

## Events for this Week

### Monday, January 22

#### 9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates

Come to the ARC Nursery on Monday mornings for an informal play-time and fellowship with parents and young children. Questions? Please contact Laura Genade, Coordinator ([lgenade@gmail.com](mailto:lgenade@gmail.com)).

#### 10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

#### 1:30PM Weekly Faith Sharing Group (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

### Wednesday, January 24

#### 6:15-7:30 PM F3 ("Fuel for Faith") for children in 1st-5th grades

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

#### 6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

Location: Middle School Youth Room - Rm 110 (lower level)

#### 6:15-7:30 PM Nehemiah Bible Study for Women (Room 202)

(January 17 - February 28, 2018)

Leader: Jill Haarsma

## Announcements

### •Soup-port our Youth

New year, new opportunity to support our high schoolers by volunteering to make soup for the HSYG's annual Soup-er Bowl fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 4. If you like making soup and you love our young people, volunteer to make chili, chicken or potato soup (recipes provided). If you'd like to help, contact Tamara Fynaardt: [fynaardt@nwciova.edu](mailto:fynaardt@nwciova.edu) or 712-395-1187.

### •Soup-er Bowl HSYG Fundraiser

Warmup for the big game with a bowl of your favorite soup at the High School Youth Group's **Soup-er Bowl Pre-Game Meal Sunday, Feb. 4.** Soup's on beginning at 11 a.m.; come after church or Sunday school. Your freewill offering supports our high school youth and their plans for an Urban Plunge trip this summer.

### •Invite a Japanese Student for Lunch on Sunday, January 29

On January 29 we will welcome 16 Japanese students from Tokyo to worship with us. We would like to send them home with ARC people for lunch after Sunday School. If you would be interested in hosting 2-3 students for lunch a bit of the afternoon, please contact Kathy Gabel at [kathygabel@gmail.com](mailto:kathygabel@gmail.com).

### •Discover American

What does it mean to be a member? How do I learn more about the beliefs, ministries, and leadership structure of ARC? Is membership for me? How do I become a member of ARC?

We explore these questions and more in our *Discovering American* class held February 18, 25, and March 4 after worship from 10:45 to 11:30. If you are interested in participating in this conversation-based class, please sign up at the Welcome Center or email your interest to [elizabetharcoc@gmail.com](mailto:elizabetharcoc@gmail.com) by February 4. If you have any questions about this class or American Reformed Church, the pastors welcome your calls and emails.

### •Hurricane Relief Trip

American Reformed Church is excited to prepare to send a team to a hurricane-affected area in either April or September of 2018! We are working with World Renew, which partners with RCA members, and is exceptional at organizing service trips.

If you are interested in joining us - there are no skills required - just a heart to serve, and hands and body willing and able to dig in whatever the task!

Please contact Victoria Karssen ([victoria.karssen@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.karssen@gmail.com), or 712.541.7943) so she can know which dates would work best for the team. World Renew is anxious to get ARC on the schedule, so that we might have our first choice of dates.

*Note: Kids and young adults who do mission work can get financial support from the Next Generation Missional Engagement Scholarship Fund. **Scholarships are available** for mission trips, mission internships, disaster response work, and more. Participants must be 25 or younger. (Hats off to the RCA Church Growth Fund and others for providing financial support that makes this possible.) [Apply by February 1.](#) You can view the brochure on the [rca.org](http://rca.org) website.*



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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.  
\*Indicates you may stand if you wish.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*SONG OF WORSHIP "Our God Is Here"

\*GOD'S GREETING

*Community Health Partners has asked that all churches in the area curtail hand-shaking due to recent cases of influenza and out of concern for those who may be vulnerable to the complications from a cold or the flu.*

SONG OF CONFESSION "Not in Me"

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS 1 John 1:5, 7

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. **If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.** Friends, you are forgiven people. Go forth to live in peace. **Amen!**

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3–1st grade may exit out the sanctuary doors to meet Children & Worship (C & W) leaders. Leaders will take the children directly to their Sunday school classrooms following the service. Children who do not attend C & W are welcome to use the worship bags by the elevator during the service.*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "I'll Not Be Shaken"

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14

SERMON "Missional Discipleship: Authenticity"

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.*

OFFERTORY "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

\*DOXOLOGY #809

FLOURISH UPDATE ARC Consistory Leaders

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #634 "Guide Me..."  
vv. 1, 2, & 3

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG "Will You Come and Follow Me"  
vv. 1 & 4

\*POSTLUDE

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### Participating in Worship

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship  
Pam De Haan Organist  
Bethany Dykstra, Tamara Fynaardt, Jacob Gabel, Praise Team  
Wanda Korthals, Teresa Sampson, and Daniel Tolsma  
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman Leading in Worship  
Sanctuary Choir Offertory  
Philip De Koster, Director  
Alyssa Daun, Accompanist

### Praying for God's People

\***Doug Burg** was released from the Orange City Area Health System Hospital on Sunday, January 14. Pray for continued health and strength.

\***Remember in prayer ARC's Partners in Mission for January:**

**Dr. Bernardeth and Pastor Adrian Bobb-Kelly and Olivia Holt** serve in Bluefields, Nicaragua (<https://www.rca.org/adrian-bernardeth-bobb-kelly> and <https://www.rca.org/olivia-holt>).

**ATLAS Orange City Area**, a Christian organization dedicated to helping the hurting, equipping believers, and uniting the community in our communities (<https://www.atlasorangecityarea.com/>).

### Events for today

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee Fellowship in the gathering area behind the sanctuary.

Hands of Praise (Grade 2-5) in the fellowship hall.

Children & Worship Music Time (ages 3-1st grade) in Room 111

10:45-11:30 AM

Discipleship Classes for Ages 3-12th Grades (Lower Level)

Discipleship Class for Adults (Jan. 14-Mar. 4):

♦ **That's Just Your *Interpretation!* – Becoming Better Readers of the Bible**

Facilitator: Jim Mead, Northwestern College

Location: Fireside Room (202)

This course introduces a variety of perspectives and methods for interpreting the Bible, including historical, literary, theological, spiritual, socio-economic, and missional approaches.

♦ **Christian Perspectives on News Headlines:**

"The Current Reality of Racism in America" focusing on current policies, comments, and actions around race in the last week.

Facilitator: Steve Mahr

Location: Genesis Room (205)

4:40 PM

Leaps of Faith Practice (Grades 4-12) in the sanctuary

6:30-8:30 PM

High School Youth Group in the HSY Room.