



IRETON CHRISTIAN
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THANK YOU

To the Church Family: Thanks for prayers, food, cards and expressions of sympathy due to the passing of my brother, James Van Gelder.

Kathy Van Wyhe

Thank you to everyone in our congregation here at Ireton who took the time to send a card, brought over a meal or prayed for our family during the last few months. Losing a "mom", family member is never easy. Thanks to our elders and Pastor Nate for his care at this time. Thank you also for remembering us in prayer with my dad's hospitalization right after my mom's passing. He is doing well and recovering in the Nursing Home. Thank you for your continued prayers during his healing. Thank You so much!

Marlin, Leah Schoonhoven and Family

Greetings, everyone! I have anxiously been waiting for the final shoebox count for 2017!!! I received a letter yesterday and total boxes donated were..... 11,012,840! God is amazing! There were over 5000 from NW Iowa! ICS packed 89 of those! The lady in charge of the Sioux Center drop-off site sent a personal message. "Bless you, bless you for your faithful heart for the ministry of OCC. I know it is a passion of yours, and the way the students are involved is a beautiful thing. Thank you! God smiles! Children (givers and receivers) are blessed! Gratefully!" Keep your eyes open for those great deals and start collecting early! Again, thanks so much for making someone's life better by a shoebox and hearing the word of God!

God bless, Tammy Sieck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YPS Sub Sales - YPS will be selling subs, ham/cheese sandwiches, and roast beef/cheese sandwiches thru **April 1**. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church if you would like to order. The kids will also be calling around to get orders. We will be making and delivering them on April 18. Thanks for your support!

Christian Education Sunday will be on **April 29**. We will have a potluck dinner and lawn games for the adults and children. More details will come in the bulletin later.

The **“Ladies in Waiting” Thursday afternoon, 1:30pm Bible Study**, will conclude their study of Heaven with Lessons 6 and 7 on **April 19 and May 3**. Please find the study guides in your mailbox.

Service Trip Opportunity!! The youth group is planning a service trip this summer and would LOVE to have some more members of our congregation join us! We are hoping to get a team together of about 20 people. They do require it to be high school age and above. We are planning the trip through World Renew to the Houston area to help with the hurricane devastated area. The trip is planned for **July 21-28**. If you feel this is something God is leading you to do or are at all interested in, please talk to Angie Zomermaand or Sara Hulshof. We do have a packet of information in regards to the disaster response trips thru World Renew that you can also get from one of us for more information. We would like to know in the next couple of weeks if you would like to go so we can move forward with the application process. Thanks for considering!!

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday evening, **April 6** at Te Slaa Trucking (corner of Hwy 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The evening's schedule is: doors open at 4:30 PM; food booth and buy-it-now table opens at 5:00 PM; the live auction begins at 5:30 PM. Visit our website for a list of items that will be auctioned off: www.hopehaven.org. The whole family is invited to this community event!

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a future home in **Hull**. Application forms are available at the Hull City Office, Hull Library and online at <http://siouxlandhabitat.org/our-programs/home-ownership/>. **Completed applications are due by April 20**. A meeting will be held **April 10** at the Hull Library from 5:30-6:30 to provide information and answer questions. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Franje, 712-476-2804 or email kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.

Siouxland Habitat Home Dedication - Please join us on **Saturday, April 20**, 11:00am to give thanks to God and ask for His blessing on this home and the Garcia family. The home is located at 844 8th Ave. NW in Sioux Center. Refreshments will follow a short program, and everyone is welcome!

April 25 will be the Ireton Community VBS Supper Fundraiser at the Ireton Community Center. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the salads (please sign up at your church) and baked goods donations for the bake sale! Please bring your donations to the community center by 3 on Wednesday, April 25th. The supper will be served from 5 - 7:30 p.m., with take-out trays available. This is a free-will donation supper, including pork burgers, beans, macaroni salad, oreo salad, ice cream and drinks. We hope to see everyone at the supper! This is a great way to support the community VBS program!

Sunday, April 29, a retirement open house will be held honoring Pastor Doug Van Aarsten of Ireton First Reformed Church. Please join us in celebrating Pastor Doug's service in Ireton and wish him well in his retirement from 11:30 - 1:00 at the Ireton Community Center! A catered lunch will be served, free of charge.



HILLCREST SERVICE

Hillcrest Service will be **Monday, April 2 at 6:30 pm**

(Chairman is requested to call Hillcrest (551-1074) before 9am on the morning of your service to remind them that your group will be there in the evening.) Jim Dekkers (chair), Tammy Sieck (piano), Howard Bomgaars, Doug Broek, Les Dorhout, Art Hamming, Brady Koopmans, Gerald Postma, Jeff Statema, Brady Van Sloten

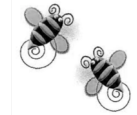
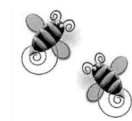
Hillcrest Visitation, New Opportunity to Serve: Mondays 6:30 PM, every other month

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ Matt 25:40

1. Advance preparation: One week before, get together with your group to assign or make together hand-written Bible verses, cards, and notes of encouragement to give to each resident: **46** for Hillcrest; **8** at Mica Hill.
2. Begin in Mica Hill, North side, as they are concluding their supper in the dining room. Introduce yourselves from the Ireton Christian Reformed Church. Tell them you’re here to encourage them by bringing some Good News. Sing first verses of familiar hymns with them, acapella, while you pass out the notes of encouragement. Ask for prayer requests and conclude with prayer.
3. Move on to each of the 5 hallways in Hillcrest. At this point, you could split-up your group to cover all hallways at the same time. Start by singing a hymn at each entrance. If their door is open, greet them by name (outside of each room), introduce yourself, ask about their day, how you can pray for them, and leave the note. If their doors are closed, scotch tape it to the door.

MARCH OFFERING TOTALS

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| 1. General Fund | | |
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| b. Christian Education | 729.56 | |
| c. Hope Haven | 528.00 | |



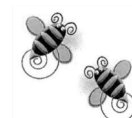
APRIL OFFERING SCHEDULE

	AM	PM
1	Christian Education	Christian Education
8	Ken & Jeannie Lee	Ken & Jeannie Lee
15	Cadets (Local)	Cadets (National)
22	Christian Education	Christian Education
29	Tuition Assistance	Tuition Assistance

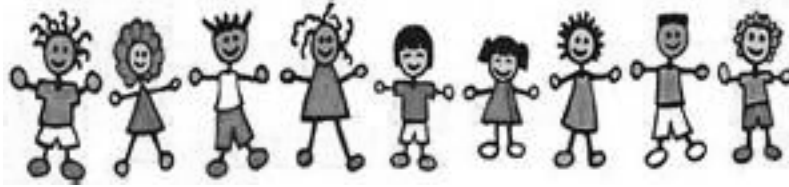


MAY OFFERING SCHEDULE

	AM	PM
6	GEMS (Local)	GEMS (National)
13	Christian Education	Christian Education
20	Building Fund / Benevolence	Building Fund
27	Mid Sioux	Mid Sioux



Christian Education Fund



March 2018

Receipts:

Offerings (Feb)	\$870.00
Service Auction	\$11,810.00
Service Auction Lunch	<u>\$291.00</u>

Total **\$ 12,971.00**

Disbursements:

Auctioneer gift cards	<u>\$70.00</u>
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Total **\$70.00**

2017/2018 Fair Share

ICS 30 students @\$1,850/student =	\$ 55,500
UCHS 5 students @ \$2,375/student =	<u>\$ 11,875</u>

Total Fair Share **\$ 67,375.00**

Fair Share Paid \$ 67375.00

Fair Share Balance **\$0.00**

A tremendous THANK YOU to all who came out and supported Christian Education at our service auction. It was a fun night and we were once again blessed by your generosity and giving hearts.



GREETERS & COFFEE SERVERS

April 8: Les & Ruth Dorhout
Doug & Cinda Faber

April 15: Kameron & Carolyn Gradert
Josh & Mary Hooyer

April 22: Howard & Sara Hulshof
Brady & Ariel Koopmans

April 29: Jeremy & Aftan Koopmans
Willard & Donna Koopmans

May 6: Mike & Debi Kramer
Pastor Nate & Angela Kuperus

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

April 8: **AM:** Carolyn Gradert, Paige Fedders
PM: Kalena Dekkers, Lydia Kuperus

April 15: **AM:** Angela Dekkers, Connor Weida
PM: Audrey Broek, Cassady Dekkers

April 22: **AM:** Cinda Faber, Breanna Bonnema
PM: Mandy Bonnema, Jorja Zomermaand

April 29: **AM:** Nicki Weida, Avary Dekkers
PM: Raelle Dekkers, Ashton Weida

May: 6: **AM:** Angela Zomermaand, Olivia Fedders
PM: Mary Hooyer, Levi Sieck

USHER SCHEDULE

Apr. 8:
Brady Van Sloten, Don VS, Benjy Weida

Apr. 15:
Ryan Zomermaand, Howard Bomgaars, Bryan Bonnema

Apr. 22:
Dick Bonnema, Tim Bonnema, Doug Broek

Apr. 29:
Brent Davelaar, Cody Davelaar, Brad Dekkers

May 6:
Brandon Dekkers, Jim Dekkers, Justin Dekkers



happy anniversary

Apr. 13: Rod & Wanetta Vander Plas

Apr. 14: Benjy & Nicki Weida

Happy Birthday



Apr. 3: Wes Westra
Apr. 7: Ashton Weida
Apr. 11: Paige Fedders
Apr. 12: Sadie Fedders
Apr. 14: Priscilla Lockhorst
Apr. 18: Brian Gradert
Apr. 21: Brady Koopmans
Apr. 24: Bennett Hooyer
Apr. 26: Treyton Bonnema
Apr. 26: Arlin De Weerd
Apr. 28: Aftan Koopmans
May 1: Katie Price
May 1: Angela Zomermaand
May 3: Leah Schoonhoven
May 5: Lindsey Broek
May 5: Kevin Eisma
May 6: Marie Mulder