

November 4, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. Today, on **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**, we remember that every day Christians around the world are being persecuted for their faith. We join the worldwide Church in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution, their oppressors, the nations they live in, those who ignore the persecution, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones because of their faithfulness to Jesus. "You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry." Psalm 10:17 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Spencer & Maria Fynaardt Leon & Sherry Veldhuizen	Gary & Carol Jochems Randall Vos family
Missionary Correspondents	Huyser - Maria Fynaardt; Gifford - Rachel Jochems; Le Mahieu - Carol Jochems; Vander Wal - Lois Klyn	
Morning Prayer Team	Tim Franje, Mark Franje Sandy Fynaardt, Sandy Vander Hart	Glen Fynaardt, Helen De Jong, Kathy Franje, Carm Reitsma
Nursery	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Andrew Veenstra p.m. Deb Bruxvoort, Kora Kruid	a.m. Abbie Vander Molen, Alyson De Bruin p.m. Jessica Van Wyngarden, Jocelyn Veenstra
Offering	a.m. Voice of the Martyrs p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Back to God Ministries p.m. Pella Pro-Life

TODAY

Please join us as we **fellowship** over a cup of coffee or lemonade after the morning worship service.

Church School classes will meet after the morning service and dismiss at 11:30. Preschool, high school, and adult classes meet in the church basement; classes for grades K-8 meet in the school. Visitors are welcome! Offering: Joel & Jeannie Huyser (God's Treasures, Nicaragua)

PARENTS, please send your 3-year-old through 4th grade Church School students to Room 2 in the basement following the morning worship service for practicing **Christmas program songs**.

The **Building Committee** will meet in the youth building following the morning worship service.

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 5)

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Snack ~ Ethan

NEXT WEEK

In the morning, we will continue our series in the gospel of Matthew as we look at **Matthew 9:18-26**.

In the evening, we will examine "the good deposit that was entrusted to us" (2 Timothy 1:14), using as our guide the **Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 19**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The elders are thankful for all who serve as **greeters** each week. This is an important ministry for welcoming members and guests to worship. When greeting at the west door, please stand in the hallway as some elderly members need more platform area at the top of the stairs for their safety.

PARENTS: Please be aware of the activities of your children after worship services and remind them to be respectful of the auditorium and the need to avoid injury with the elderly. Running should be done outside.

YOUTH GROUP-SENIOR SAINTS NIGHT: All who are 65 and older (along with your spouse) are invited to a night of food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., in the church basement. If you would like to join us, please contact Spencer or Maria Fynaardt or Jess Vander Molen by Monday, November 12.

The elders want to follow up on the discipleship work and theme of this year because we are confident that the Word of God does not go out and return empty but bears fruit, including here in our congregation. To do so, in place of a sermon discussion during the Church School time on November 11, we invite you to grab your cup of coffee or lemonade and join us at 11:00 a.m. to discuss how we are doing on **discipleship** in our own lives and as a congregation. Please look over the **handout in your church mailbox** as preparation for the discussion. We are called to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, and this is one opportunity to do so.

ADVANCE NOTICE: **Joel and Jeannie Huyser** will be in Peoria on November 18 to give an update on their work following the morning worship service. We will also share a noon **fellowship dinner** after their presentation. Plan to join us!

OCTOBER RECEIPTS:

Resonate Global Mission	\$ 588.70	Love, INC.	\$ 357.00
Christian Education Fund	288.00	World Renew: World Hunger	1,979.90
Morgan Fopma (Haiti)	1,229.75	CRC Disability Concerns	514.50
Benevolent Fund	403.50	Building Fund	460.00
The Well	372.00	Church School	59.05
Christian Education Fund	437.00	General Fund	15,747.00

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2017 General Fund budget obligation:	\$16,998.00
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2017 General Fund budget obligation:	\$169,980.00
Year-to-date 2017 General Fund budget receipts:	\$149,043.23

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Nov 11	a.m. Back to God Ministries	p.m. Pella Pro-Life
Nov 18	a.m. Christian Education Fund	p.m. Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T.)
Nov 22	a.m. Thanksgiving Envelopes	
Nov 25	a.m. Safe Water International Ministries	p.m. Dordt College
Dec 2	a.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators	p.m. Christian Education Fund

CHURCH FAMILY

We give thanks to God with **Eugene De Jong** on the occasion of his 80th birthday on November 6.

Frank Reitsma is traveling to India and Cambodia on behalf of Safe Water International Ministries (SWIM) through December 4. Please pray for safety and for mutual blessing and encouragement.

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Peoria Christian School Annual Bazaar** will be on Friday, November 9, 2018, at the Peoria Christian School Gym. This year's theme is Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Please join us for a fun-filled evening. Bake Sale/Browse-n-Buy is 3:00-6:30 p.m., Coffee Time at 3:00-4:30, Supper from 5:00-6:30, and Live Auction and free childcare at 7:00 p.m. "Like" Peoria Christian School on Facebook for more information and to see items that will be auctioned. Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School!

Donations of cookies, bars, cakes, breads, pies, mixes, salsa, etc., would be appreciated for the **bake sale at the annual Peoria Christian School Bazaar**. Your items must be in the gym by noon on November 9. Styrofoam trays and bags are available at school or in the church basement for your use. Questions? Please contact Clarice Meinders (641-780-0126; glennmeinders@iowatelecom.net).

The **Peoria Christian School Bazaar Supper Committee** needs volunteers to help serve on Friday, November 9. Various shifts are available. Please sign up at school or in the church basement or contact Suzy Veenstra (780-8856; veenstrads@outlook.com). Thank you!

Peoria Christian School is conducting **food drive for Pella Community Food Shelf** through November 12. We have been asked to help provide instant potatoes, green beans, corn, and canned yams. Please bring food items to Peoria Christian School and donate them to any class of your choice. The class with the most food items receives an ice cream party!

Peoria Christian School will host a **Veteran's Day Assembly** on Monday, November 12. Please come and join us for "Lunch with a Vet." If you are a veteran or know of a veteran, please invite them to join us for lunch and a special tribute to honor them. We all know how hard it was for them. Please RSVP to Peoria Christian School if you are interested in attending (625-4131; office@peoriachr.org).

DATE NIGHT! Drop off your kids at Peoria Christian School on Friday, November 16, while you enjoy a date night and raise money for the school at the same time! The 7th/8th grade students, along with Jeremy and Melissa Copenhaver, will provide devotions, prayer, food, and plenty of fun! Bring your children anytime 5:00-9:00 p.m. for this 7th/8th grade fundraising event.

Sully Christian School is again selling delicious, hand-rolled **Dutch Letters**. Each 12" stick is stuffed with yummy almond filling and comes to you frozen, so you can bake at your convenience. They are great for holiday get-togethers, or just for a treat on a cold day! A box of six Dutch Letters is \$25. Pick-up date is Friday, November 9, 12:00-9:00 p.m., at Sully Christian School. Deliver options are also available. Place your order soon by contacting Sandi De Vries (793-2911, 780-4049, or scsdutchletters@gmail.com).

Bluegrass and BBQ is set to be a FUN, toe tapping evening on Saturday, December 1, at Pella Christian High School. You will enjoy a BBQ dinner and your toes will tap as you listen to the banjo picking and sweet harmonies by the Benson Family Singers, a family Bluegrass band from Faribault, Minnesota! This evening is a fundraiser for the PCHS Band Trip in April 2019 to Minneapolis and a concert at Bethel University. Tickets (\$28) are available on the band website (band.pellachristian.net) or at the PCHS office. Contact Mrs. Dykstra with questions (dykstras@pceagles.org).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring God 2018: Will you honor God with your vote on November 6? Voting information is available in your church mailbox. Additional information and a short video may be viewed at <https://thefamilyleader.com/2018/>.

818 Forward With Faith is participating in a fundraiser and tip night at Culver's in Pella on Monday, November 12. Please plan to join us at Culver's from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and support 818FWF!

We are excited to share that **Freedom House** has closed on their new house!! Please consider an end of year donation toward paying off the home. Checks may be sent to Freedom House, P.O. Box 815, Pella, IA 50219 or you may donate online at www.freedomhouseministry.org (mark HOME on the payment).
freedomhouseministry.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: Make prayer part of your everyday life with a family prayer bulletin board. Post lists titled "Things we're thankful for," "Things we're worried about," "People who need our prayers," etc. Add to your lists after school or at bedtime, then pray together about all your joys and concerns. (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)