

## Announcements

### •Advent Decorations Takedown—Wed., Jan. 11

We are looking for volunteers to help the middle school youth with Advent decorations takedown. Join us for dinner at 5:30 PM in the fellowship or come at 6:15 PM. We will meet in the coffee fellowship area for instructions.

*NOTE: Please bring a cordless drill, if you have one.*

### •Prayer n' Care Partners: Please Continue to Pray in the New Year

Thank you for investing in the children and youth of ARC! We are so grateful for your presence in their lives. If you haven't connected with your child lately, we encourage you to try a few of these ideas:

**Toddler/Preschooler:** Ask the parent if they need child care assistance, invite the family over for a meal, or send a coloring book home.

**Elementary students:** Invite the student to go to a movie, make a craft together, send a note of encouragement in his/her family church mailbox or ask the parent if he/she can sit with you during church on any particular Sunday.

**Middle School/High School:** Ask for the student's cell phone number and send encouraging texts, make an effort to attend some of her/his concerts or games, or take them out for coffee.

We know you pray. We know you care. And we trust you to find the best way to show it to your students. Each relationship is unique! Thank you for helping make ARC a place that every child and student can belong.

•If you did not receive Offering Envelopes in your church mailbox this week and you would like a box, please contact the church office.

## Consistory

### Elders

Wanda Korthals, Vice President ('17)  
Lynne Hubers, Clerk ('18)  
Kathy Gabel ('17)  
Harold Heie ('17)  
Benjamin Langton ('19)  
Kim Van Es ('19)

### Deacons

Jeff Toslma, Chair ('17)  
Ryan Visser, Vice Chair ('18)  
Pam Boonstra ('18)  
Mary Fernow ('19)  
Tamara Fynaardt ('17)  
Gary Richardson ('19)

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## ARC ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OFFERINGS Winter/Spring 2017

### ◆THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

**10:45 – 11:30 AM Sundays**  
**January 15 – March 5**

**Facilitator:** Eric Elder

**Location:** International Room (201)

This class will be a discussion based study of the gospel of Mark, the shortest of all the four gospels that presents a vivid, vigorous, straightforward account of the public ministry of Jesus. One commentator says that "the key verse of the gospel is the disclosure of Jesus that the Son of man is the Suffering Servant of God who will give his life as a ransom for many" (10:45).

### ◆HELPING ALL ARC FAMILIES TO FLOURISH (CONTINUATION OF FALL OFFERING)

**10:45 – 11:30 Sundays**  
**January 15 – March 26**

**Facilitators:** See below

**Location:** Fireside Room (202)

No two families are alike and families face a wide diversity of challenges to human flourishing. The purposes of this Adult Discipleship series are: To gain a better understanding of the unique joys and challenges facing different family arrangements as revealed by personal stories told by selected ARC families. Based on such understanding, we will explore ways in which ARC members, individually and collectively, can better support those ARC families facing unique challenges.

#### #1: Divorce and Blended Families (January 15, 22 & 29)

**Facilitators:** Jerry and Kim Van Es

#### #2: Singles and Couples without Children (February 5, 12 & 19)

**Facilitators:** Steve Mahr and Wanda Korthals

#### #3: Families That Include LGBT Individuals (February 26 & March 5)

**Facilitator:** Tamara Fynaardt

#### #4: Families that Include Individuals with Special Needs (March 12)

**Facilitator:** Sara Tolsma

#### #5: Inter-Generational Families (March 19 & 26)

**Facilitator:** Lynne Hubers

### ◆RIDDER CHURCH RENEWAL: EMBRACING YOUR LIFE OF MISSION

**6:30 – 7:30 PM Wednesdays**  
**January 18 – February 22**

**Facilitators:** Two members of the Ridder Church Renewal Team

**Location:** Fireside Room (202)

In the company of others who are on their own Christian journeys, attendees will first reflect on the joys and challenges of their life experiences to date. Then, based on a conversation about the redemptive work that God is doing in our world and an assessment of their particular gifts, attendees will reflect on possible ways that they can partner with God in the future in the work that God wishes to do within the walls of our church, in our local community and beyond.

**ARC**  
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First Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 8, 2017



John 2:1-11

“Wine to Gladden the Hearts of God’s People”

American Reformed Church gathers together to be transformed by Jesus to transform the world through acceptance, grace, wisdom, and love.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have been called by the Holy Spirit to *welcome* others in the hospitality of God, *worship* God, *know* God in community with others, *serve* God by serving others, and *share* our God-given resources.

# 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 "Glorify You Alone"

\*GOD'S GREETING

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Adapted from *Call to Worship*, vol. 47.1  
God of glory,  
**we confess that we have not sought your face.  
We adore the high and mighty  
and ignore your humble servant.  
We act with prejudice and partiality  
and fail to share your love for all.**

*(Brief period of silence for personal prayers of confession.)*

God of grace,  
**have mercy upon us and forgive us.  
Pour out the power of your Spirit  
and renew us in our calling:  
to show the wonder of your love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "Shine On Us"

# The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children ages 3-1st grade are invited to attend Children & Worship located on the lower level:  
3-4 year olds — Room 103; 5-6 year olds — Room 104*

\*SONG OF PREPARATION #121 "Jesus, Thou Joy"

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11

SERMON 'Wine to Gladden the Hearts of God's People'

# The Response to God

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.*

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY p. 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 #670 "Rise Up, O Saints of God"  
w. 1, 2, & 3

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG #670 "Rise Up, O Saints of God"  
v. 4

\*POSTLUDE

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## Participating in Worship:

The Congregation Serving the Lord in Worship  
Julia Huisman Organist  
Cindy Cleveringa, Sharon Foughty, Jacob Gabel, and Praise Team  
Teresa Sampson  
Lynne McMahan Liturgist  
Laura Jonker, Director of Children's Ministry Children's Message  
Dr. Jason Lief Guest Preacher

*Mike and Elizabeth are finishing up their time away for continuing education today. They return to their regular pastoral work at American Reformed Church tomorrow, Monday, January 9. If you have a pastoral need today, please contact the elder on call: Benjamin Langton (712.737.6882 or [benjamin.langton@icloud.com](mailto:benjamin.langton@icloud.com)).*

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## Focus on Global Mission

The ARC Serve Team is drawing our focus to one of our global missions for the month of January. We will be highlighting our 2 RCA missionaries: Pastor Adrian & Dr. Bernardeth Bobb Kelly and Olivia Holt. Look for prayer requests and updates throughout the month. Here is the first prayer request, all 3 of our missionaries will be hosting service-learning teams from Jan-March. Pray for them all as they work together to serve in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

## Praying for God's People

\***Judy Wierda** who is hospitalized in Orange City.  
\***Dorothy Brown** (Pastor Elizabeth's Grandma) who is 90 years old today, January 8. If you would still like to send her a card in celebration of this milestone birthday, please send it to: Dorothy Brown, Grandview Rm 11, Prairie Ridge, 1005 7<sup>th</sup> St., NE, Orange City, Iowa 51041  
\***Mrs. Carol Meerdink Boote** (late husband: Clarence) who will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 12, 2017. Cards can be sent to her at 145 Columbia Ave., Apt. #301, Freedom Village, Holland, MI 49423. Her phone number is (616)392-1164.

## Events for Today

- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** (Gathering Area behind the sanctuary) Everyone is invited to stay for coffee or tea and cookies.
- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Hands of Praise** (grades 2-5)  
Location: Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Children & Worship Music Time** (age 3—1st grade)  
Location: Room 111
- ◆ **10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes for Pre-K thru 12th Grade**  
*(Note: Adult Classes begin NEXT Sunday, January 15. See reverse side for details.)*
- ◆ **6:30 PM High School Youth Group** at the Lamberts.  
Bring your journal and bible.

## Events for this Week

### Monday, January 9

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

Need a change of scenery? Tired of playing with the same toys every day? 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.

#### 1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

#### 6:30 PM Deacons' Meeting (Room 204)

#### 6:30 PM Elders' Meeting (Room 201)

#### 7:45 PM Consistory Meeting (Room 204)

### Wednesday, January 11

#### F3 and MSYG Family Meal Night

Happy New Year! It's time to gather our ARC families. Please respond for the January 11 F3 Family Meal, serving 5:30-6:15 PM

Menu: Taco Bar - all the fixins for tacos, taco salad or nachos, fruit and cookies. (Optional PB&J, cheese sandwiches will be available)

*After the meal, F3 students and parents will do a Bridge service activity while MSYG students take down advent decorations.*

Families - We will plan for average crowd we have been having, but your RSVP really helps us to plan.

Helpers - We are seeking volunteers for the following:

- Make cookies or brownies (we will need 12 dozen)
- Help the afternoon of Jan 11 to prepare meal (between 1:00-4:00 PM)
- Help to serve meal and clean up (5:00 - approx. 7:00 PM)

Reply to Pam Boonstra, [pamboonstra@gmail.com](mailto:pamboonstra@gmail.com) or text/call 712-548-7148.