

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:1

THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Dennis & Sharon Schipper

South Door – John & Karen Oltman

Next Sunday: North Door – Ryan & Stacy Edeker

South Door – Frank & Betty Pott

USHERS. Today, a.m. – Ken Mehmen

Next Sunday – Ken Johnson

VALET PARKING. Today – Mike Stirling

Next Sunday – Pat Prier

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – John & Karen Oltman

Next week – Paul & Darlene Bruns

SUNDAY SCHOOL. This week – No Sunday School

Next week – Amy & Kay – *The Friend at Midnight*; JoLynne – *Children & Parents*

Please note: If there are any differences between the schedule in the bulletin and the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff, please follow the schedule in the Shepherd's Staff.

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time at Jean Trey's house 1:00 p.m. – Sunshine Circle
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m. – Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Annie Allspach was admitted to Covenant Hospital last Sunday. She was still at Covenant at this writing.

We express our sympathy to Duane Anderson in the loss of his sister Pearl Koch who passed away on this past Monday. The funeral was held on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship following the worship service this morning.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Life Plus.

Sunshine Circle will meet this Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Jan Johnson will serve.

There will be no Life Plus this week.

There is still time to order daffodils from the Sunshine Circle. They will arrive Wednesday, March 8. You can pay the \$10.00 when we deliver them to you. Call Marcia at 346-2200 or 610-2537 by Tuesday night if you want a bunch.

Sign-up sheet for donations and Volunteers for the 5k “Run to the Empty Tomb” is on the table in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance. T-shirts will be a pastel color with the same design as last year. If you would like to order one, please let Deb know today if possible.

Council is looking for volunteers to report to Council with recommendations based on our study of the book, "Autopsy of a Deceased Church". If you are interested please contact Pastor Rus.

The General Fund Collection for March 5 was \$3,756.00. The target amount for each week is \$2,400.00.

Everyone is invited to enjoy Timothy Christian School's Annual Swiss Steak Supper on Tuesday, March 21. This family-style meal of Swiss steak, freshly mashed potatoes, homegrown corn, rolls, jello, and homemade pie will be served from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church (2.5 miles west of Wellsburg). Free will donation.

Timothy Christian School will be hosting a parent information meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is for families, with children of any age, who wish to learn more about Christian education. For children ready to start school, Timothy Christian Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Tuesday, March 28 from 8:20 am - 3:15 pm. Please call the school at 641-869-3679 to register for round-up or to find out more about the parent meeting.

The AP Food Pantry is in need of non-food items, such as all paper products, laundry and dish soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers and wipes. Please consider donating.

First Congregational Church would like to invite you to their annual Missions Conference weekend March 25-26, 2017. Our missionary guests will be Mark Boland with My Kinsmen Ministries & Boland Recreation and Burt & Trish Koppendrayer with SIM. Join us for a Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, March 25 at 12:00 noon. A family meal will take place at 6:00 p.m. along with the Missions Fair and an evening service at 6:45 p.m. On Sunday, March 26 the Missions Fair will be open during the Sunday school hour at 9:00 AM. We will have a worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a pizza lunch and continued Missions Fair. If any area ministries are interested in participating in the Missions Fair, please contact Dina Hanken at 319-464-2098. All events are free and open to the public.

Bethel Reformed Church of Aplington will be hosting an OUTDOORSMEN'S BANQUET on Saturday, April 8. There will be a time of fellowship beginning at 6 p.m., a pork loin dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., and a program featuring guest speaker Matt Thede of Outreach Outdoors. Tickets for this event can be purchased by contacting the church at [319-347-6219](tel:319-347-6219). All proceeds from the event will benefit Bethel's Camp 4 Kids and RCYF.

The Parkersburg Community will be presenting the 'LIVING LAST SUPPER' in early April. The origin of the script is from Elm Avenue Methodist Church, Portsmouth Virginia, by Ernest K. Emurian in 1954. It is based on the picture by Leonardo da Vinci. We are currently planning on 3 performances to be done at the United Methodist Church in Parkersburg on the following dates:

(Subject to changes)

Palm Sunday 3:00 PM

Palm Sunday 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM

We are looking for 13 performers, plus a Narrator. Each performer will need to memorize approximately ¾ of page of script. The narrator will be reading from the script provided. We would like assistance with the following items: Wardrobes, Make-up, Lighting (operating during the performance), Sound system operation, Stage arrangement, and Video taping. A FREE WILL OFFERING will be taken and provided to the Local Food Pantry. We are currently planning on rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 7:30 starting March 23 at the Parkersburg United Methodist Church plus one dress rehearsal on April 8th at 4 PM. Please contact either Neal Schrage (319) 830-6711, schragen66@gmail.com or Amy Truax (319) 346-9853 ajtruax@aol.com if you can help in any way.

The CRCNA currently has two positions open: Development Officer, which generates financial support for ministry, and Director of Advancement, which assists the Back to God Hour Ministries. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Rus or go to www.crcna.org/jobs.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

March 12, 2017 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 48:12-14**

*Song: TCH 688 **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

First Lenten Reading: "Look to the Cross" – The Edekers

Song: TCH 327 **The Old Rugged Cross**

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 67**

*Hymn: TCH 686 **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

Hymn: TCH 690 **He Leadeth Me**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **John 16:5-15** (pg. 1678)

Message: **OUR GUIDE**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: **Lead Me, Guide Me** (on screen)

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 299 **In the Name of the Lord**

*Postlude