

WESTWOOD

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Finding & Following Jesus

APRIL 28 2019

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Open Up the Heavens*

*GOD'S GREETING / WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

**Build Your Kingdom Here*

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY CELEBRATION

OFFERINGS: The first offering is for funds that support the ministries of Westwood Church, and our denomination, the Christian Reformed Church. The second offering is for Youth for Christ.

OFFERTORY: *Friendship Ministry Video*

(Children 3-1st grade are dismissed for Children's Worship)

PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE

BIBLE STORY

PRAYER

**Blessed Be Your Name*

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

**He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

*GOD'S BLESSING

*SENDING

*INDICATES PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

WELCOME TO WESTWOOD

Welcome to worship at Westwood CRC! *A Christ-centered community inspiring people to find and follow Jesus!* It is a joy to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like more information about us, we invite you to fill out a Welcome card in the pew racks and return it to the basket on the Welcome Center or place it in the offering bag. We invite you to stay after the service and enjoy refreshments, available at both the Lobby and Kitchen Coffee Spots.

Today is Friendship Sunday! Welcome to all who are a part of the Friendship ministry here at Westwood – whether you are a member of Friendship, a volunteer, or a family member. What a blessing to worship and celebrate together today!

What is Friendship Ministries? Friendship Ministries is people with and without disabilities growing in faith together. If you would like to learn more about Friendship Ministries at Westwood, please contact one of the teachers or mentors listed in today's bulletin, or visit www.friendship.org.

Hearing aid units are available near the office window at the entrance of the building. If you need help with them speak to one of the greeters.

Children's Worship: Kids age 3 – 1st graders are invited part-way through our Worship Gathering to go downstairs for their own special time of praise and learning. A teacher will direct you downstairs, where they can be picked up after Worship.

Prayer after worship: After every service, people are available to pray with you in the Prayer Room. No prayer is too small – whether for thanksgiving, healing support or salvation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Discipleship Class will conclude the two-week series called “Stages of Life; Stages of Faith” led by Mark Scheffers next Sunday.

Due to Office Staff being on Retreat the Church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Youth Discipleship Classes will finish strong next week Sunday, 5/5. Students, be sure to join us for great learning and celebrating and eating ice cream sundaes!

Toy/Clothing Collection: Next week Sunday, 5/5, is our LAST CHANCE to fill our bins with new/gently used toys & clothes for Alternatives of Kalamazoo. Bins are near the church mailboxes and in classroom hallways. Thank you!

Articles for the May Westword are due Tuesday, April 30. Please submit them to Amy at amiched@yahoo.com.

Our church will host a National Day of Prayer meeting for prayer for our nation from 12:00- 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2. Come join us. If you are unable to meet here or you would like to begin praying now, guides and an inspirational article are available in the entry area to church.

Primetimers: Chicken Dinner and table games on Friday, May 3 beginning at 6 p.m. at church. \$5 per person. Sign up at the information center table near the church office.

MOPS Breakfast Blessing: We invite you to bless LOTS of mamas with a delicious hot breakfast on Wednesday, 5/8, 9am. Check out the Information Table signup sheet for food items needed. Can't be there? That's fine – you can drop off items earlier and we'll prepare and serve. We're celebrating a great season with them!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Summer Children's Worship begins June 2 and high schoolers and adults are invited to spend a Sunday, or two, or more!, with our fun young ones. If you love Jesus, you can share Him with these kiddos using a simple story and activities. Please talk to Cheri Dykstra (cheri@westwoodcrc.org) to find out more info or to choose your Sunday(s).

Westwood Vacation Bible School: Registration is now open for children age 4 through completing 5th grade! Save your spot TODAY online or printed form. Registration forms and more flyers are on the VBS table along with signups for many volunteer needs before or during the VBS week. Be sure to share today's bulletin insert with your neighbor, grandchildren, and your soccer and little league teams. Support this fun opportunity for churches to partner in showing the love of Christ to families.

PRAYER NOTES

*Our sympathies to the family and friends of one of our frequent attendees, Bert Booi, who passed away on April 20.

* This afternoon Pastor Mike, April, Cheri, Ginny, and Kristina will be leaving for the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds for a two-day Staff Retreat. The Staff invites you to pray for physical and spiritual refreshment, as well as times of good conversation, prayer, worship and team building. The Staff will also discuss the book The Simple Church by Thom Rainer and Eric Greiger, and will use this book as a guide for continued evaluation of Westwood's ministries and implementation of our shared vision.

*Dave Biskie asks for prayers for the year end one-on-one meetings with students as he gives them vision for serving Christ and his mission, affirm their gifts and potential and invite them to take steps of growth in specific areas in their relationship with God.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of the church family for your prayers and cards when my mother passed away. Your kind expressions made such a difference. - *Tim & Marian Stowers*

Thank you, Westwood friends, for your concern during the passing of Brian's dad. We really appreciated the cards, concern and prayers during this time of heartache. A huge thank you to Pastor Mike for his time and consideration. It is such a blessing to be a part of the family of God. His grace is sufficient!!
In Christ - *Brian and Deb Youngblood*

COMMUNITY NEWS

(Items received from local churches, schools and non-profits)

The Singing Crusaders of West Michigan Spring Concert with the Men of A-Chord of Chicago and Heritage Singing Men of Jenison is this afternoon at 4:00 p.m at the 12th Street Baptist Church, 3911 S. 12th St., Kalamazoo.

Grace Christian Reformed Church presents "Then Sings My Soul", a celebration of the person and work of Jesus Christ through scripture and song featuring musicians from a number of local churches. Join us this evening at 7 p.m.

Spring Salad Luncheon at Milwood Community Church (3306 Lovers Lane, Kalamazoo) on Thursday, May 2 from 11 am to 1 pm. Donations will be appreciated. Kids 5 and under eat free. Proceeds benefit the Milwood Coffee Break Bible study program.

Reformed Heritage Christian School is having their annual flower sale fundraiser each Saturday in May from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the corner of Nichols and Ravine Roads. There will be a variety of hanging baskets, potted flowers, flats of flowers and more.

See **Pillar Bulletin Board** for a variety of job opportunities.

NEXT SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Next Sunday Pastor Mike will be preaching from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 - "Vulnerable but Valuable."

OFFERING INFORMATION

Weekly Giving for 2019 - \$10,911.54

Weekly Giving (General & Mortgage)

Envelope Giving 4/21/19.....\$10,025.30
Online Giving 4/19-4/25\$1,308.00

Envelope Giving 4-21-19

Faith Promise\$1,055.00
Tuition Assistance\$20.00

Special Offerings 4/21/19

World Renew\$416.10

Next Sunday morning the offering will be for the Jericho Foundation's Back Pack campaign.

SCHEDULES

TODAY - APRIL 28

Connectors:

Rick & Sue Kuipers

Valet Parkers:

Steve Visser

Dave Hoekstra

Worship Hosts:

Larry & Sherri DeFouw

Karen Sopjes, Lynn Visser

Coffee Hosts:

Sally A. Triemstra, Nancy D.

Hollis & Gwen Vlietstra

Children's Worship:

Cheri Dykstra, Annika Leep

Mei Lanting

Mattias Koetje

Nursery Attendants:

Annette Leep, Michelle Crooks

Katie DeGroot

Prayer Room:

Roger Boyd

Jan Boyd

NEXT WEEK - MAY 5

Connectors:

Bernie & Jenny Scheffers

Valet Parkers:

Jack Westra

Jeff Feddema

Worship Hosts:

Jeff & Karen Blamer

Dorothy Bergman, Pat S.

Coffee Hosts:

Peggy Vlietstra, April S.

Greg & Jenny DeGroot

Children's Worship:

Lisa Betten, Mackenzie A.

Madalyn Vlietstra

Faith Kline

Nursery Attendants:

Myra DeLoof, Faith Huyser

Jordan Triemstra

Prayer Room:

Mark Scheffers

Jenny or Bernie Scheffers

FRIENDSHIP 2018-2019

Teaching Leaders:

Tricia Tetzlaff, Nancy Hendriksen, Kraig Zantello & Gayle Esman

Singing Leaders:

Kathie Visker

Pianist:

Elaine VanStrien

Mentors:

Amy Birchmeier
Libby Carpenter
John DenHartigh
Marja DeVries
Renee Driesenga
Scott Driesenga
Teresa Foster
Wes Froman
Dan Hendriksen
Pamela Jenkins
Diane Kino
Rick Kuipers
Peter Lenz
Kim Martin
Dianne Meyering
Laura Potter
Pamela Robinson
Jane Shoemaker
Tricia Tetzlaff
Don Visker
Leah Weidenaar
Kraig Zantello
Mark Zwart

Friends:

Lori Barber
Bethany Branch
Pam Brown
Brianna Case
Lourensie Crenshaw
Nathan Dyk
Tricia Flanders
Justin Foster
Andrea Harris
Micah Ipema
Gavin Isaacs
Maggie Keehbauch
Luke Kozminske
Darrell Leeper
John Longstroth
Herb Odell
David O'Keefe
Brain Pearson
Alexander Pinto
Tom Pinto
Bonnie Powell
Nick Reid
Laura Rozek
Mariah Schnabel
Will Tolin
Jenifer Vlietstra
Jim Vlietstra
Fred Weening
Mason Zantello

FRIENDSHIP 2018-2019 (CONTINUED)

THANK YOU to all who feed us and clean up after us

Chefs:

Nancy Hendriksen
Jean & Herm Visker
Sue Boot
Lisa Betten

Pizza Lady:

Marcia Visker

Friendship Board:

Jane Shoemaker
Tricia Tetzlaff
Kathie Visker
Bethany & Kraig Zantello

Kitchen Crew:

Bethany Zantello - Crew Chief
Jason & Alida Blauwkamp
Chuck & Julie Flanders
Mark Meyering
Joy Mejeur
Rich Shoemaker
Todd, Bennet & Oliver Tetzlaff
David Weidenaar
Preston & Charlotte Zantello

CALENDAR

Monday, April 29

9:30am Prayer group

Tuesday, April 30

4:00pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 1

6:15pm Adult Choir
7:30pm Praise Team

Thursday, May 2

9:00am Cleaning Crew
4:00pm Food Pantry
5:30pm Zumba

Sunday, May 5

9:00 Discipleship Classes
10:00am Worship



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