

January 6, 2019

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church on this first Sunday of a new year! “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you.” 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeter	Bob & Deb Bruxvoort Mike & Sandy Vander Hart	Elders
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Nicole Vos; Huyser - Jan Warden; Le Mahieu - Carolyn Bandstra; Vander Wal - Ben Bouwkamp	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Tim Franje	Helen De Jong Kathy Franje
Nursery	a.m. Nicki Veenstra, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Deb Bruxvoort, Toby Vander Molen	a.m. Adrienne Vander Molen, Marleigh De Boer p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Ben Van Wyngarden
Offering	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. Christian Education Fund	a.m. Peoria Christian School CRC Chaplaincy Ministries (Communion) p.m. Youth Unlimited

TODAY

This morning we have the privilege to **install new elders** Ernie Roose and Lawrence Roose and **new deacon** Calvin Bandstra.

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)

COME AND SING! All are welcome to join us for some church family singing around the piano following the evening service.

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m.

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 ~ Jayden

NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper**. This week let us evaluate our love for God and one another. Let us remember to pray for the Holy Spirit to show us our sin and then trust that our sins are forgiven because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. Then, when we come to take of the Lord’s Supper, it will be a celebration of our forgiveness and God’s love in our lives.

As we end 2018 and enter 2019, Pastor George is preaching a three-part series from Ecclesiastes. We have looked at Ecclesiastes 7:10-18 (Looking Back) and Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14 (Looking Ahead). Next Sunday morning we will conclude with **Ecclesiastes 3:1-14**, Living Now.

Vespers communion will be provided at 5:30 p.m. in the Council room for those who are not able to participate in the morning celebration.

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 26**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men of any age interested in attending a **Bible study**, please meet immediately after the evening worship service in Room 1 to discuss what to study and when to meet.

Your **2018 financial giving report** is available in your church mailbox today, as well as **2019 budget envelopes**, if you have not already picked them up.

The **2019 Peoria CRC anniversary/birthday calendars** are available on the east basement table. You are welcome to help yourself to one per household. Please consider returning your 2018 calendar to the box on the same table for recycling the paper and for reusing the comb binders next year.

Please make additions or deletions to the **nursery attendant** sign-up sheet on the basement table TODAY. Nursery attendants must be in the 5th grade or older.

We appreciate the service of all who volunteer to help in the **nursery**! You are asked to arrive when scheduled, or if unavailable to trade or find a replacement. If there are no children to care for five minutes after the service has begun, you may return to the sanctuary.

Family visits scheduled for this week follow. All calls will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

- Jan 8, Franje & Warden: Tim Kruid, Calvin Bandstra
- Jan 8, Pastor & E. Roose: Joel Veenstra, Carol Fynaardt
- Jan 10, Bouwkamp & Warden: John Roose, Henry Vande Voort

Thank you for taking time to reflect on the following theme: *Using John 12:24-26 as a reference, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?*

The elders are planning for a **Family Worship follow-up discussion** during the Church School hour on January 13. What did you find helpful? What have you put into practice? What do you wonder about after the weekend presentation by Trudy Ash in October or after reading the book the elders handed out, *The Neglected Grace* by Jason Helopoulos. We encourage you to read it before the discussion. Extra copies are available in the church library for those who did not receive one and would like to read it.

The **2018 Year in Review video** shown last Sunday evening has been posted to the church website. If you did not attend or wish to see it again, you're encouraged to view it at www.peoriacrc.org (bottom of home page). A DVD is also available for checkout from the church library.

DECEMBER RECEIPTS:

Wycliffe Bible Translators	\$ 688.00	Dordt College	\$ 300.00
Christian Education Fund	258.50	World Renew	1,705.50
Tim & Kaden Kruid (Haiti)	2,022.00	PCRC Youth Bldg Remodel	3,368.00
Freedom House	1,015.00	Zuni Christian School	474.85
Christian Education Fund	538.34	Building Fund	470.00
Cure International	1,190.00	Church School	46.26
Safe Water Int'l Ministries	1,273.02	General Fund	41,810.00

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2018 General Fund budget obligation:	\$16,998.00
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2018 General Fund budget obligation:	\$203,976.00
Year-to-date 2018 General Fund budget receipts:	\$199,931.23

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Jan 13	a.m. Peoria Christian School		
	CRC Chaplaincy Ministries (Communion	p.m. Youth Unlimited	
Jan 20	a.m. Bethany Christian Services	p.m. Christian Education Fund	
Jan 27	a.m. Peoria Cadets	p.m. Joshua Christian Academy	
Feb 3	a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Christian Education Fund	

CHURCH FAMILY

This week’s prayer needs include the following:

- **Morgan Fopma’s** PCHS winterim group is in Haiti through January 11, where they are painting, helping lay a cement floor, doing odd jobs, and sharing the gospel. Reports on her group's activities are available at mh4h.org (click on NEWS AND BLOGS).
- **Austin Roose**, along with several Central College students, is serving in Mission, TX, through January 12. Please pray for safety and blessing in travel and service.
- **Marion Franje** has been moved to the Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehab Center in Oskaloosa, where he is receiving therapy. Pray for God’s grace and peace for Marion and Vera.
- **Sydney Van De Kieft** has a follow-up heart appointment this week. Pray for peace and a good report.
- **Marcia Wouterse** remains in Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. Pray for encouragement and renewed health.

“Thank you for your expressions of sympathy, cards, and prayers, which are a comfort to me after the passing away of my sister-in-law, Clazina Hoksbergen. *Cast all your cares on the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will never let the righteous fall.* Psalm 55:22.” ~ **Lois Klyn**

“Dear Congregation, We offer our sincerest thanks for your recent gift for Tim and Kaden to financially support them on their trip to Haiti. We are humbled by your generosity and amazed at the caring, loving Peoria congregation as you have offered us prayers as well. Your prayers are deeply appreciated, and we ask that you continue to pray for safety for the trip and that they are able to see God's amazing hand reaching out in a different culture. Thank you, **Tim, Kelli, and Kaden Kruid**”

“Thank you for all the cards, letters, and pictures received during the Christmas season. May God bless you all!” ~ **Henrietta Veldhuizen**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Distinctively Healthy Church Annual Event** will be held at Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Pella Calvary CRC (location change). All are invited to this one-day equipping conference on the impact intergenerational ministry has on the local church. Speakers include Dr. Syd Hielema, Pastor Joel DeBoer, Peter Kelder, Trudy Ash and Jill Friend. Sponsored by the Connections Project and Faith Formation Ministries, cost is \$35/Individual or \$30/individual in a group of four or more (includes light breakfast, lunch, snacks and materials.) Please RSVP to Trudy Ash (tash@crcna.org) or pay at the door. Registration deadline is January 10.

The **Dordt College Concert Choir** invites you to a concert on Sunday, January 13, 12:45 p.m., at Oskaloosa First CRC. The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, classics from Mozart and Brahms, multi-cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: Housing for ten pairs of Dordt College Choir students is needed for January 12-13. Students may be picked up from PCHS at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12. A place to sleep, shower, breakfast, and transportation to their group on Sunday morning is all that they will need. Please consider hosting 2-6 Dordt students for their visit to the Pella area. Call or text 641-780-0036 if you are able to help.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: It's true that faith is "caught" just as much as it's "taught." Kids will learn to value Bible reading more if you let them "catch" you reading God's Word on your own – not just in church or during family devotions. Talk with them about what you're reading and how it connects with your daily life. (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)