

RCRC Fall Family Night Tonight!

Fall Family Night is on. We're looking forward to seeing you at **6 PM** for pizza and a family game.

Pastor Anthony to Serve on CRCNA Council of Delegates

After consultation with the elders, Pastor Anthony agreed to put his name forward for nomination to serve on our denomination's Council of Delegates (COD). The COD is the governing board of the CRCNA (more information can be found here: <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/governance/council-delegates>). Pastor Anthony was nominated by Classis to serve on the COD at its most recent meeting. If his nomination is approved by the Synod of June 2022, then his term will commence on July 1, 2022 and extend for a period of three years. The COD meets three times a year, usually somewhere in the Midwest.

Men's Winter Clothing Drive

Time to clean out your closets! We are collecting used and new men's winter clothing to donate to Rochester Family Mission. RFM is in need of men's long-sleeved shirts, pants, sweaters, and jackets. Please bring your donations to church and leave them in the donation station across from the coat room.



Treats for Teachers

Let's reach out to the teachers at School #33 with some encouragement. Bring in individually wrapped candies and leave them in the bin marked "School #33." We will be distributing treat bags with an encouraging note to 65 teachers at the school.

Extending Sympathy

It has come to our attention that there are people in the congregation who would like to express their sympathy to Roger VanHeyningen in the passing of his wife Ginny VanHeyningen. We herewith provide Roger's address

Mr. Roger VanHeyningen
2850 Classic Drive, Unit 2512
Highlands Ranch
Colorado 80126

Sunday Worship Service

Worship with us in person or watch our livestream at **10 AM**. Pastor Anthony's sermon "Dear Sardis" will be based on Revelation 3:1-6. The order of worship is available at <https://www.rochestercrc.org/sermons-worship#bulletin>.

Church Office Closed on Tuesday

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, October 19. The office will reopen on Wednesday at 8:30 AM.

Koinonia Dinner

Join us for a pulled pork dinner at **6 PM on Wednesday**. Please sign up in the Narthex or notify the office by Monday, so we can give a count to Jeff first thing on Tuesday morning. If you signed up for the take-out option, pick up your food behind the church at 5:30 PM on Wednesday. Cost - \$5 per person, \$20 for a family of 4 or more.



Jr. High Youth Group

Wed., October 20, 6:30-8:00 PM – regular meeting at RCRC.

Sr. High Youth Group

Sunday, October 17, 6:30-8:30 PM – Join us at Zach's house. Come hungry, and dress warmly. If you have a favorite fireside snack to share, bring it along!

Friday, Nov. 5 Saturday, November 6 – Always Ready Youth Conference in Lancaster, PA.

Holiday Services

There will not be a Thanksgiving Day service this year. We will hold an in-person Christmas Day service.

What's Happening This Week?

To see what's happening this week, check out our calendar, <https://www.rochestercrc.org/calendar>.

Safe Church Policy Updates

As noted in last week's Council Notes, the Council has made some changes to our safe church policy and attendant documents to increase awareness and training. Here are links to two new documents that have been added to our policy:

Safe Spaces for Children:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/10/10848803-2540-4471-8bae-bfd4eee9bf96/documents/Safe_Spaces_for_Children-Dv4.pdf

Responding to a Child's Disclosure of Abuse:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/10/10848803-2540-4471-8bae-bfd4eee9bf96/documents/Responding_to_Childs_Disclosure_of_Abuse.pdf

Here is a link the the full policy:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/10/10848803-2540-4471-8bae-bfd4eee9bf96/documents/2021_Amended_Policy.pdf

Council Notes

Council met last evening and here is a summary of actions taken:

1. Council approved the proposed budget, the congregational meeting agenda, and the ballot for nominees for church office.
2. Council determined that the congregational meeting will be held in person, in the sanctuary, following the same protocols in place for Sunday morning worship. The meeting will be livestreamed via a private link for those who are unable or uncomfortable attending an in-person meeting. There will be no electronic voting at the meeting. Voting will either be done at the meeting or via absentee ballot.
3. Pursuant to our Guidelines for Congregational meetings, absentee ballots will be circulated beginning on 10/29/2021 (3 weeks prior to the meeting). Council set the start of the congregational meeting (November 16th @ 7:00PM) as the deadline for submission of absentee ballots.
4. Council also approved two amendments to our Safe Church Policy based on recommendations from our Safe Church Committee. These motions are focused on the dissemination of awareness and training materials to those involved in various ministries of our church. The Committee is expected to bring an additional motion to further amend our Safe Church Policy to include mandatory abuse awareness training for staff, Council members, and a defined group of volunteers on a regularly scheduled basis. Council also discussed enhancing our recognition of Safe Church Sunday to include some form of general and voluntary congregational awareness training offered after the worship service.