

## Congregational News

**CROP HUNGER WALK:** The Day Center at Evergreen provides meals for around 50 elderly clients a day. Kids Food Basket provides sack suppers to 8000 children a day in 47 West Michigan schools. Christian Neighbors feeds and clothes families in Allegan County. These are three agencies you assist by walking and donating. Sign up today at [www.hollandhunger.org](http://www.hollandhunger.org)

Did you know that the church is using a new membership software, ShelbyNext? Did you know that you can have access to it through your web browser or an app on your phone? You can either go to [thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com](http://thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com) or download the ShelbyNext membership app from your app store. Each member of the church has their own specific username. It is first name.last name. The first initial of both names is capitalized. When using the app it will ask for a domain name. That is [thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com](http://thirdreformed.shelbynextchms.com) We recommend you do a forgot password and you will be sent a temporary password that you can change later. Once on the website or the app we encourage you to upload a picture for each member of your family. If you need help, see one of the members of the communication team, or send it to Jeanette Beagley via email or the church office.

**FLOWERING THE CROSS:** We invite each family to bring a long stem flower, on Easter Sunday morning, symbolizing loved ones who have died or a person who has touched our Christian faith. The flowers will be put on a wooden cross and processed into the sanctuary.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** A Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On Good Friday, April 19 there will be a Neighborhood Good Friday Service beginning at 12:10 p.m. at Maple Ave Ministries.

**OUTREACH OFFERINGS:** The Maundy Thursday offering will support the Center for Women in Transition and the Easter Sunday outreach offering will support the Amaros.

### ORDER EASTER LILIES

**Sunday, April 14 is the last day to order lilies.**

**Place your order in the offering plate or bring to the church office.**

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.25 each Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Each person is responsible for picking up their own lily, taking it with them and/or delivering it to a shut-in.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The church office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 19.

**EASTER BRUNCH:** Celebrate Easter morning with your church family! Between services on April 21 (9:45-10:30 a.m.) come to Fellowship Hall for hot cross buns, muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee.

**YOUNG HEARTS:** Join us on Thursday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. for a presentation, followed by dessert. Our youth director, Hunter Brumels, will share what he learned when he and his seminary classmates traveled to the southern border this past January. Hunter will present on the current social and political climate in the border area, specifically in Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. He will also be giving an overview of the seminary trip, and how the church has been, and continues to be, active in that community. This is an opportunity to hear a first hand account on a topic that is frequently discussed. The presentation will be in the Chapel, with a time of dessert and conversation following in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by Monday, April 22 by calling the church office (392-1459), or by signing up in the Gathering Place.

Third Reformed Church has been chosen for the opportunity to host the Naturalization Ceremony at Herrick District Library on May 16, 2019. Over one hundred people from throughout the Midwest will take the oath to become new citizens of the United States. For most, this represents the culmination of many years of preparation. This will be a joyful experience. We will need to provide 45 dozen cookies, and seven volunteers for each ceremony (morning and afternoon). Please stop and talk to Dean or Kathy Miedema in the Gathering Place after the service, or call them this week at (616) 566-4663 (Dean) or (616) 204-4207 (Kathy). Morning ceremony volunteers will need to be at the library from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and the afternoon volunteers will need to be at the library at 11:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

**CELEBRATION OF A.J. MUSTE:** "What Would A. J. Muste Do Today?" is the title of this year's A. J. Muste Memorial Lecture, to be delivered by disability educator, human rights activist, and conflict resolution specialist Mary E. Neznec (Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m., Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall on Hope's campus). A new documentary film, "A J. Muste: Radical Pacifist," will be shown on Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m., in the Schaap Science Center, Room 1000. Come and learn more about the renowned peace advocate (and Hope College graduate).