



NEWS & NOTES



Sunday, December 3, 2017

New Life Christian Reformed Church, Highland, Indiana

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, December 4.

MEMBER TO REMEMBER: This month's **Member to Remember** is **Shirleen Brown, 9040 O'Day Drive, Highland, IN 46322; (219) 923-2573.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: **Monday, December 4,** we will meet in the church sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.** for a congregational meeting to vote on the proposed budget for 2018. The deacons have distributed the proposed budget to all church members through the mailboxes in church. If you have any questions or comments about the church budget, we encourage you to contact your district deacon, or the finance committee chair, Ray Sikkema, prior to the meeting.

COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: It's that time of year again to say, "Thank you", to those that faithfully serve us coffee and cookies every Sunday morning. Any servers that want to be taken off the list, or if there is someone that would like to be added to the list of servers, **please contact Larry Moes by next Sunday, December 10.** We are especially in need of cookie servers.

LOVE INC CHRISTMAS PROJECT: The Christmas tree is full of mittens to provide gifts for six families. After you carefully select a mitten and purchase the gift(s), please return your package wrapped, with the mitten attached, by **Sunday, December 10.** **We are also providing food for Christmas dinners. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the back with items listed and the number needed. There are different items on each sheet.** Please place your items on the table in the hall by the East entrance by **Sunday, December 10.** We also need volunteers to help deliver dinners and gifts. There is a place on one of the sheets to sign up if you can help. Please contact Candy Piersma if you have questions. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please give that to Candy Piersma. **If you are bringing a fresh pie, please bring it to church on Friday, December 15, between 9 and 3 pm, or on Saturday, December 16 by 10 am.**

COFFEE BREAK is selling almond paste again. The cost is \$7 per pound or \$55 for a 9-pound tub. Please make checks out to New Life Coffee Break. You can get your paste from the church office or Jo Slifko.

THE LOVE INC GAP MINISTRIES that have been highlighted each month this year for different churches will not have a specific ministry highlighted for November & December since many churches help families for Thanksgiving & Christmas. A new schedule for 2018 will be coming in the weeks ahead.

FOOD PANTRY: Just a reminder that we are still collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantry at St. James Church. This designation was made when Beacon Light closed their pantry, due to construction of their new church building. So, we encourage you to bring in your items & place them in the cabinet across from the Council room.

OUR CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
7:00 PM—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
6:00 AM—MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
9:45 AM—COFFEE BREAK
6:30 PM—HANDBELLS
7:00 PM—COFFEE BREAK
7:30 PM—CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
7:00 PM—ELDERS MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
9:15 AM—PRECEPTS
6:30 PM—PRECEPTS

JAIL MINISTRY: Mon.-Thurs.-7 PM

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Junior High Student Ministries:
• **Next meeting** is Sunday, **December 10,** at Faith-Highland, from **6-7:30 pm.** This will be a Christmas Party!

Senior High Student Ministries:
• **Next meeting** is **TONIGHT, December 3,** at Faith-Highland, from **6-7:30 pm.**

JAIL LETTER WRITING: For your convenience, cards are available in front of the church office—please pick one up and send it to an inmate this week: Joseph Rodriguez, ZB-536, Lake County Jail, 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307; Nicole Bean, 5D, (same address). ***Please note that envelopes must be white and no glitter on cards. Thank you!***

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN OF A-CHORD: Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with song! The **Men of A-Chord** cordially invites you to join them for their annual **Christmas Candlelight Concert** on **Saturday, December 9, at 7 p.m.** at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, IL. Come join the singing with the Carols and Songs of the Season celebrating Christ's birth! Justin Rich is the director, Beverly Hoitsma is the pianist, and Nancy Venema is the organist. Betsy Archer will be with us this year as soprano soloist. A free-will offering will be taken.

GROUNDWORK: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR - In the famous passage in Isaiah 9:6, the prophet begins by describing the Messiah as our Wonderful Counselor. As we look toward Jesus Christ's birth, join us in studying Isaiah 9:2-6, John 14:15-17, and John 16:12-15 to discover the divine wisdom and help we receive from Jesus Christ our Messiah. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP: "Traveling from the East"; Matthew 2:1-12
Offering: Ministry Opportunity Fund

AFTERNOON WORSHIP: "Crushing the Serpent"; Genesis 3:14-15
Offering: Ministry Opportunity Fund

GREETERS: 9:30 AM—Joe & Julie Sitter/Bill & Harriet Dyke
NURSERY: 9:30 AM—Carla Van Til & Whitney Brummel
AM & PM SOUND OPERATOR: Sean Armendariz/Brad Gossman
AM POWER POINT OPERATOR: Lilly Armendariz
WELCOME CENTER: Bill & Lori McQueary
COFFEE SERVERS: Dan & Judy Zandstra
COOKIE SERVER: Marlene Bush

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Shut-ins

Pearl Adams
Bea Breuker
Kathy Boender
Lois Johnston
Millie Meekma
Eleanor Porter
Virginia Schoon
Sissy Siersema
Case Van Til

Special Needs

AJ Boender
Shirleen Brown
Sandy Corder
Corrine DeYoung
Keira Fennema
Bob & Irene Huizenga
Bob Moes
Roy Smith
Marilyn Sodo
Ed & Sylvia Rudenga
Joey VanEck
Nola Witvliet

If you have a name that should be included or you would like your name removed, please contact the church office (838-0506).

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