hayes
Nursery
Baby: Debbie Maier, Patty Roosma
1 yr. old: Connie Roosma, Brenda Roosma
2 yr. old: Lori Molendyk (Lead), Cheryl Korhuis
Floater: Brady Maier, Pam Roosma
P.M.: Karen Mead, Sharyn Meenderinck
Ushers: Cal Buys, Sid Giliam
Roger Plata, Doug Honcoop
(On Call) Linsey Hoekstra
Bus Driver: Galen Laird 354-1187
Cookies: Dora Brouwer, Irene De Vries
Swandel Ekema
Coffee: Brad & Lorna Te Velde
Sound: Jed Scheffer
Organ A.M.: Lee Van Beek P.M.: Shirley Bierlink
Piano A.M.: Perlene Hoekema P.M.: Lillian Van Beek

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, January 3, 2009

Greeters: Sid & Sandy Giliam
Brent & Jolene Hayes
Info. Center: Lance & Jessica Honcoop
Nursery
Baby: Anna Roulson, Rose Scheffer
1 yr. old: Nelda Stokes, Amber Stokes
2 yr. old: Mary Vander Woude,
Carly Vander Woude (Lead)
Floater: Tyler Stokes, Taylor Finnson
P.M.: Debbie Smit, Melissa Smit
Ushers: Dan Roosma, Ken Roosma
Dennis Roulson, Robert Smit
(On Call) Brian Stokes
Bus Driver: Hank Roorda 354-5928
Flowers: Nancy Zylstra
Cookies: Pat Dutton, Elsie Dykman
Gail Bailey
Coffee: Wes & Liz Vander Pol
Sound: Tim Hagglund
Organ A.M.: Ruth Weidenaar
Piano A.M.: Sharon Assink P.M.: Perlene Hoekema

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Calendar for the week of December 27, 2009

Sunday, December 27

10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry Blankers
Offering: Benevolence
Sermon: *Simeon Confirms Christmas*
Scripture: *Luke 2:21-35*
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time
in Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Barry Blankers
Offering: Benevolence
Sermon: *Our God Never Changes*
Scripture: *Malachi 3:1-12*

Thursday, December 31

~ A Service of Prayer for Past and Future Grace

7:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Scripture: *Philippians 3:12-14;*
Jeremiah 29:11-12

Friday, January 1

~ Church Buildings Locked and Offices Closed ~

Sunday, January 3

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Offering: Tuition Assistance
Sermon: *Why the Bible and Prayer
Are Better Than Being There*
Scripture: *II Timothy 3:14-17;*
II Peter 1:3-4
11:45 Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time
in Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Offering: Tuition Assistance
Sermon: *The Invisible God*
Scripture: *Exodus 20:4-6*