

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL OUTREACH

...Faith in Action

KIDS HOPE USA

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

We recently had 8 new kids referred to the Kids Hope program. Please contact Audrey Shantz (866-2308) if you would consider becoming a mentor!



COMMUNITY (hands, feet, & voice) 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 yuricks1@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 Website: 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: 404
Last week's Ministry & Mission Offering: \$18,106.83
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction Offering: \$3,636.00

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

RECOVERY & INTERCESSION:

- **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 at Kent Community for rehab.
- **Jan Venema** (Rick Venema'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) hopefully had last chemo treatment – waiting for test results.
- **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 **Michelle & Rick Hoyos** at the birth of their daughter, **Teresa Grace**, on December 17. 7 lbs 1 oz. Proud grandparents are **Steve & Nancy Steenwyk**.

- 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!

“Back to Business but Hopefully not as Usual”

Luke 2:8-20 [p. 783]

Pastor Rick Tigchon



Rockford Reformed Church

WELCOME!

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 23, 2012
8:45am & 11:00am



“Fear Not”

Matthew 1:20 [p. 737]

Pastor Bryan Boersma

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, rcchildrensministry@gmail.com

TODAY:

Note: NO Christian Education Classes Dec 23 or 30 – Merry Christmas!

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

- Walkout worship for kids ages 3-7
(Children will be dismissed during morning services)
- 8:45am – Pamela Huffman, Madelyn Mc Connon
- 11:00am – Rachel De Kuiper, Kathy Commeret, Sami De Kuiper

Emily De Witte, emily.dewitte@gmail.com



NURSERY

- 8:45am: Megan DeVries, Cora Vanden Heuvel
- 11:00am: Becki Pilko, Nicole Kruizenga
(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 rcchildrensministry@gmail.com

Beth Jennings, rcnursery@gmail.com



WEEKLY WEDNESDAYS:

Brenda VanderHeide, rcpioneerclubs@gmail.com



Pioneer Clubs: NO programming on Dec 26, or Jan 2 – Merry Christmas!

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle & High School

Ben Gandy, Director of Youth Ministries, benrrc@gmail.com
Trisha Van Stensel, Youth Admin. Assistant, tvsatrrc@gmail.com

WAVE grades 6-8

TODAY:

Note: NO Christian Education Classes Dec 23 or 30 – Merry Christmas!
– Sunday School – Meets at 9:50am in the Youth Room!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **WAVE:** Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm. **NO WAVE!**
- **RRCYM Christmas Brunch – TODAY at 10am in the Youth Rm.** Join us for yummy food and a chance to celebrate the Christmas season together!!!
- **GROW:** A unique opportunity to grow in God's word and earn cash for trips. Grow packets are available in Youth Rm. Read God's word, write what you learned, hand grow sheet in. Simple. Start growing now!

ROCK grades 9-12

TODAY

Note: NO Christian Education Classes Dec 23 or 30 – Merry Christmas!
– Sunday School in Rm. #25 at 9:50am!

– **ROCK 6:30pm in the Youth Room. NO ROCK!**

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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. **No class on Dec 26, or Jan 2.**
- **Fridays, 9:30am:** New study starting January 18 – “**Radical**” by David Platt 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

ADULT MINISTRIES

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)

- 10:00am: **Prayer Meeting** in Pastor Rick's office. **NO MEETING TODAY!**
- 6:00pm: **Caroling** in the neighborhood. Meet at church. Hot cocoa & cookies after caroling.

USHERS: 8:45am – Lucy Layman, Jack Kole, Scott Marsman
11:00am – Andy Kole, Gary Gingrich, Scott Jacobs

DEACON COLLECTION: Marcia Coleman, Darryl De Good
DEACON SERVANT NETWORK: Brandon Mueller (647.9771)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 4:00pm & 6:00pm
(nursery provided at both services). The offering is designated for Safe Haven Ministries. They offer emergency shelter, support and counseling for women and children escaping from domestic abuse.

– **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.

– **Wed, Jan 2, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group** meet for goodies, coffee and good conversation in the Fellowship Hall. ☕

– **Sun, Jan 27, 3:30pm-6:30pm: Discovery Class for church membership.** Watch for more information. (Light supper & nursery provided)

Annual Congregational Meeting Results:

Elected as Shepherd Elder: **Suzanne Bredow, Tim Mulder**
Elected as Service Deacon: **Laura Jolliffe, Wally Glaza**
The Proposed Budget for 2013 was approved.

(Copies of the meeting handouts are available at the back of the sanctuary)
Our appreciation is expressed to outgoing consistory members: **Don Bandstra, Miriam Carpenter, Dan Jenema, Sandy Uthoff.** Thank you for your faithful service to RRC.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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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. **No class on Dec 26 or Jan 2.**