

# Prayer Fellowship

## Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Tim Mulder** has been diagnosed with cancer on his vocal chords and is consulting with doctors.
- ~**Mark Schrottenboer** is recovering after outpatient knee surgery on Dec 10.
- ~**Steve Steenwyk** home recovering.
- ~**Nancy Jansen** continues healing after neck surgery.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** - tumor has grown and has started new treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** continued prayer his kidney "numbers" will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

## Extended Family:

- ~**Brian Carpenter** (Tom & Miriam's son) surgery was successful to relieve chronic arm pain. He is home recovering.
- ~**Kaylia McClure** (Carpenter's granddaughter, born 11/26) is scheduled for open heart surgery on Dec 7 for a heart defect.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

## Sympathy:

Is expressed to **Paul & Virginia Greenland** at the death of Virginia's brother, **Andy Offringa**, on Nov 29.

## Congratulations to:

- Joey & Megan Barth** at the birth of their daughter, **Emery Elyse** on Dec 1. Proud Grandparents are **Steve & Deb Barth**.
- Kevin & Kelly McClure** at the birth of their daughter **Kaylia Jo** on Nov 26. Proud Grandparents are **Tom & Miriam Carpenter**.

# Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

**Our worship service:** Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

**The message:** This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish.

**The offering:** This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (on the back of this page).

**Prayer time:** We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the lobby after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

**Childcare:** Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a parent-infant room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

**Formality:** We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet in the lobby or visit our website: [rockfordreformedchurch.org](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

**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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**Rockford Reformed Church**  
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**Sunday, December 13, 2015**

**Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

SONGS OF WORSHIP

KID'S BELLS

ADVENT READING - JOY

James & Krista Vanden Heuvel Family

PUPPET MINISTRY

SPECIAL MUSIC

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

OFFERING - VIDEO

CELEBRATION CHOIR

SONG OF WORSHIP

PRAYER & MEDITATION

WOMEN'S TRIO

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website  
[rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Cora Vanden Heuvel  
(11:00am) Megan DeVries, Sara Zang, Kate & Aimee Zang

### Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Abby Vanden Heuvel  
(11:00am) Emily De Witte, Landen Jennings

**Next Sunday: "The Christmas Miracle: Learning to Grow with a Miracle"**

Luke 1:34-38 (p. 781); 2Timothy 2:20-21 (p.907) • Pastor Paul Bradford



## What's Going On?

### Today:

**8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer** in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

**10:00am: Sunday School** for all ages.

**Ages 3, 4, & DK** meet in Classroom #122

**Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>** meet in Classroom #101

**Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

**Senior High** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

**Adult Class:** "Follow," a video series by Andy Stanley, led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #253.

**Sun, Dec 13: Blood Pressure Screening** after both services in Rm#211

**Sun, Dec 13: Newcomer's Lunch** following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**6:30pm: High School Youth Group** in Youth Room #153

### This Week:

**Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast.** Join us any time.

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am:** A study on "Romans," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

**Wednesdays,** NO regular programming tonight. **Join us for the Pioneer Clubs "Simply Christmas" Program.** Dinner at 6:00pm and program begins at 6:45pm. Invite family and friends.

**Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study** – "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. Next meeting is December 18.

**Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study** – "Children of the Day," a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Beth Moore), led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Thurs, Dec 24, 4:00pm & 6:00pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

**Magi Tree:** Our Annual Magi Tree for children of clients at North Kent Community Services is in the lobby. Information is in your church mailbox or pick up a card from under the tree for a list of items needed. Deadline is TODAY 12/13

### **Results of Annual Congregational Meeting:**

Administrative Elder: Megan DeVries (3yr)

Shepherd Elder: Luke Morgan (3yr), Jason Vergouwe (3yr)

Service Deacon: Peter Jolliffe (3yr), Emillie Clayton (3yr), Chad Kleis (1yr)

2016 Budget was approved.

### **Outgoing Consistory Members:**

Wilma Nelson, Megan DeVries, Karen Bazen, Laura Jolliffe, Wally Glaza, and Nate Jennings. *Thank you for your faithful service to RRC!*

**Sun, Jan 3: Winter Festival.** Similar to our Fall Festival, this is a scaled back version, between services, to give you a chance to sign-up for new volunteer opportunities, Studies/Life Groups and more. A breakfast brunch will be served between services. A **Concert of Prayer** will be held in the evening.

**On-line Giving** now available. You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website [www.RockfordReformedChurch.org](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brianmellis@outlook.com](mailto:brianmellis@outlook.com)

**Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School**

**Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group** in Youth Room #153

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group** in Youth Room #153

**Upcoming Events: Winter Retreats: MS:** Jan 22-24

**HS:** Feb 26-28

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com)

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [connections.rrc@gmail.com](mailto:connections.rrc@gmail.com)

**Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School.** Bring in socks for the Sock Pile until 12/13!

**Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Pioneer Club with a Simple Supper at 6:00pm**

**Wed, Dec 16: Pioneer Club Christmas Program.** 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Program

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 278

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,368.12

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$455.00