

KIDS HOPE USAAudrey Shantz, audreyshantz@gmail.com**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

We recently had 8 new kids referred to the Kids Hope program. Please contact Audrey Shantz 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 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 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: 387
Last week's Ministry & Mission Offering: \$11,814.50
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction Offering: \$1,640.00

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 out of intensive care, but still hospitalized.
- **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) undergoing chemo treatments. White blood cell counts are very low which could delay chemo.
- **Ervin Gunnink** (Arlene Hunsberger's son) test results showed cancer had spread. He is consulting with doctors.
- **Drew VanDyk** (8-yr 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-yr 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.

– 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!***Fourth Sunday of Advent****Pastor Bryan Boersma**

Rockford Reformed Church

WELCOME!

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 16, 2012
8:45am & 11:00am

**“Christmas Music Celebration”****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 16, 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 – Lora Jenema, Nicholas Knapp
- 11:00am – Nancy Steenwyk, Tamra Miller, Kathryn Jacobs

Emily De Witte, emily.dewitte@gmail.com



NURSERY

- 8:45am: Lisa Vergouwe, Kate Fleetham
- 11:00am: Jen Klaasen, Alicia Stuckey, Madison Stuckey
(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



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!

Pioneer Clubs: NO programming on Dec 19, 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, tvstarrc@gmail.com

WAVE grades 6-8

TODAY:

Note: NO Christian Education Classes Dec 16, 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.
- **RRCYM Christmas Brunch – Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10am in the Youth Rm.** Join us for yummy food and a chance to celebrate the Christmas season together!!!

ROCK grades 9-12

TODAY

Note: NO Christian Education Classes Dec 16, 23 or 30 – Merry Christmas!
– Sunday School in Rm. #25 at 9:50am!

– **ROCK 6:30pm in the Youth Room.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **RRCYM Christmas Brunch – Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10am in the Youth Rm.** Join us for yummy food and a chance to celebrate the Christmas season together!!!

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 19, 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. Everyone Welcome!!!
- 6:00pm: **Caroling** in the neighborhood. Meet at church. Hot cocoa & cookies after caroling.

USHERS: 8:45am – Casey Kalee, Don De Good, Steve Katsma
11:00am – Rick De Haan, Jerry Coon, Elma Gingrich

DEACON COLLECTION: Sandy Uthoff, Deb Coon

DEACON SERVANT NETWORK: Brandon Mueller (647.9771)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mon, Dec 17: **Michigan Blood Drive** at Casnovia Reformed Church, 2:00-8:00pm. Walk-ins welcome!
- Sun, Dec, 23 & 30: **ALL** services will meet in the sanctuary.
- Sun, Dec 23, 6:00pm: **Caroling** in the neighborhood. Meet at church at 6:00pm. Hot cocoa & cookies after caroling.
- 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.

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

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. **No class on Dec 19, 26 or Jan 2.**