

KIDS HOPE USAAudrey Shantz, 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

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:

Magi Tree: Each star on the Magi tree represents a child from a client family at NKCS. Please consider choosing a star, purchasing one or more new clothing item (appropriate for the gender/age listed on the star) and return the item to church (**unwrapped**) by **Sunday, December 9**. Suggestions: New books, Pajamas, nightgown or sleep pants, socks, underwear, scarves and gloves.

ATTENDANCE/FINANCE

Last week's attendance: 264
Last week's Ministry & Mission Offering: \$14,032.95
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction Offering: \$502.33

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP**RECOVERY & INTERCESSION:**

- **Paul Greenland** is recovering after knee replacement surgery on Nov 9.
- **John Fanberg** recovering after surgery to insert a stent after a heart attack.
- **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:

- **Jan Venema** (Rick's step-mother) had hip replacement surgery on Nov. 28.
- **Ed DeGroot** (friend of Joel Van Houten) will have 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.
- **Bob Shanken** (Howard's brother) test results show he is in remission.
- **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 Schrottenboer'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, **Rileigh 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!*

Second Sunday of Advent
“Eager for the Messiah to Come
Isaiah 11:1-10 [p. 529]
Ben Gandy, Speaker



Rockford Reformed Church

WELCOME!

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 2, 2012
8:45am & 11:00am

**“Emmanuel”**

Matthew 1:18-25 [p. 737]
Pastor Rick Tighon

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

TODAY:

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 – Chris Knapp, Travis Katsma
- 11:00am – Jodi Becksvoort, Caleb Jennings

Emily De Witte, emily.dewitte@gmail.com



NURSERY

- 8:45am: Polly Johnson, Lilly Johnson
- 11:00am: Emily DeWitte, Beth Triezenberg, Emily Bowers
(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

Beth Jennings, rrnursery@gmail.com

WEEKLY WEDNESDAYS:

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

Brenda VanderHeide, rrpioneerclubs@gmail.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fri, Dec 14, 5:30-8:00pm: **Parent's Night Out**. RSVP to Beth Jennings at 866-2308 x16 or 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
Trisha Van Stensel, Youth Admin. Assistant, tvstarrc@gmail.com

WAVE grades 6-8

TODAY:

- 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

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

- **ROCK 6:30pm in the Youth Room. Shopping for a Refugee family this evening.**

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

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: **"Slave"** by John MacArthur, led by Jean Boyd (874-9655) and Lin Ploeg (866-0862) in Rm #1. *Join us!*
- **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:

Thurs, Dec 6: Women's Christmas Event with magical entertainer Paul Critelli. Entertainment begins at 7:00pm with divine desserts to follow. Sign up at the women's ministry board or connections.rrc@gmail.com

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!
- 9:50am: **Adult Christian Education Classes:** (FLC Fireside Room #20)
Dec 2: Jerry Coon, "Year-End Tax Strategies"
Dec 9: Jerry Coon, "Future of our Tax System"

- 10:00am: **Prayer Meeting** in Pastor Rick's office. Everyone Welcome!!!
- 12:30pm: **Fundraiser Dinner for Haiti Foundation Against Poverty**

USHERS: 8:45am – Stan Weir, Lucy Layman, Ron Porter
11:00am – Scott Jacobs, Doug Hannink, Andy Kole

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Celebration Choir rehearsals:** The choir will perform at both morning services on Sunday, Dec 16. Join us for rehearsals on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm on Dec 6 and Dec 13. Questions? Contact the church office.
- Tues, Dec 4, 6:30pm: **Prayer Meeting.** Join us for an evening of prayer.
- **Dec 5, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group luncheon.** Special presentation after lunch at 1:30pm with Meteorologist, Matt Kirkwood from Wood TV8. Luncheon provided (cash donation to help cover costs will be appreciated). RSVP TODAY! Contact church office or Wilma Rottman (866.2389).
- Sun, Dec 9, 5:00pm: **Annual Congregational Meeting.** Election of Elders & Deacons and 2013 Budget.

- Sun, Dec 9: **Blood Pressure Screening** in Room #4 (north hallway off sanctuary) after both morning services.



- 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)



- 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!*

MEN'S MINISTRIES

rrmensministry@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.