

First Reformed Church
November 21, 2021

The following persons have been nominated to be on the slate for the 2022 consistory year. Elder Slate: *Ralph Bousema, Marlan Hoogendoorn, Duane Middle*. Deacon Slate: *Weston De Jager, Justin Juffer, Matt Vande Kamp, Ryan Vande Vegte*. ***Our congregational meeting will be held on Monday, November 22 at 7:00 PM.***

As a fun way to show your support for church and our new coffee bar, we have shirt orders available with our new coffee bar logo on the front with a Bible verse on the back. If you would like to order a shirt, please pick up an order form from the Opportunities Table in church. All orders are due by Sunday, December 5. Please return to Jen.

College Care Packages will be sent to our college students for finals week. This is a great time to send notes of encouragement as well as snacks for energy during their busy time of studying! If you would like to join in the fun, please place all notes and items in the designated boxes in the fellowship hall by December 1. Care packages will be mailed December 2! Our college students are: Sheridan Berkenpas, Jason Taylor, Jordan Taylor, and Kaylee Vande Hoef.

Thanksgiving Day Collection: This year, we have a couple options for you. First, all food orders are filled at Sunshine with funds from the LOVE, Inc "food resource" line item. You may give a cash donation earmarked for the food resources. You may also give the following items if you would like to help fill the Home Essentials pantry: Cleaning products such as multi-purpose cleaners (Lysol, etc.), toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, Clorox wipes, bathroom cleaner, and dust wipes; deodorant (men and women), bar soap and/or body wash, hand soap, and body lotion. Whatever way you choose to participate, the children will collect those items during our Thanksgiving service. Feel free to place monetary donations in an envelope and give those to the children as well as the bags filled with the above items.

Love INC Giving Trees are returning to local businesses this year and will be decorated with Giving Hearts. Each Heart will be labeled with a gender and age specific toy that community members can donate to bless children whose families might be struggling during the holiday season. Trees will be set up beginning November 11 at M&H and Rooted. You can get involved by purchasing and donating a Holiday Meal Kit at Sunshine Foods or by taking hearts from the Giving Trees and purchasing a gift for the Christmas Store. Thank you for being a blessing to our community.

November Missionaries: John & Lynn Hubers, 1354 East Pointe Ridge, Holland, MI 49423

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: ***Verna Boer, Adriana Dykstra, Faye Gort, Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum***. Pleasant Acres, Hull: ***Cornie & Ann Jansen***; Prairie Crossing, Sioux Falls, SD: ***Bill & Alma Landegent***; RiverView Ridge: ***Tillie Rook, Lucy Ymker***.

CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort in AK; ***Amy and Seung Kim*** in Bangladesh; ***Tom and Aichatou Johnson*** in Pella, IA; ***Brian and Donna Renes*** in Sioux Center; ***John & Lynn Hubers*** in MI.

Community Announcements

Habitat for Humanity Stud Finder Family Fun Night - Join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity on Tuesday, November 30 from 4:30-6:00pm at 2015 Central Ave. in Hawarden to see the progress on the Hawarden Habitat home, meet the Sabin family and see the sponsored studs from community supporters! Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun kid's activity and a freewill donation pork burger meal. A special time of Prayer & Thanksgiving will be held at 5:30pm!

JUSTICE FOR ALL is excited to announce dates for upcoming 2022 Service and Learning Opportunities! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects and a camp. In addition, participants learn and experience a different culture than their own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities.

The sites/dates:

Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 21-28

JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 5-11

Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 12-18

Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 5-11

Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 25-Apr 1

ARISE! Ukraine – June 13-27 .

Flyers with more information about each project can be found on the Opportunities Table. If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.)