

## COMMUNITY & GLOBAL OUTREACH

...Faith in Action

### KIDS HOPE USA

Audrey Shantz, [audreyshantz@gmail.com](mailto:audreyshantz@gmail.com)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kids Hope USA needs more mentors! We just had 4 kids referred all at once. It's just one hour each week. Please contact Audrey Shantz if you'd like to become a mentor!



**COMMUNITY** (hands, feet, & voice) [churchoffice@rockfordreformedchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@rockfordreformedchurch.org)

#### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- Birthday Blessings: Birthday parties for children of clients of NKCS. Held in the FLC gym. *Needed:* People to serve as party hosts, and donations of gifts and party supplies. Contact Sue (874.6289) or Pam (866.6318).
- North Kent Community Services (866.3478)
- New City Neighbors (970.4817): Men & Women leaders needed for Thursday evening school year program. Contact Sue Yurick at [yuricks!@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yuricks!@sbcglobal.net)
- The Other Way Ministries (454.4011)
- The Alpha Family Center in Cedar Springs (696.2616)

### GLOBAL MISSIONS

#### MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH:

Haiti Foundation Against Poverty  
PO Box 120105, Grand Rapids, MI 49528  
Email: [information@haitipoverty.org](mailto:information@haitipoverty.org) Website: [haitipoverty.org](http://haitipoverty.org)

#### MISSIONARIES IN SERVICE:

Jim & Beth Harrison	Mike & Sheryl Knox	Tim & Angie Sliedrecht
Dan & Heidi Smith	Mark & Deb Wilson	Greg & Laura Yoder
Adrian & Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly	HFAP-Haiti Foundation Against Poverty	

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

## ATTENDANCE/FINANCE

Last week's attendance: 363  
Last week's Ministry & Mission Offering: \$10,908.58  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction Offering: \$420.00

## PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

#### RECOVERY & INTERCESSION:

- **Paul Greenland** is recovering after knee replacement surgery on Nov 9.
- **Joel Van Houten** continues vocal therapy after surgery on his vocal chords.
- **Ray Dulyea** – continued prayer that his kidney test “numbers” will not change.
- **Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- Pray for our military: **Nathan Gonzalez, Phillip Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

#### EXTENDED FAMILY:

- **Charles Tigchon** (Rick's father) is in intensive care.
- **Jan Venema** (Rick's step-mother) had hip replacement surgery on Nov. 28.
- **Ed DeGroot** (friend of Joel Van Houten) had a bone marrow transplant on Dec 5.
- **Mike Crusan** (son-in-law of Dale & Karen Rogers) has been moved to Mary Free Bed for intense physical therapy.
- **Robert Smith** (Audrey Shantz's dad) undergoing chemo treatments.
- **Ervin Gunnink** (Arlene Hunsberger's son) test results showed cancer had spread. He is consulting with doctors.
- **Drew VanDyk** (8-yrs old) undergoing treatment for brain tumors.
- **Les Westenbroek** (Kerry Schrotenboer's dad) in Hospice care – lung cancer.
- **Susan Leemgraven** (Carolyn Feikema's sister-in-law) undergoing chemo.
- **Maggie Hunkele** (Larry Bertsch's sister) undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- **Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) is undergoing chemo treatments.
- **Max Wiersma** (Ploeg's nephew – 3-yrs old) liver showing no signs of rejection and has another round of chemo yet.
- **Cindy Reed Dewitt** (cousin of Sheri Harper) had a double mastectomy and is undergoing radiation through the end of the year.
- **Sara DeKuiper** (cousin of De Kuipers) continues chemo treatments.

#### PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

Congratulations to **Eric & Julie Ringnalda** at the birth of their son, **Alister J**, on Nov 26. 8 lbs 14 oz, 20" long

Congratulations to **Ed & Kristi Milam** at the birth of their daughter, **Raleigh Ann** on Nov 28. Proud grandparents are **Rex & Marilyn Pomranka**.

– On the *last Sunday of each month*, elders will be available to meet confidentially after services with anyone desiring spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational healing.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

*Please join us!*



*Third Sunday of Advent*

*Pastor Rick Tigchon*



# Rockford Reformed Church

**WELCOME!**

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
Sunday, December 9, 2012  
8:45am & 11:00am



**“Eager for the Messiah to Come”**

Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 529)

**Ben Gandy, Youth Director**

#### Vision:

*To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.*

#### Mission:

*To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.*

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*Wireless listening devices and large print hymnals  
are available at the sound console.*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Kid's Korner

Beth Jennings, [rrchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rrchildrensministry@gmail.com)

#### TODAY:

**Note: NO Christian Education Classes Dec 16, 23 or 30**

9:50am – **CARAVAN & CARAVAN PREP STATION**

- Ages 3 & 4 meet in the Exploration Station
- Age 5-K and Grades 1-5 meet in the Fellowship Hall
- (rotation schedules are available by the Caravan counter)



#### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Emily De Witte, [emily.dewitte@gmail.com](mailto:emily.dewitte@gmail.com)

- Walkout worship for kids ages 3-7  
(Children will be dismissed during morning services)
- 8:45am – Emily De Witte, Dylan Mc Connon
- 11:00am – Rachel De Kuiper, Sami De Kuiper, Emillie Clayton



#### NURSERY

Beth Jennings, [rrnursery@gmail.com](mailto:rrnursery@gmail.com)

- 8:45am: Lisa De Boer, Nicholas Knapp
- 11:00am: Jen Einfeld, Amy Plambeck, Anya & Shannon Fanberg  
(Cry Room also available off of hall near main entry stairs of sanctuary)
- **NEEDED: Adult Leaders (18+) & Helpers (ages 10-17)**  
Contact Beth @ 866-2308 ext. 16 or [rrchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rrchildrensministry@gmail.com)



#### WEEKLY WEDNESDAYS:

Brenda VanderHeide, [rrpioneerclubs@gmail.com](mailto:rrpioneerclubs@gmail.com)

- 6:00pm – **SIMPLE SUPPER**, FLC – eat together as a family before programs!
- 6:30pm – **PIONEER CLUBS**, Ages 2 yrs old–5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Friends welcome!



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fri, Dec 14, 5:30-8:00pm: **Parent's Night Out**. RSVP to Beth Jennings at 866-2308 x16 or [rrchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rrchildrensministry@gmail.com). Dinner and a snack provided. Donations accepted to go towards youth accounts for mission trips and events.

Wed, Dec 19: **Pioneer Clubs Christmas Celebration**. 6:00pm Dinner in the Family Life Center. 6:45pm Christmas program in the sanctuary. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to this fun event!



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Middle & High School

Ben Gandy, Director of Youth Ministries, [benrrc@gmail.com](mailto:benrrc@gmail.com)  
Trisha Van Stensel, Youth Admin. Assistant, [tvsatrrc@gmail.com](mailto:tvsatrrc@gmail.com)

#### WAVE grades 6-8

##### TODAY:

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- Sunday School – Meets at 9:50am in the Youth Room!

##### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **WAVE:** Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm.
- **Parent's Night Out is Friday, Dec. 14:** Earn money for your account with just a few hours of work!!! Dinner and a snack provided. Contact Trisha **ASAP** to sign up!

#### ROCK grades 9-12

##### TODAY

**Note: NO Christian Education Classes Dec 16, 23 or 30**

- Sunday School in Rm. #25 at 9:50am!

- **ROCK 6:30pm in the Youth Room. NO MEETING TONIGHT! Please join the Congregational meeting (5pm) or help in nursery!**

##### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Parent's Night Out is Friday, Dec. 14:** Earn money for your account with just a few hours of work!!! Dinner and a snack provided. Contact Trisha **ASAP** to sign up!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

[susankalee803@gmail.com](mailto:susankalee803@gmail.com)

#### WEEKLY:

- Thursdays: **Moms-N-Kids Morning Out!** Call Alicia Stuckey (633.0723) for time and place. We would love for you to join us.

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- **Tuesdays**, 9:30am: New study starting Jan 8 - "**Letters to Timothy**" led by Jean Boyd (874-9655) and Lin Ploeg (866-0862) in Rm #1. **Join us! No class on Dec 18, 25, or Jan 1.**
- **Wednesdays**, 6:45pm: "**Road Trip**" by Jen Hatmaker, led by Nancy Tigchon. Meet in FLC Fireside Rm #20.
- **Fridays**, 9:30am: "**Breaking Free,**" a Beth Moore study led by Trisha Van Stensel. Child care available.

##### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### MEAL-N-CARE and CELEBRATIONS MINISTRIES

- Meals, Prayer Shawls/Quilts, Cards, and Care Baskets available for individuals and families in times of illness, grieving, or other challenging occasions.
- Bridal Blessings Showers for future brides! Lyn Peterman 866.9069, [lpeterman@nvps.net](mailto:lpeterman@nvps.net)


## ADULT MINISTRIES

[churchoffice@rockfordreformedchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@rockfordreformedchurch.org)

#### TODAY:

- 8:30am: **Prayer Meeting** in Rm #1. Everyone Welcome!



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- 9:50am: **Adult Christian Education Classes:** (FLC Fireside Room #20)  
Dec 9: Jerry Coon, "Future of our Tax System"
- 10:00am: **Prayer Meeting** in Pastor Rick's office. Everyone Welcome!!!
- **Blood Pressure Screening** in Room #4 (north hallway off sanctuary) after both morning services. 
- 5:00pm: **Annual Congregational Meeting**. All Communicant members are encouraged to attend. Election of Elders & Deacons and 2013 Budget. Absentee Ballots are available in the church office and must be turned in by 12:15pm.

**USHERS:** 8:45am – Tom Bruyn, Darryl De Good, Ray Dulyea  
11:00am – Jim Scholten, Dan Uthoff, Greg Wagner

**DEACON COLLECTION:** Dan Jenema, Brandon Mueller  
**DEACON SERVANT NETWORK:** Brandon Mueller (647.9771)

##### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sat, Dec 15, 1:00pm: **Single Adult Lunch** at Bostwick Lake Inn then on to Barb Ribbon's for fun & dessert. RSVP w/Carol @ 866.4845.
- Sun, Dec 16: **Christmas Music Celebration** at both morning services. (ALL services will meet in the sanctuary) 
- Sun, Dec 16, 23 & 30: ALL services will meet in the sanctuary.
- Sun, Dec 16 & 23, 6:00pm: **Caroling** in the neighborhood. Meet at church at 6:00pm. Hot cocoa & cookies after caroling.
- Dec 24: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at 4:00pm & 6:00pm 
- **Dec 30: "Double-Up" Sunday Offering.** (A challenge to give double your normal giving for the week to help the church with our financial concerns through the end of the year) *Thank you for your prayerful and faithful giving!*
- **Year-End Contributions** must be received in the church office no later than 12:00noon on Monday, December 31.

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

[rcmensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rcmensministry@gmail.com)

#### WEEKLY:

- Tuesday, 7:00am: **Men's Prayer Breakfast**. Please join us!
- Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00pm: **Bible Study** led by Pastor Rick. "Peter's Life Story"  
Meet in the FLC Music Room.