

December 9, 2018

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen." Psalm 41:13 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Frank & Carm Reitsma Lawrence & Helen Roose	Carrol & Carolyn Bandstra Dale & Jana Rozendaal
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Jessica Vander Molen; Huyser - Angie Vander Molen; Le Mahieu - Barb Vande Voort; Vander Wal - Henry Vande Voort	
Morning Prayer Team	Glen Fynaardt, Kathy Franje, Mary Roose	Frank Reitsma, Helen De Jong, Sandy Fynaardt, Mike Vander Hart
Nursery	a.m. Pam Vander Linden, Adrienne Vander Molen p.m. Le Ann Bouwkamp, Ben Van Wyngarden	a.m. Susan Veenstra, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Leah Bruxvoort, Sydney Bruxvoort
Offering	a.m. Tim & Kaden Kruid (Haiti) p.m. Freedom House	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Cure International

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, following the morning worship service please send your **3-year-old through 4th grade Church School students** to Room 2 for practicing Christmas program songs. Parents are asked to help children of all ages memorize their speaking parts. Thank you!

Choir practice will be held at 5:00 p.m. Please join us as we prepare selections for Christmas Day.

CALENDAR

- Monday 7:00 p.m. Council meeting
- Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Queen Esther Circle Christmas meeting at Pella Manor meeting room
(followed by lunch at Pella Country Club at 11:30)
- 7:00 p.m. Cadets
- 7:00 p.m. GEMS
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Snack ~ Micah
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. Christmas Program/Candlelight Service Practice

NEXT WEEK

During the season of **Advent**, as we anticipate celebrating again the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ on Christmas day, we remember that we are a people waiting for the Second Coming of Christ in glory. As we wait, we are not to be idle, but our time is to be spent on the mission Jesus has given his disciples. This Advent we are looking at the mission Jesus set out for his twelve disciples in Matthew 10. In the morning, we will continue our series in the gospel of Matthew as we look at **Matthew 10:16-23**.

In the evening, the Church School and Youth Group students will present a **program / candlelight service** to lead us in remembering and reflecting on the Christmas story.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL Church School students (age 3-12th grade) are required to be at **Christmas program practice** on Saturday, December 15, 9:00-11:00 a.m., in the church sanctuary. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. REMINDER: Each family with involved children is asked to contribute two dozen bars or cookies, which may be brought to Saturday morning's practice or to the church kitchen by Sunday morning.

CHURCH FAMILY

Mark and Jessica Van Wyngarden welcomed a son, Brock Walter, into their family on Friday, November 30. We give thanks to God for this gift of new life and for his provision when Brock needed extra care due to fluid on his lungs.

UPDATE: **Jonathan and Trista Vander Wal's** late November court date for Mercy's adoption did not happen. We're waiting on authorization from the head office of child welfare in the capital. They did not respond to the lawyer, who expects to try again in December or early 2019. But, thanks to your generosity, we've been able to retain the lawyer, and she is actively working on our case.

Marcia Wouterse is at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines after a biopsy earlier this week, followed by surgery on Friday. Further surgery is planned in coming weeks to deal with intestinal blockage containing cancerous cells. Pray for wisdom for doctors and for patience and God's sustaining grace for Marcia and her family.

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Pella Christian High School Music Department** invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCHS Vermeer Auditorium. The concert will present the message of Christmas in word and song. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

The **Peoria Christian School Christmas Program** this year is titled "Sing a Song of Christmas". Come join us on Friday, December 14, 7:00 p.m., at Peoria CRC to support our students and worship the Lord through music. Following the program, please join us for cookies and refreshments.

Merry Christmas from all the staff at **Peoria Christian School**. We are grateful for all who bless us through your prayers and the gift of your time and finances.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 JANUARY SERIES: Award-winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures will begin on January 3 and continue weekdays through January 23 (12:30-1:30 p.m. EST) with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites, while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to www.calvin.edu/january.

World Renew Disaster Response Services is planning a mission / flood recovery work trip to Hammond, Louisiana, January 19-26, 2019. If interested in participating, please contact Harold Van Wyk (641-891-2038; haroldtwyla@yahoo.com).

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: On this second Sunday in Advent, add things to your home that remind you that we are expecting Jesus to return. Set an extra place at the table when you eat, or create and decorate a mural together that says "Come, Lord Jesus. (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)