

August 25, 2019

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today. “I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.” Psalm 104:33-34 (NIV)

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Carol Fynaardt & Dona Fynaardt Earl & Marcia Van Gorp	Dale & Davona Fynaardt Dennis & Donna Van Wyk
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Melody De Jong; Huyser - Norman De Jong; Le Mahieu - Richarla Den Oudsten; Vander Wal - Thressa Deur	
Morning Prayer Team	Mark Franje Mike Vander Hart	Helen De Jong Kathy Franje
Nursery	a.m. Kelli Kruid, Morgan Fopma p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Jocelyn Veenstra	a.m. Rachel Jochems, Mack Veenstra p.m. Angie Vander Molen, Alyson De Bruin
Offering	a.m. Ruth Harbor Ministries p.m. Weighted Comfort for Kids	a.m. Resonate Global Mission p.m. Christian Education Fund

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: Dave & Blanca Gifford (Seminary teacher salary, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico)

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Deacons' meeting
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Church League Softball Tournament in Sully

NEXT WEEK

In the morning Pastor George will preach on **Matthew 12:38-50**.

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 46**.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The offering this morning 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.

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.

A note of thanks for our 125th anniversary **offering given to Sunlight Community Church** in Lake Worth, Florida, is posted on the basement bulletin board.

This is the final day to return the **deacon and elder nomination forms** to a box in the entryway. Please participate in this important process, as the Council very much appreciates the congregation's input in this task of choosing leadership for the Peoria CRC.

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

- ▶ Aug 26, Franje & Warden: Wynne Veenstra, Ken Vander Linden
- ▶ Aug 27, Franje & Pastor: Devon Van De Kieft, Carrol Bandstra
- ▶ Aug 27, E. Roose & Vander Molen: Norman De Jong, Frank Reitsma
- ▶ Aug 28, Bouwkamp & Vander Molen: Adam Fynaardt, Dale Fynaardt
- ▶ Aug 29, Bouwkamp & Pastor: Glen Fynaardt, Doug Vande Voort

Thank you for taking time to reflect on the theme *Fruit of the Spirit (Ephesians 5:22-23)*. *What fruit has the Holy Spirit been producing in your life? What kind of fruit would The Fruit Inspector find in your life? What fruit do you wish for in greater abundance?*

Queen Esther Circle will begin a new season on September 11. We will study more of the *Life and Ministry of the Messiah*. All ladies are welcome to join us!

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

East Door	a.m.: Harlan De Boer, Andrew Vander Hart, Byron Vander Molen
	p.m.: Jim De Bruin, Spencer Fynaardt
West Door	a.m.: Jon Klyn; p.m.: Doug Vande Voort
Elevator	a.m.: Dennis Van Wyk; p.m.: Norman De Jong
Substitute	a.m.: Ethan Klyn; p.m.: Leon Veldhuizen

CHURCH FAMILY

We welcome into our membership **Amber Fynaardt** from the Tracy Christian Reformed Church. May God give us all growth in the faith together.

We extend our sympathy to **Frank and Carm Reitsma** in the death of Frank's brother Dave Reitsma in Alberta, Canada. May God provide his comfort through the gospel hope we have in Jesus Christ.

REMEMBERING 125 YEARS AGO

6 August 1894 – Consistory Meeting: G. Van Gorp, a member of the Building Committee, reports on the digging of the well. The original specifications gave a diameter of 4 feet. When the well-digger Armstrong began his work, those present as observers were Building Committee members G. Van Gorp and H. Westercamp, deacons S. Groot Nibbelink and C. Kloosterman, plus some other members of the congregation. All present came to the conclusion that the well was too narrow. Another contract was drawn up specifying a 5 foot diameter at the rate of \$1.25 per foot as long as there is not rock. The original contract was \$0.90 per foot. If there is rock, then the cost will be \$2.50 per foot, and there must be enough water to meet the approval of the members of the Building Committee.

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; 641-295-6190).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Garms Family** is Minnesota's Family of Southern Gospel Music, and they are coming back to Oskaloosa! Join us at Bethel Christian Reformed Church this evening at 6:00 p.m. You will enjoy the best of Southern gospel, bluegrass, original songs, and hymns with a single purpose: Glorify Jesus Christ with one voice and encourage lives with the message and music of hope. There is no admission charge, and a love offering will be received for the Garms Family. You are also welcome to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service. To learn more about the Garms Family, and to listen to their music, visit their website at www.thegarmsfamily.com.

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 mopsopella@gmail.com with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Register today to be blessed at the **Bible League Volunteer sponsored retreat**, "His Plan, Our Purpose" on Thursday, September 12, at Pella Calvary CRC. Keynote speaker Pam Schram will encourage and inspire you in all sessions. Ministry leader Nervana will be visiting from Egypt to share how God is moving in the hearts of people as she ministers among Muslims there. You will be led in worship by Deb Bruxvoort and Bonnie Vander Weerd, and you will adore the special music by flutist Julia Vander Wal. Registration brochures are available from Lois Klyn or online at www.bibleleague.org/retreat19.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TIP: God equips us to serve in the world, but God also invites us to rest. It's so important for our physical and spiritual health that God set aside a whole day for it! Talk together about the fourth Commandment and brainstorm how your family might "remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy." (Faith Formation Ministries; www.crcna.org/FaithFormation)