

# PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

## NEWS AND NOTICES

| CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK<br>March 10-16, 2019  |
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| <b>Sunday</b>   |
| 8:30 AM Prayer Time<br>9:30 AM Worship Service<br>11:00 AM Sunday School and Catechism<br>11:20 AM Blood Drive Informational Meeting (Multi-Purpose Room)<br>4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting<br>5:00 PM Worship Service<br>6:00 PM 4:12 Youth Group |
| <b>Monday</b>   |
| 9:30 AM Open Pickleball<br>12:30 PM Open Pickleball<br>7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting<br>7:00 PM Revive Meeting (AA)   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  |
| 9:00 AM 60 North Breakfast at Russ'<br>5:00 PM Spirit Moves Karate  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  |
| 6:30-9:30 AM Open Prayer Time<br>6:30 AM Men's Promise Keepers<br>9:30 AM Mom's Group<br>6:00 PM Refuel Dinner<br>6:30 PM GEMS, Cadets, Adult Classes<br>7:00 PM Revive Meeting (AA)  |
| <b>Thursday</b>   |
| 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Russ'<br>12:30 PM Open Pickleball  |
| <b>Friday</b>   |
| 7:00 PM Couples' Bowling Night  |
| <b>Saturday</b>   |
| 9:00 AM Spirit Moves Karate<br>5:30 PM 4:12 Youth Group Auction   |

**Welcome to a day set aside for spiritual renewal.** This is the day the Lord has made. It is His gift to you. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

### PRAYER CORNER

*Be blessed to receive Jesus' healing journey.*

"No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse."

Psalm 25:3

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**Please include the following people in your personal and family prayers:**

- Linda Buit
- Roen Haan
- Brent Hofstra
- Sam Naber
- Sheri Peacock
- Linda Vander Heide
- Bennett Vander Vennen
- Ben Zandstra
- Our service members:  
Brian Smit and Steph Walstra

### WORSHIP

**This morning**, we will hear and celebrate the profession of faith of Bill Simmons. The season of Lent begins, and we will start a new sermon series, "**Our Greatest Need**". We will focus on the "I Am" statements of Jesus that are all different ways of claiming to be God and stating why he came. Today we focus on John 6, "I Am the bread of life." **In the evening** we will continue a new series of messages on Emotionally Healthy Relationships. We will focus on the wisdom of stopping mind reading and clarifying expectations.

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## WORSHIP (CONTINUED)

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**Next week: In the morning**, we will continue a sermon series, “**Our Greatest Need.**” We will focus on John 8, “I Am the light of the world.” **In the evening**, we will continue a series of messages on Emotionally Healthy Relationships.

**Large print copies** of the morning *Order of Worship* and *Announcements* pages are available in the in the narthex by the Providence Happenings table.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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**The annual congregational meeting is Monday, March 25, at 7 pm, in the sanctuary.** Items of business include the approval of the 2019-2020 budget and selection of church officers. Elder and deacon nominations are as follows:

**Executive Elder (need 1):**  
Dan Netz, Bryan Van Soelen

**Shepherding Elder (need 4, one 1-year):**  
Randy Baker, Jason Boersma, Jim Faber, David Hoekstra, Phil Ouwinga, Butch TenHaaf, Jack Tiemeyer, Bruce Vander Vennen

**Executive Deacon (need 1):**  
Nick Buitter, Eric Timmer

**Shepherding Deacon (need 3):**  
Randy Dykema, Jared Getz, Matt Leonard, Marc Schra, Ken VanderLaan, Jim Van Goor

**Absentee ballots for council selection** are available on the table in the narthex for anyone who cannot make it to the meeting. Please return absentee ballots in a sealed envelope with your name signed across the back of the envelope.

**Members, please confirm nominees** for these positions by selecting ALL of the nominees you believe are qualified to serve in that office. Names of the new officeholders will be drawn from a group of men that are confirmed by at least 67% of the congregation.

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## VISION UPDATE

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**Important! Plan to Attend:** On Sunday, March 31, at 11 am in the sanctuary, Doug McClintic will present the Vision process we will be embracing. It is our desire that every member of Providence hear this presentation. Please plan to join us.

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## DISCIPLESHIP

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**Emotionally Healthy Relationships:** This series of messages focuses on wisdom given in the Proverbs. Don't miss this opportunity to gain the wisdom to the “fear of the Lord” in our relationships. **Devotionals for it are available for \$10 on the back table.** If interested, workbooks can be purchased online. There is a free Emotional Healthy Inventory available online at [emotionallyhealthy.org/personal-assessment](http://emotionallyhealthy.org/personal-assessment), or grab a printed one from the table.

**Incorporating Motions into Worship with Sierra Greenwood:** I am offering a 4-week class on Saturday mornings starting this week, March 16, 9:30-11:15 am (off the Saturday of Spring Break). If you want to learn how to incorporate motions into your worship, I would love to have you join me! I will teach motions to some of my favorite worship songs. All ages are welcome! If you are interested or have any questions, please email me at [sierrangreenwood@gmail.com](mailto:sierrangreenwood@gmail.com), or you can call or text me at 616-617-2929.

**West Michigan Prays 24/7** is a prayer initiative coming from the pastor's retreat at Maranatha this past January. **Join these pastors, their churches, and all of West Michigan in praying** for unity in our churches, unbelievers to be saved, our families, life to be valued and protected in all stages of life, racial reconciliation, national spiritual awakening and for our local and national government. **Providence's day to pray is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, with March 28 being our first 24/7 prayer day.** More information and a prayer focus page are in your mailboxes. There is a signup sheet by the kitchen with ½-hour increments. We will also be implementing SignUpGenius with a reminder of your commitment. Questions? Contact Luanne Venneman ([luannevenneman@gmail.com](mailto:luannevenneman@gmail.com)) or a prayer team member.



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## 4:12 YOUTH

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High School Youth Group

**Small groups are tonight!** 10<sup>th</sup> graders meet at Kuipers' and 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> graders meet at Hofstras'.

**Set up for the 4:12 Auction** is this week Thursday night, March 14, from 6-9 pm, and Friday, March 15, from 3 pm until we are finished. On Saturday, plan on being there at 4 pm. If we need more time, I will message you! Many hands make light work. Please let Vonnie know if you will not be there. Your time earns you money towards your account!

**Plan ahead for Large Group! March 24**



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## YBCs (Young Believers in Christ)

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Middle School Youth Group

**Large group is next Sunday, March 17!**  
Join us 6-8 pm in the youth loft.

**Glow Roller Skate!** Friday, March 22, 7-9 pm. Drop off and pick up at Byron Fun Spot. Please contact Kaylee if you need to coordinate rides. Cost is \$5 for admission and \$4 to rent inline skates.



**Thank you to all who lent vehicles for our weekend retreat to SpringHill!** You were such a big help and we are so appreciative!

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## BIBLE MEMORY CAMP

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade ABCs

Today: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*  
Next week: *Unto you, O God, we do give thanks.*

### 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

This week: Psalm 100:1-3  
Next week: Psalm 100:1-4

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## CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

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**Sam's Drive: There is an informational meeting TODAY** about an upcoming blood drive in honor of our very own Samuel Naber. We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to help make this a community service event. Please join Kevin Novak next week after church in the multi-purpose room at 11:20 am for more info.

**Today we welcome Bill Simmons into our church family.** Here is his contact information for your hard copy directories:  
771 Coleman, Grand Rapids MI 49508  
Cell phone: 616-278-2490  
Email: [williamsimmons1950@gmail.com](mailto:williamsimmons1950@gmail.com)

## CARE AND FELLOWSHIP (CONTINUED)

**“Thank you so much for your prayers and concern** as I transitioned into life at Sunset Manor. I am doing very well! All praise to God.” ~Thelma Walcott

**Birthday Blessings!** Please celebrate those in the mission field enjoying a very special birthday this month:

- Isabel Neeley (turning 9 on March 17)

**60 North:** We will meet for breakfast at Russ' this Tuesday, March 12, at 9 am. Anyone ages “60 and north” can join!

**Keri Penning will be out of the office** this week Tuesday, March 12. All bulletin items are still due Thursday by noon.

### PLEASE NOTE

**REMINDER: Please be sure to unplug the microphone**

**cable connector** from the floor before moving the pulpit to prevent damage to the cable and connection. The cable connector recently needed to be replaced because it wasn't properly disconnected during a pulpit move. Thank you.

**ATTENTION DERBY RACERS:** We are planning two workshops to get your derby cars ready for the March 27 race. Due to constraints with this year's schedule, there is very limited time to work on the cars at our Wednesday night meetings. The dates are this week Saturday, March 16, and next Saturday, March 23, from 9 am-12 pm in the Cadet room. **We strongly encourage you to attend one or both events to fully prepare for Derby Night.** Snacks and drinks will be provided, as well as secrets and storytelling on how to win! See you there!!!

**Providence Men:** We will be meeting for breakfast this Thursday, March 14, at 8:30 am at Russ'. All men are welcome!

**S\*T\*R\*I\*K\*E! Couples Bowling Night is THIS Friday, March 15!** Sign up by today to join in the fun at Brewhouse Lanes in Dorr! Be sure to bring your A game, there just might be prizes! We'll bowl for two hours (7-9 pm). The cost is \$12/person, plus maybe a little extra to help cover the cost of renting the place out, depending on how many bowlers we have. Have questions? Contact Katie Ruis (kruis@providence-crc.org).

**Haiti Auction Fundraiser—THIS week Saturday, March 16!** Dinner and silent auction begin at 5:30 pm in the gym here at Providence. Check out the auction list that is in your mailbox today. Dress in your favorite Hawaiian or beach attire. Adults only event. We have a delicious menu of pulled pork, salads, desserts, and more! Join us to support 4:12YOUTH and our Haiti mission trip!

**It's time to order Easter flowers!** This is an annual fundraiser for the 4:12YOUTH group activities. Order forms are in your mailboxes today and are due by Sunday, March 24. Turn orders and payment in to Vonnie Verduin. Please contact her at cnv2005@att.net or 616-554-0364 with any questions.



**Kitchen Reminder:** If you plan to use either kitchen with your church rental or for a ministry purpose, please contact Jan Boersma at 616-334-4851 to receive proper training on the equipment if you haven't already. Thank you!

**Do you love to knit or crochet? We need you!** Hook, Needles and Yarn have been gifted a large amount of yarn and will need help making the prayer shawls that we donate. Each prayer shawl takes about 35-40 hours to complete. Please join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening of each month (October-May), or you can work on them at home! Yarn is provided. Please contact Hilda Althouse (ghalthus1@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or to volunteer to help.

**Quarterly giving statements are available via email.** If you wish to receive yours this way, please call in or send your request to Pam in the office (616-698-7930 or office@providence-crc.org). Year-end statements will still be printed and distributed every January. Let Pam or your district deacon know if you have questions.

**Paper Gator:** Providence uses the Paper Gator to recycle papers and raise funds for our high school youth program. Items that can go into the Paper Gator include newspapers, catalogs/magazines, junk mail, phone books, office and school paper, or soft cover books. Items NOT accepted include take-out boxes, cardboard boxes, and plastic, metal, and glass trash. Please contribute to the Paper Gator to help our environment and our youth programs! It is in the back corner of our parking lot.

**REVIVE:** Do you struggle with alcohol or drug abuse? Join us in our loft Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 pm for **open AA meetings.** Steve Huizinga coordinates the meetings (616-299-8809). *Please pray God uses this ministry.*

**Alcoholics Anonymous®**

**Visitors and Regular Guests:** Thank you for visiting Providence! If you would like to receive church mail, please feel free to take the contents from the “Visitor Mailbox” at the north end of our mailbox bank (near the library). We'd love for you to stay informed and connected in this way! Further, if you have any questions about our church, please contact Max Lambert at 616-795-3065 or mlamb12178@aol.com.

**Having difficulty finding your work-life balance?** Is the pressure wearing you down? Don't let the constant worrying affect your health. Our Church Assistance Program (CAP) can help you discover better coping skills. Call 616-455-6210 for free and confidential support.

**The King's Choraliers, a male chorus group, are performing tonight at Moline CRC at 5 pm.** They feature a repertoire of spirituals, anthems, and hymns sung in a variety of styles ranging from classical to contemporary. Benchmarks of the chorus are, and always have been, quality and variety. Please join us for an evening of worship and fellowship.

**Come support Byron Center Christian School** at the annual auction on Friday, April 26. Catered by On The Border. Contact Jodie Gritter with any questions (jodiegritter@gmail.com).

## OUTREACH

**Reaching out through life-giving relationships within our community.**

Missions Spotlight

**Rod and Debbie Wray**

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## OUTREACH (CONTINUED)

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**Refuel** is this Wednesday, March 13! The 6 pm supper will be provided by our **Mom's Group**, with proceeds going toward their ministry. All Refuel Night programming will begin at 6:30 pm. **Remember to invite your neighbors and friends to join us!**



#loveyourneighbor

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## KIDS HOPE USA

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**Kids Hope had a successful outing to the bowling alley a couple of weeks ago.** Praise God for wonderful mentors who are willing to give of their time each week to meet with these students! Pray for relationships to continue developing and that they see Jesus through our actions. Pray for greater connections to be made at our next party just before Easter.



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## DREAM BIG

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**Dream Big is in the very beginning planning stages.**

Pray for guidance in this and for partnerships to be made stronger. Start thinking about joining us this summer to go into the school and help run stations.



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## HAND 2 HAND

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**Packing Opportunities:** More dates have been added to our online sign-up for packing food bags for kids at Glenwood. Please type this link into your browser (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48a9af29a0f58-hand2hand1>) and sign up to lend a helping hand! Children ages 8 and up are welcome to come help with a parent.

**Needed: Plastic grocery bags.** Please place your extras in our Hand2Hand donation box in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

*Questions about Kids Hope, Dream Big, and Hand2Hand can be directed to Kim Didrichsons at [kdidrichsons@providence-crc.org](mailto:kdidrichsons@providence-crc.org) or text 616-293-8359.*