

August 18, 2019

**Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.** We are glad you have joined us for worship today. "Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song." Psalm 28:6-7 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Bret Fynaardt family Keith & Sue Van Ee	Carol Fynaardt & Dona Fynaardt Earl & Marcia Van Gorp
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Rob Bruxvoort; Huyser - Bob Bruxvoort; Le Mahieu - Michele De Boer; Vander Wal - Jim De Bruin	
Morning Prayer Team	Sandy Fynaardt Carm Reitsma	Mark Franje Mike Vander Hart
Nursery	<b>a.m.</b> Erin Fynaardt, Marleigh De Boer <b>p.m.</b> Richarla Den Oudsten, Ben Van Wyngarden	<b>a.m.</b> Kelli Kruid, Morgan Fopma <b>p.m.</b> Stacie Fynaardt, Jocelyn Veenstra
Offering	<b>a.m.</b> Christian Education Fund <b>p.m.</b> New Life Prison Community	<b>a.m.</b> Ruth Harbor Ministries <b>p.m.</b> Weighted Comfort for Kids

TODAY

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

We welcome **Pastor John Ritsema** as he leads our evening worship while Pastor George uses his fifth of six 2019 pulpit relief services.

CALENDAR

- Monday 7:00 p.m. Elders' meeting
- Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Church League Softball in Sully
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NEXT WEEK

In the morning Pastor George will preach on **Matthew 12:22-37**.

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 45**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your church mailbox today is a **family visiting schedule** (if you are included in the fall assignments). Please contact your visiting elders if you reschedule. Thank you.

Next week is the last week to submit **deacon and elder nominations**. We have used this format for a number of years, and the comments given with the nomination forms have proven to be very helpful when the Council selects the nominees for the congregational vote. The Council does not add any names beyond those presented by the congregation. Please take this opportunity to think about the needs of the church and to submit names of individuals who you believe can serve the church in this capacity. Extra forms are available in the bulletin racks. Place your nominations in a box in the entryway by next Sunday, August 25. Thank you.

**Church School and Catechism** classes will begin August 25 after the morning worship service. All **teachers and substitutes**, please pick up your first quarter material from your church mailbox or the west basement table today.

REMINDER TO PARENTS, CHILDREN, and CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS as we begin another Church School season: Please finish your **lemonade/coffee/sweet treats** before entering the school for Church School classes in order to eliminate spills and extra work for janitors.

Next week's morning offering is for **Ruth Harbor Ministries**, a Des Moines based organization that offers Christ-centered homes, programs, and services for young mothers with unplanned pregnancies or who are raising young children under difficult circumstances. This ministry was founded in 1996 by three women who believed God called them to provide a safe place, serve those in need, and support a gap that existed when a young woman decided to continue her pregnancy and until she gave birth. The first home was opened in Des Moines in 2001. Over time, the organization recognized another gap that needed to be filled – young moms who had chosen to parent but were struggling to thrive and provide a quality life for their children. A second home for this purpose was opened in Carlisle in 2018. All services are provided at no cost to residents, and as Ruth Harbor avoids government funding, all of its support comes from donations.

Please turn in your **Treasured Prayer Sister** questionnaire to Linda or Richarla TODAY if you would like to participate in this program this year.

#### CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to Marge Fynaardt, Russ and Myrna Fynaardt and family, Carol Fynaardt, Dona Fynaardt, and many other relatives and loved ones in the passing away of **Ken Fynaardt**. May God give his grace and peace through the comfort of the gospel.

#### REMEMBERING 125 YEARS AGO

**30 July 1894 – Congregational Meeting:** Financing for the church building was discussed. A letter received from a member was read in which a suggestion was made for a plan to obtain funds. It was suggested that each member sign a note to the Consistory in the amount which he pledges, bearing six percent interest to be paid in four years or earlier. The Consistory will have the right to sell such notes. If a member moves away to another congregation during the second half of the calendar year, he must pay the amount due for the full year.

Note: Seven of the 18 members who were present at this Congregational meeting made pledges and signed notes totaling \$775. The highest amount was \$100, with G. Van Gorp, A. Engbers, M. Van Gorp, and H. Westercamp each signing notes for this amount. The total bid of the church/parsonage building project had come in at \$2,218.70, so roughly one-third of the money was raised by creating member-notes that were sold to raise cash.

#### SCHOOL NOTES

**Peoria Christian School** is participating in a **Culver's Fundraiser** on Monday, August 26, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Please stop by Culver's Restaurant in Pella, and 10% of the proceeds will go toward our school. Invite everyone you know to show up and eat! Our 5th-8th grade students will help serve your food. See you there!!

Please join us for the 2nd annual **Oskaloosa Christian School Grace Race**, a 5k/1mile run/walk on Labor Day, September 2, at 8:30 am. A registration link may be found on the school website, Facebook, or at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IA/Oskaloosa/OskaloosaChristianSchoolGraceRace20185k1milewalkrun>. Family rate is also available. Please contact Leah Bruxvoort with questions ([rlbruxvoort@gmail.com](mailto:rlbruxvoort@gmail.com); 641-295-6190).

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pella MOPS/MOMS** invites any mom to an open house on Tuesday, August 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Pella Library meeting room. Learn about our group, meet members, and join if interested! Light refreshments will be served. Kids are welcome to attend! Our purpose is to provide moms much-needed time to grow as women, mothers, and sisters in Christ. Email [mopsofpella@gmail.com](mailto:mopsofpella@gmail.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!

**Cary Christian Center** needs your help! If you are a painter, we would love to have you join us to help paint The Treasure Chest thrift store. Faith CRC will take a service team to Cary September 14-20. They also need help with the Parent-Child Ministry, After School Program, and many other projects. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jean De Waard ([jeandewaard@hotmail.com](mailto:jeandewaard@hotmail.com)). Thanks!

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP:** Give an anxious child a tangible reminder that God is with him or her. Maybe it's a special bracelet or necklace, or even a small "pocket stone" with the word "Peace" written on it. Having something meaningful to hold on to in anxious moments can help a lot. (Faith Formation Ministries; [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation))