

December 5, 2021

Welcome to the Peoria Christian Reformed Church. We are thankful for another opportunity to gather for worship, to hear God's Word, and to fellowship together.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Greeters	Glen & Sandy Fynaardt Dennis Veenstra family	Grant Fynaardt family Jayme Veenstra family
Missionary Correspondents	Gifford - Marcia Wouterse; Huyser - Carolyn Bandstra; Le Mahieu - Benjamin Bouwkamp; Vander Wal - Le Ann Bouwkamp	
Morning Prayer Team	Norman De Jong Mike Vander Hart	Kathy Franje Sandy Fynaardt
Nursery Attendants	a.m. Davona Fynaardt, Mack Veenstra p.m. Maria Fynaardt, Madi Veenstra	a.m. Erin Fynaardt, Caitlin Veenstra p.m. Stacie Fynaardt, Jocelyn Veenstra
Offering	a.m. Peoria Christian School General Fund p.m. Cary Christian Center	a.m. Christian Education Fund p.m. Pella Community Food Shelf

TODAY

Our morning worship will be led by the **elders and Jim Warden**, and **Royce Spoelstra** will lead our evening worship service.

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

Pre-K through 3rd grade Church School students are asked to meet in Room 2 following the morning worship service to practice Christmas program songs.

Church School classes will meet after the morning service and dismiss at 11:30. Preschool class meets in the church basement; classes for grades K-8 meet in the school; high school class meets in the youth building. Visitors are welcome! Offering: Siem Reap Children of Promise Orphanage (Cambodia)

Home Builders will meet in the basement at 7:30 p.m. (Lesson 15)

CALENDAR

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Searchers Christmas Project
Wednesday 6:30 pm. Cadets
7:00 p.m. GEMS
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Snack ~ Caitlin

NEXT SUNDAY

In the morning, Pastor George will continue an Advent series from the Psalms on the theme of "Longing." In the morning we will look at **Psalms 80**, "Longing to Return to the Garden".

In the evening, we will continue a series of messages through the **Heidelberg Catechism**, looking at **Lord's Day 10**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVANCE NOTICE: Our **Christmas Program/Candlelight Service** will be held during the December 19 evening worship service. Our only practice will be Saturday, December 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All the children will be participating so your presence at practice is required. Thank you!

Beginning in January, we would like to have a **Secret Sister for each one of our GEMS girls**. We are looking for adult women of the church, young and old, who are willing to participate for the months of January, February, and March. Your involvement would include a written note of encouragement or "thinking of you" (hopefully twice a month as it is only three months) and a commitment to pray for your GEMS girl on a regular basis. In April, Lord willing, we will have a GEMS and Gals night when you will reveal yourself and meet your GEMS girl. Please contact a GEMS leader if you are interested (Richarla Den Oudsten, Pam Klyn, Marla Van Der Hart, Nicki Veenstra).

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS:

Voice of the Martyrs	\$1,233.25	ReFrame Ministries	\$ 925.00
Mobility Worldwide	1,139.00	Christian Education Fund	366.00
Christian Education Fund	606.05	Building Fund	1,102.00
Resonate Global Mission: R. Faber	892.41	Church School	63.69
Gideons	1,216.50	General Fund	12,221.00
Hope Ministries	630.00		

Monthly amount needed to fulfill 2021 General Fund budget obligation:	\$ 15,959.17
Year-to-date amount needed to fulfill 2021 General Fund budget obligation:	\$175,550.83
Year-to-date 2020 General Fund budget receipts:	\$163,252.48

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Dec 12 a.m. Christian Education Fund	p.m. Pella Community Food Shelf
Dec 19 a.m. PCRC Multi-Media Equipment	p.m. 818 Forward With Faith
Dec 25 a.m. World Renew	
Dec 26 a.m. Wycliffe Bible Translators	p.m. Christian Education Fund
Jan 2 a.m. Resonate Global Mission	p.m. Christian Education Fund

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

Answers in Genesis	\$ 500.00	Nehemiah Center	\$ 300.00
Bethany Christian Services	436.00	New Life Prison Community	1,866.00
Bible League	1,431.00	Ottumwa Christian School	50.00
Calvin University	275.00	Pathways of Pella	25.00
Christian Opportunity Center	1,006.00	Pella Area Teams To Honduras	770.00
Crossroad Prison Ministries	1,077.00	Pella Christian High School	250.00
CRC Chaplaincy & Care Ministry	250.00	Pella Pro-Life	1,345.00
CRC Disability Concerns	250.00	Peoria Christian School	2,625.00
CRC Office of Social Justice	100.00	Peoria CRC Benevolent Fund	200.00
Dordt University	262.00	Peoria CRC Benevolent Fund	500.00
Ecumenical Cupboard	250.00	Peoria CRC Building Fund	50.00
Farmer to Farmer	200.00	Peoria CRC Chr. Education Fund	25.00
Focus on the Family	400.00	Peoria CRC General Fund	4,500.00
818 Forward With Faith	825.00	Quiet Waters	500.00
Gideons	2,370.00	ReFrame Ministries	1,948.00
Hope Ministries	1,880.00	Rehoboth Christian School	1,184.44
Joshua Christian School	550.00	Ruth Harbor	100.00
KCWN	175.00	Safe Water Int'l Ministries	2,401.00
Lake View Camp	20.00	Samaritan's Purse	320.00
Ligonier Ministries	50.00	Siem Reap Orphanage	750.00
Luke Society	1,450.00	Teen Challenge of the Midlands	816.00
Many Hands for Haiti	1,248.00	The Abide Project	250.00
Mid-America Reformed Sem	375.00	The Family Leader	100.00
Missionary Support	700.00	The Well	125.00
Missionary Support (undesignated)	620.50	Voice of the Martyrs	1,280.00
Missionary Support: Faber	500.00	World Renew	2,600.00
Missionary Support: Gifford	750.00	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,181.00
Missionary Support: Huyser	750.00	Youth for Christ	250.00
Missionary Support: Le Mahieu	750.00	Zuni Christian School	973.52
Missionary Support: Vander Wal	750.00	TOTAL	\$50,835.46
Mobility Worldwide (Leighton)	3,350.00		

DECEMBER USHERS:

East Door a.m.: Harlan De Boer, Dan De Bruin, Tim Kruid
p.m.: Tim Franje, Leon Veldhuizen
West Door a.m.: Dale Rozendaal; p.m.: Mike Vander Hart
Elevator a.m.: Gary Jochems; p.m.: Glen Fynaardt
Substitute a.m.: Adam Fynaardt; p.m.: Carl De Jong

CHURCH FAMILY

We give thanks to God with **Carol Fynaardt** on the occasion of her 80th birthday on December 9.

“Thank you for the well wishes, birthday cards, and Farmall quilt from the ladies’ quilting group of our church. Your thoughtfulness is a blessing.” ~ **Carrol Bandstra**

“Thank you for cards and visits for my 85th birthday. We also appreciate all involved in keeping us connected through the weekly delivery of worship service CDs.” ~ **Ken & Arene De Jong**

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 14, 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.

Peoria Christian School students are currently selling **Butter Braids** and **Cookie Dough!** Orders may be placed by contacting any Peoria Christian student, visiting the school office, or by clicking on the link on the Peoria Christian Facebook page. Orders are due by Friday, December 10, at 3:30 p.m., and will be delivered by students on Friday, December 17, or as arranged. Thank you for your support of Peoria Christian School!

Lord willing, **Peoria Christian School** will hold their annual band and choir **Christmas Concert** at Peoria CRC on Friday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. Pre-K through 8th grade students will present the program “The Promise of Christmas” along with several instrumental numbers by students in 5th-8th grade. Refreshments will be served in the school gym after the program. We look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with you.

The **Pella Christian High School Junior Class** will hold their annual **soup fundraiser**. Orders for chili soup, chicken & rice soup, cheeseburger chowder, and chocolate chip cookies will be received through December 8 and will be ready for pick up on December 18. You may order by contacting Rochelle McClellan (515-205-8353; mccllellanr@pceagles.org). Thanks for supporting the class of 2023!

Support Christian education and receive a tax credit! The **Legacy of Grace Student Tuition Organization (STO)** supports families who desire a Christ-centered education and offers a 75% tax credit against your Iowa taxes. This means a \$1,000 donation reduces your taxes by \$750! You can also increase the 75% tax credit of your gift by donating stock, grain, and any Required Mandatory Distributions (RMDs) if you are at least 72 years of age. Learn more about the STO program or download the donation form on the Pella Christian High School website home page. Questions? Contact Mike Vermeer (641-780-8089).

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to the annual **PEACE Homeschool Choral Concert** at First Church in Pella on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. Please come to support these local kids and enjoy beautiful Christmas music and fellowship. Hope to see you there!