

Sunday, December 9, 2018

TODAY:

NURSERY: AM: Debi Kramer, Gage Koopmans

PM: Kayla Dekkers, Mikaela Broek

USHERS: Les Dorhout, Kevin Eisma, Doug Faber

GREETERS & COFFEE SERVERS:

Brandon & Kayla Dekkers (4 dozen cookies)

Jim & Angela Dekkers (4 dozen cookies)

MUSICIAN: AM: Nicolas Kuperus

PM: Haley Kuperus & Cassady Dekkers

SOUND SYSTEM: Kuperus

LIBRARIAN: AM: Janice Fedders

OFFERING: AM: General Fund

PM: General Fund

NEXT WEEK:

Sharla Gradert, Haley Kuperus

Kaitlyn Lockhorst, Treyton Bonnema

Kameron Gradert, Kolton Gradert, Josh Hooyer

Justin & Raelle Dekkers

Arlin & Marlene De Weerd

Celia Ten Napel

Sara Hulshof

Zomermaand

Cal Bootsma

Christian Ed

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Our Church Family

Pam Fedders has a ligament tear in her ankle.

Pete Dekkers continues with doctor's visits and treatments for leukemia.

Velda Juffer was hospitalized briefly a week ago due to dehydration caused by medications. We can be thankful that her leg infection and swelling have improved tremendously though.

Celia Ten Napel received good news that she can walk on her ankle with a boot for the time being and progress to a shoe when she feels comfortable. Praise God for healing.

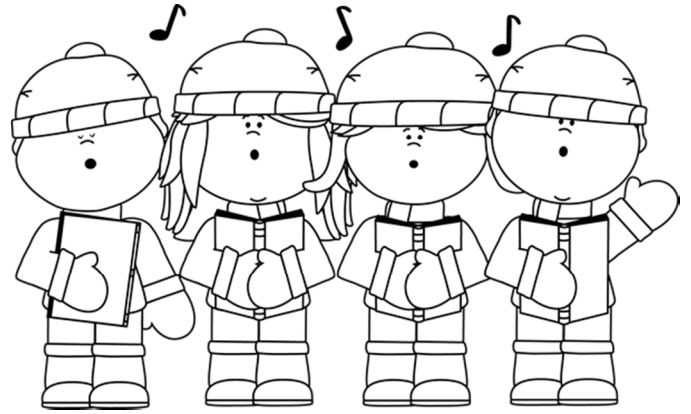
Continue to pray for **Kory Bonnema, Megan Miedema, and Jason De Wit** as well.

Ireton CRC News and Announcements ...

NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON: At our **December 11** congregational meeting we will be selecting our new office bearers. For the 1 elder position, council has approved the nomination of **Gerald Postma, Marlin Schoonhoven, and Doug Ten Napel**. For the 2 deacon positions, council has approved the nomination of **Brandon Dekkers, Mike Rens, Dave Scholten, and Ryan Zomermaand**. At the congregational meeting each adult professing member will cast a ballot affirming all, none, or some of the nominees for elder and deacon. From the nominees that were affirmed by the membership, we will cast lots to determine who will become our new elder and deacons. Please continue to pray for the process of selection at home. If you have questions about the process, please speak to one of the Elders or Pastor Nate.

ELDERS AND DEACONS TRANSITIONAL MEETING: ALL RETIRING and NEW council members are asked to come to the transitional meeting immediately following the congregational meeting on **December 11**.

GEMS: Our Christmas party is **Wednesday, December 12**. Since we have a lot to do, we will be starting at 6:00 and finishing up at 9:00. We will have pizza and snacks for the girls. Please make sure they dress warm for caroling.



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: Beyond our Sunday services during the season of Advent, we will be gathering together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior on Christmas morning, **December 25 at 9:30 A.M.** We will also join together to ask for the Lord's blessing on 2019 on New Year's Day, **January 1 at 9:30 A.M.** What a joy it is to praise God for his provident love and wonderful grace again this year!

LET'S STUDY MARK: The Mark Bible is going through Study 10. The study that was canceled this past week will be rescheduled for **January 6**. We will be meeting at Jim and Angela Dekkers's house.

GEMS TRASH BAGS will be delayed until Christmas. We apologize for this delay but delivery wasn't possible because of the weather. We thank Helen, Howard Hulshof's sister, for delivering them for us from Kansas City every year when visiting family. Thank you for your patience.

THE TEAM TEN NAPEL GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS ARE HERE. Each one has beautiful pictures of God's creation throughout the world and scriptures for every week. The profits from these calendar sales goes to "Relay for Life". Limited amount on hand. So, if interested, please contact Susan Ten Napel at 278-2520. If no answer, please leave a message. \$10.00 per calendar. Team Ten Napel thanks you for your support to find a cure for cancer that strikes so many of our friends and family.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please put any bulletin announcements in Nicki's Church mailbox or via email nickiweida@gmail.com by **NOON** on **Thursday, December 13**. *Thank You.*

Ireton Christian School ...

IRETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S SOUP SUPPER AND CANDY WALK is this **Monday, December 10**, serving from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Ireton Christian School Gym. Menu includes Taverns, Coneys, Hot Dogs, Chicken Soup, Potato Soup, Chili Soup, Pies & Ice Cream. Freewill donation. We will also be having a Candy and Cookie Walk. A variety of Christmas goodies will be available. Pick and choose what you like and pay by the pound!



THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS who came to our musical, "Are We There Yet?" on Thursday, November 29. We raised over \$1100 for the Kingma family with our offering. *Thank You, Ireton Christian School.*

FALL BUILDING DRIVE FOR IRETON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS IS STILL GOING ON. It's great time of the year to give of your donations to ICS. We have currently raised over \$32,000. We want to raise at least \$60,000 to complete projects (update all infrastructure of our technology system, put in a security system, and replace our 1999 bus - west route). Thanks and please consider supporting ICS!

Unity Christian High School ...

UNITY'S FFA CHAPTER WILL SPONSOR A CHICKEN/CHILI SOUP/CINNAMON ROLL SUPPER on **Thursday, December 13**, serving from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (before the Christmas concert) in the Unity cafeteria. Free-will donation for FFA.

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be presented on **Thursday, December 13** at 7:00 p.m. at the Unity Christian Knight Center. All the school's music ensembles will participate. A free will offering will be received for the Music Department. Come and celebrate the birth of the King!

Area Community News ...

TRAVELING NATIVITY: The senior high youth group at Maurice Reformed Church invites us to their Traveling Nativity held on **Sunday, December 9** in Maurice from 5:30-8:30 PM. A horse drawn wagon will lead you down a lit path to events leading to the birth of Christ. Enjoy warm refreshments in the church's Family Life Center before or after you ride. Freewill donations will go toward the senior high youth group at MRC. Hope you can make this special presentation celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.



'CHRISTMAS JAZZ NIGHT' AT DORDT COLLEGE will take place on **Tuesday, December 11**, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature the Kantorei (a 16 voice jazz choir) and Jazz Band. The Kantorei will be celebrating the birth of Christ in unique and intricate ways with a cappella renditions of *Mary Did You Know* by Pentatonix, familiar carols like *Silent Night* and the Coventry Carol approached from a jazz perspective, and songs performed in collaboration with the Jazz Band. The Dordt Jazz Band will be swinging to some holiday classics like, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Come in out of the cold for a night of light, bright jazz music.

THE DORDT COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT will take place on **Friday, December 14**, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir - over 160 singers. The choirs will explore a wide range of repertoire for Christmas to commemorate and marvel at the great mystery and wondrous gift of the birth of Christ. Highlights include works by Eric Whitacre, Jake Runestad, John Rutter, Ola Gjeilo, Knut Nystedt, Vijay Singh, and Michael Engelhardt. Stunning a cappella compositions will be side by side with several forms of accompaniment that will bring a deep texture to the program, including piano, cello, guitar, flute, harp, percussion, and handbells.

Week at a Glance ...

Sunday	December 9	9:30 AM	Worship Service
		10:45 AM	Sunday School Program Practice/Catechism
		6:00 PM	Worship Service
Tuesday	December 11	7:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
Wednesday	December 12	6:00 PM	GEMS
Thursday	December 13	12:00 NOON	Bulletin Announcements Due