

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWS AND NOTICES

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK March 17-23, 2019
Sunday
8:30 AM Prayer Time 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday School and Catechism 5:00 PM Worship Service 6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
Monday
9:30 AM Open Pickleball 12:30 PM Open Pickleball 6:00 PM Elders and Deacons Meetings 6:30 PM Hook, Needles and Yarn 7:00 PM Revive Meeting (AA) 8:00 PM Council Meeting
Tuesday
5:00 PM Spirit Moves Karate 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
Wednesday
6:30-9:30 AM Open Prayer Time 6:30 AM Men's Promise Keepers 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Facilities Team Meeting 7:00 PM Open Pickleball 7:00 PM Revive Meeting (AA)
Thursday
12:30 PM Open Pickleball 8:00 PM Men's Basketball
Friday
9:30 AM Parents & Preschoolers Open Gym
Saturday
9:00 AM Spirit Moves Karate

Welcome! We extend warm greetings and love in Jesus to each one joining us in worship. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. May the Lord's name be lifted high by each of us today!

PRAYER CORNER

Be blessed to receive Jesus' healing journey.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort..."

2 Corinthians 1:3

To continue to grow Providence Church as a House of Prayer, we host prayer time every Wednesday morning, from 6:30-9:30 am. The format is informal, with soft music and time to dwell with God in the sanctuary. A prayer guide is available. Please feel free to come and go. If you cannot come on Wednesdays, find the guide on the prayer table to continue learning about this good gift from God.

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

Please remember to pray for, call, and visit our church family members who can't be with us for worship. They are Senetta Dykstra, Jimmy Dykstra, Tom Entingh, Jan Reid, Fannie Timmer, Lois VanderHeide, and Thelma Walcott.

WORSHIP

This morning, the season of Lent continues and so does our sermon series, “**Our Greatest Need**”. We 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 8, “I Am the light of the world.” **This evening** we will continue a series of messages on Emotionally Healthy Relationships, focusing on the unnoticed but powerful forces that influence how we love others.

Next week: In the morning, we will continue a sermon series, “**Our Greatest Need**.” We will focus on John 10, “I Am the gate.” **In the evening**, we will continue a series of messages on Emotionally Healthy Relationships and the importance of listening to the hearts of others.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting is next 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.

VISION UPDATE

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 hope that every member of Providence hears this presentation. Please plan to join us.

DISCIPLESHIP

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, spiritual awakening for our nation, and for our local and national government. **Our day to pray is the 4th Thursday of each month, with next week, March 28, being our first 24/7 prayer day.** More info and a prayer focus page are in your mailboxes. There is a signup sheet by the kitchen with ½-hour increments, and we hope to create a SignUpGenius with a reminder of your commitment. Questions? Contact Luanne Venneman (luannevenneman@gmail.com) or a prayer team member.

Emotionally Healthy Relationships: This series of messages focuses on wisdom given in Proverbs to “fear 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 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 that started March 16. You are still welcome to attend the next 3 weeks, 9:30-11:15 am (off the Saturday of Spring Break). If you want to learn how to incorporate motions into your worship, please 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 contact me sierrangreenwood@gmail.com or 616-617-2929 (call/text).

4:12 YOUTH

High School Youth Group

Next week Sunday is Large Group from 6-8 pm in the youth loft! Dinner will be provided by Meengs and Schaaf.

SAVE THESE DATES

April 14: Small Groups

April 19: Good Friday service and bowling

April 28: End-of-year cookout



“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

YBCs (Young Believers in Christ)

Middle School Youth Group

Large Group is tonight! Join us 6-8 pm in the youth loft.

Glow Roller Skate is this week 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.

BIBLE MEMORY CAMP

1st Grade ABCs

Today: *Unto you, O God, we do give thanks.*

Next week: *Visit the orphans and widows.*

2nd-5th Grade

This week: Psalm 100:1-4

Next week: Psalm 100:1-5

CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

Hook, Needles, and Yarn meets tomorrow (Monday, March 18) at 6:30 pm **in the prayer room** (note room change). Come join in the fun and fellowship while creating prayer shawls for those in need. New members are always welcome! Yarn is provided. Contact Hilda Althouse with any questions (ghalthus1@sbcglobal.net).

Open Pickleball is this week Wednesday, March 20, at 7 pm. All are welcome, feel free to bring friends! Questions? Call Mark Stob at 616-862-6093.

ATTENTION DERBY RACERS: We have one more workshop to get your derby cars ready for next week’s big race! Join us in the Cadet room this Saturday, March 23, from 9 am-12 pm. **We encourage you to attend this event to fully prepare for Derby Night.** Snacks and drinks will be provided. See you there!

CARE AND FELLOWSHIP (CONTINUED)

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

Please remember 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 hadn't been properly disconnected during a pulpit move. Thanks!

Lost and Found: There are many found items that do not have a home. They are currently on a table in the fellowship hall, please look them over and take what belongs to you. After **March 31** they will be donated, so check today! Thank you.

The church library is looking for donations of appropriate books and movies for all ages and categories! We are modernizing things, and newer content would be a big help. There is a bin for donations outside the church library. We continue to display new books, come see! Also, you can **view the library's entire selection** and check out books electronically when you visit our church library online at www.librarycat.org/lib/providencecrc.

Streams of Hope, a local food pantry we partner with, needs clean plastic shopping bags. It's an ongoing need, so please save your items and bring them to church when you can! There is a box in the fellowship hall to leave your donation. Also, don't forget to keep your **SpartanNash receipts!** Streams of Hope receives a percentage of all slips turned in. There is a box on the Mission Table to put your receipts in.

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

Being a family caregiver increases your risk for depression and anxiety. Get the support you need so you can be there for your loved one. Free and confidential help is available by calling our Church Assistance Program (CAP) at 616-455-6210.

OUTREACH

Reaching out through life-giving relationships within our community.

Missions Spotlight

Rod and Debbie Wray

Haiti

Refuel is next Wednesday, **March 27!** It's Derby Night! The 6 pm supper will be provided by our **Refuel Dinner Crew**, with proceeds going toward Outreach ministries of the church. **The meal will be in the fellowship hall** and the **Pinewood Derby** will begin a little after 6:30 pm in the **gym. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us!** #loveyourneighbor

HAND 2 HAND

More dates have been added to our online sign-up for packing food bags (www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48a9af29a0f58-hand2hand1). Can you help us? Kids ages 8 and up are welcome to come with a parent!

We have a large need for plastic grocery bags. Please place your extras in our donation box in the fellowship hall. Thanks!