

Events for this Week

Monday, January 29

9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates (ARC Nursery)

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.)

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

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

Wednesday, January 31

10:00-11:00 AM Town Hall Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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 201)

Leader: Jill Haarsma

Announcements

•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.

Town Hall Meetings

The consistory is hosting three town hall meetings for the congregation to learn about the \$1.925 million building project with a long-term financing amount of approximately \$700,000. Meetings will be held today (Sunday, January 28) from 10:45 to 11:45 AM and from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and on Wednesday, January 31 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. All town hall meetings will be held in the lower level fellowship hall. We hope you are able to attend one of these important gatherings to hear more about how the consistory has discerned God's leading to this point in the process. For those unable to attend a town hall meeting, information will be sent via email and US Mail on Thursday, February 1.

•Congregational Vote

A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, February 11, to vote on the \$1.925 building project with a long-term financing amount of approximately \$700,000. This vote will aid the consistory in their ongoing discernment in the building project process. If you are unable to participate in the congregational vote on February 11, you may obtain an absentee ballot in the church office beginning on Thursday, February 1. **Absentee ballots must be signed and must be received in the church office before 12:00 PM on Friday, February 9.** Thank you for your participation in this process!

•Discerning Consistory Leaders

All ARC Confessing Members are invited to participate in the consistory nominations and elections process. In your family mailbox at ARC you will find a letter from the 2018 ARC Consistory Nominating Committee, a list of eligible nominees for the consistory, and a nomination form. **Completed nomination forms are due in the box on the Welcome Center in front of the church office by 12:00 PM on Sunday, February 11.** Thank you for prayerfully considering those whom God is calling to serve in leadership at ARC.

•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 by February 4. If you have any questions about this class or American Reformed Church, the pastors welcome your calls and emails.



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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2018



THE APPROACH TO GOD

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

PRELUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
"O Worship the King"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Lord Most High"

*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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who created and called creation "good"-
We have heard your call to care for all of creation,
**to love our neighbors,
and to be a blessing to the world.
Sometimes we live into that call.
We care; we love; we bless.
But so often we fall short of your design for our lives,
and we have made a mess of the world.
We neglect what we've been called to care for.
We threaten what we've been called to love.
We turn our backs on what we've been called to bless.**

Please use the period of silence for personal reflection.

We place our hope in your covenant with us.
**We believe that you are still at work in the world.
We seek, once again, to join you in that work.
By your Spirit, guide us that we may follow in the way of Jesus.
In the name of Jesus, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS The Sacrament of Baptism

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 Sunday school 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 "Speak, O Lord"

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:46-49

SERMON "Missional Discipleship: Integrity"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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

OFFERTORY "Tallis' Canon"

*DOXOLOGY #809

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 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
tune #568; lyrics on screen

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "Will You Come and Follow Me"
v. 1 & 2

*POSTLUDE "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King"
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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Sharon Bartlett	Organist
Pam Anderson, Doug De Zeeuw,	Praise Team
Marlene De Zeeuw, Bethany Dykstra, Katie Kensak,	
Mary Schram, Angela Kroeze Visser	
Benjamin Langton	Children's Message
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman	Leading in Worship

Today we welcome high school students from our sister school in Tokyo, Meiji Gakuin. They are here for the 3 week Winter English Program at NWC. They will worship with us, attend Sunday School, and visit an ARC family for lunch.

Praying for God's People

***ARC expresses its sympathy the family of William "Bill" Herzog, Jr.** (age 90), former member and choir director of ARC, passed away last week Thursday, January 18. Tentatively, there will be a memorial service in Monroe, NY on Monday, January 28, 2018. For further detail please go to <https://www.flynnfh.com/listings>. Cards can be sent to his wife, Lois, at 54 High Ridge Road, Monroe, NY 10950. Pray for peace and comfort for Lois and her family as they grieve and celebrate Bill's life.

***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 sanctuary

(Note change of location for this week only!)

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:**

This class will discuss a "hot-button" news issue for each past week, focusing on how Christians should respond to the issue based on biblical teachings.

Facilitator: Steve Mahr

Location: Genesis Room (205)

10:45-11:45 AM & 4:00-5:00 PM **Town Hall Meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

These town hall meetings are the designated opportunities for you to receive information on the updated floor plans of the building project, to ask clarifying questions and engage in discussion. When we gather as a congregation between worship and Sunday school on February 11, there will not be time for discussion; our only task will be to vote.

4:40 PM

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

6:30-8:30 PM

High School Youth Group at the Lamberts.