

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWS AND NOTICES

All Activities for
the week of 3/15 –
3/21 are
cancelled.

Office Hours: The office will be closed more this week due to the cancellation of all activities. Please call ahead if you need to stop at church.

PRAYER CORNER

Be blessed to receive Jesus' healing journey.

“. . .and to know this love that surpasses knowledge---that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3:19

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

- Linda Buit
- Donna Dykstra
- Christopher Gilbert
- Brent Hofstra
- Rob Houck
- Max Lambert
- Jose Flores Lopez
- Laura Spronk
- Linda Van Der Heide
- Bennett Vander Vennen
- Diane Zandstra
- Our service members: Josh Ponder, Brian Smit, and Steph Walstra

Please remember to pray for, support, and reach out to our missionaries.

They are the Grimbergs, Lees, Martins, Neeleys, Spalinks, and Wrays.

WORSHIP

.Next Week: In the morning, we will claim God's promises in baptism for Jack Alan Klomp and continue our Lenten sermon series, "**The Jesus Way**". Our focus will be on Philippians 2 and its description of the way Jesus journeyed and calls us to follow. **In the evening,** we will continue our study of the Apostles' Creed, focusing on the forgiveness of sins.

Nursery Needs: Two adult volunteers are needed for nursery next week Sunday evening (March 22). Please contact Keri Penning (keripenning@gmail.com) if you are willing to help. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE MEMORY

1st Grade: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”

Next Week: “When I am afraid, I will trust in you.”

2nd-5th Grade: Hebrews 10:24

Next Week: Hebrews 13:1-2

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting is **Monday, March 30, at 7 pm, in the sanctuary.** Items of business include approval of the 2020-2021 operating budget and selection of church officers.

Proposed Budget: The proposed 2020-2021 operating budget has been placed in your mailboxes. You are encouraged to review it prior to the congregational meeting and to bring it with you to the meeting.

Elder and deacon nominations are as follows:

Executive Elder (need 1):

Evert Van Der Heide, Bryan Van Soelen

Shepherding Elder (need 3):

Randy Baker, Lyle Boerman, Brad Bruinsma, Pete DeJong, David Hoekstra, Phil Ouwinga

Executive Deacon (need 1):

Ben Kloosterman, Eric Timmer

Shepherding Deacon (need 3):

Justin Buiters, Jared Getz, Zach Haan, Matt Leonard, Ken VanderLaan, Trevor Venneman, Dan Wiltjer

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 that 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 as determined by our quorum count at the meeting.

FROM THE VISION TEAM

Reminder for the 1500 meaningful connections goal: Have you had a chance to connect with another Providence member lately? You can complete a google form online through this link: <https://forms.gle/GPRhHp79KdNcDRu46> or you can scan  the QR code tagged here. There is also a box in the back of church that has a short form you can fill out. Perhaps you connected with someone at the Providence Table women’s gathering, or with someone new at Refuel. Your meaningful connections don’t need to be made at your house at your dinner table. Look for opportunities through church events to get to know someone that you didn’t know well before!

DISCIPLESHIP

CADETS: Save the date! The spring Cadet Campout is May 8-9. Mark your calendars! More details to come.

Providence CRC is seeking a part-time facilities manager to work approximately 20 hours a week. The best candidate will have experience in maintenance of a commercial building and overseeing the cleaning of a facility. Contact Dan Netz (dnetz@duttonchristianschool.org) to

obtain an application and job description. A committee will determine when applications are no longer accepted.

YBCs (Young Believers in Christ)

Middle School Youth Group

Join us for Skyzone next week Saturday, March 28. Plan to meet at church at 6 pm to ride together!

4:12 YOUTH

High School Youth Group

Our next large group is March 22 in the youth loft, 6-8 pm.

Mark your calendars for our end of the year retreat at the Conference Grounds April 24-26. More details to come! If you plan to attend, you can sign up through our 4:12 Facebook page or email us at leaders.412youth@gmail.com.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Ladies, do you wish you knew a little more about the book of Revelations? Tribulation, Millennialism, Preterism, Apocalypse, Purgatory, Rapture, Armageddon—so much confusing terminology! Come explore it with other seekers of understanding. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Our next Second Saturday is April 11; we’re planning a fun, casual night of **BOWLING!** Here are some details:

- \$15/person, but please don’t let cost prevent you from coming (talk to Jenni Timmer at jenni.timmer@gmail.com)
- 6-8 pm at Spectrum Lanes on Clyde Park (pizza included!)
- Non-bowlers can come too! There’s plenty of space to be comfortable and hang out with everyone.
- Sign up in the fellowship hall by April 5

CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

“Thank you to our Providence family for your cards, emails, offers to help, and words of encouragement with the passing of Pam’s dad.” ~Mileski family

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our 4:12 Youth at our Chick-fil-A Haiti Fundraiser. We appreciate your support very much!!

The 4:12 Youth Easter Flower Sale starts TODAY! Order forms are in your mailbox. Please make sure payment and forms are in Amanda Hofstra’s mailbox no later than March 29.

We welcome Josh, Katie, and Jack Klomp into our church family. Here is their contact information for your hard copy directories:

Address: 6895 Eastern Avenue SE
Grand Rapids MI 49508

Josh’s email: josh.klomp@gmail.com

Katie’s email: klomp.katie@gmail.com

Josh’s cell: 616-304-1568

Katie’s cell: 616-802-2998

Women’s Book Club meets this week Thursday, March 19, at 7 pm at Mary Walcott’s house (7241 Brooklyn SE).

The Health Ministry contact person is Sharon Fredricks. Please call her at 616-455-4059 with questions or needs.

Paper Gator: Providence uses the Paper Gator to recycle papers and raise funds for our high school youth program. Acceptable items include newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office and school paper, and soft cover books. Items NOT accepted include take-out boxes, cardboard boxes, plastic, metal, and glass. Please contribute to the Paper

Gator to help our environment and our youth programs! It's located in the back corner of our lot.

The Cadets thank everyone for their continued support through pop can donations! We have a pop can donation box located next to the Paper Gator in our parking lot. We accept all MI returnable bottles and cans. Also, if you have a large amount of pop cans to donate but would prefer someone pick them up, call Jeremy Vander Vennen at 616-291-9618.

REVIVE: Join us in our loft at 7 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays for **open AA meetings**. Steve Huizinga coordinates the meetings (616-299-8809).

If you have a church expense that needs reimbursing, please use the forms located on the left side of the church mailboxes. Before submitting them to Carol DeVries, all requests need to be approved by the Director responsible for the budget line being expensed. If you have questions, call deacon Ben Spaanstra (616-893-5284) or Pam (in the office: 616-698-7930).

Are dramatic mood swings having a negative effect on your career or relationships? Bipolar disorder affects all areas of life, including your mood, energy level, attention, and behaviors. But with the right combination of support, medication, and therapy, you *can* have a productive and fulfilling life. Take the first step and call your Church Assistance Program (CAP) at 616-455-6210 or 800-442-0809 for free and confidential help.

OUTREACH

Reaching out through life-giving relationships within our community.

Mission Support Fund: Faith Promise Pledge Forms with new totals are available and have been placed in your church mailbox. Remember, this is how we fund our local and global missions.

Host a Neighborhood Soup Bowl Party: This summer, many members hosted an Ice Cream Social and invited their neighbors to join. With winter finally arriving, the Outreach team thought it would be fun to encourage members to do the same thing—but with warm soup! **Forms are available on narthex table.**

Mission Spotlight

Rod & Debbie (Katie) Wray

Les Cayes, Haiti