



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

February 19-25, 2012

Our Mission: To help more and more people follow Jesus Christ

A WARM WELCOME...

If this is your first time with us, we are so grateful that you've come! Our prayer is that you will find this a loving community where you will find deep and lasting friendships and where your relationship with God will grow and grow. If there is anything we can do for you, please visit the Welcome Desk near the main sanctuary doors.

PRAYER...

- **JOIN OTHERS FOR PRAYER** in the Prayer Room on Sundays at 8:30am and 10:45am before our worship services and on Mondays at 7am. You can also contact the church for prayer at prayer@christmemorial.org.

WORSHIP SERVICES...

- **CLASSIC WORSHIP SERVICES** are broadcasted on MAC TV on Wednesdays at 3pm, Fridays at 7:30am, and Sundays at 6pm. You can watch them online any time at www.christmemorial.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

- Alpha
- donate undergarments

} Details are in this Weekly.

Thank you for your interest in serving! Please fill out the "TO VOLUNTEER OR GET CONNECTED" section of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Welcome Desk. You may also call the church office (796-3370).

ADULT MINISTRIES

- **CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN LIFE ISSUES CLASS** meets today at 10:15am in the chapel. Pat Verduin, Executive Director of Ready for School, will present Part Two of her discussion on what is being done in the Holland-Zeeland area to help parents prepare their children for school.

ADULT MINISTRIES

- **THE SERENDIPITY CHRISTIAN FICTION BOOK CLUB II** for women will hold its first meeting on **Monday night, March 12** at 7pm. The group will be discussing the book *An Unlikely Suitor* by Nancy Moser. For more information, contact Karen Watson at watsline@gmail.com.
- **ATTENTION, PARENTS: YOU'RE INVITED** to an eight-week study of *Courageous - Honor Begins at Home*. (Sundays, 10:15am, Room 169, starting TODAY). Hosted by Parents of Youth and Children Growth Community.
- **HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN APPRENTICE?** Pick up *Living in the Kingdom*, the Apprentice newsletter for February/March, on the Adult Discipleship Kiosk to learn what apprentices are doing and thinking about.
- **UPCOMING PRECEPT STUDIES:** Find more information and sign up now at the Adult Discipleship Kiosk to join the Thursday evening (co-ed) five-week study of Jude or the Wednesday morning (women) four-week study of Genesis – A Study on Joseph.
- **ENHANCE YOUR LENTEN SEASON EXPERIENCE** by attending *The Last Days of Jesus, the Greatest Story Never Told* on Friday night, March 16, and Saturday morning, March 17, presented by Doug Greenwold. Registration brochures are available on the Adult Discipleship Kiosk; you may register on the CMC Website, www.christmemorial.org.
- **COORDINATOR FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES:** Kate Bareman has joined the Adult Discipleship Ministry to fill this part-time position. She will also continue her position with Children's Ministries.
- **CHECK OUT** the many new books in the CMC Library next to the Adult Discipleship hallway.
- **CHOIR AND FRIENDS GROWTH COMMUNITY** is not meeting today.
- **WHAT ARE MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES?** Plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, February 26, at 10:10am in the chapel. Ron Vande Griend will explain missional communities where you can explore the possibility of being part of CMC's pilot training program.

<p align="center">GLOBAL AND LOCAL MISSIONS...</p>	<p align="center">CARE NETWORK..</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIDS HOPE USA: All volunteers - this week Tuesday, February 21, is our Appreciation Dinner for all KHUSA volunteers and spouses. See you at 6:15pm in the Gathering Place! Monday mentors: No school tomorrow, February 20. • JOIN LIFEQUEST'S SUNDAY SERVICES At today's 10:30 service, Pastor Toby Gruppen's sermon topic is "Heaven is for Real." LifeQuest is located at the corner of 136th and James Street (behind Red Cross). • UNDERGARMENT COLLECTION: New socks, T-shirts and undergarment donations are being accepted for many area families who can't afford these items. Please place your donations in the box near the Missions Kiosk. • CHURO, KENYA: The mission team has returned and thanks CMC for prayers. The Pokot people were greatly encouraged and blessed and repeatedly thanked CMC for prayers, gifts of goats (through "Kids for Kids" program), and donations towards "Goat and Gospel" community feast. • THE HOLLAND FREE HEALTH CLINIC offers a foot massage/manicure service called "Pamper and Prayer" which includes education on proper foot care (especially helpful for diabetics). For an appointment, call Kim Jennings at 392-3610. • NEIL ANDERSON EVENT: If you would like freedom from the dark things that haunt your life, hear Dr. Neil Anderson, author of Bondage Breaker and founder of Freedom in Christ Ministries, on March 9 and 10. Info is at the Missions Kiosk or www.fellowshipudsonville.org. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE usually found at the Welcome Desk will now be located at the Care Network Kiosk and at Entrance D. • THE LORD'S SUPPER is a special privilege we celebrate on Sunday, February 26. All who love Jesus and are in good relationship with their church are welcome, including children at the discretion of their parents. The Board of Elders strongly recommends that children are at least seven years old and understand and appreciate the meaning and reverence of communion. • JOIN HAPPY TOWN CHRISTIAN TRAVELERS on their first trip of 2012 to Fair Oaks Farms, one of the largest dairy farms in the USA, to watch a calf being born and sample their ice cream. Information on this and other trips is on the Travel Kiosk. • THANK YOU to all who provided meals for the Care Network people, and using your talents and Christian love in such a tangible way.--The Care Network • HEALTH KIOSK information is on disability awareness. • SUCCESSFUL AGING SERIES: Thursday, March 29, 11:30am-1pm, CMC Gathering Place, \$3 includes lunch. Beyond the Windmill: Back Stories About Holland's treasured landmarks with historian and former mayor Al McGeehan. Register by calling 820-7482 by Tuesday, March 27.
<p align="center">YOUTH MINISTRIES...</p>	<p align="center">MULTICULTURAL LIFE...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YOUTH SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES sign-up deadline is March 5, only two weeks away!. Destinations this year include Haiti, Oregon, Tennessee, West Virginia and CranHill Ranch. Find registration info at the Youth Kiosk, in the youth center, and on the Website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALPHA RETREAT: Please continue to pray for us as we celebrate today with what the Lord is doing in His people. • ALPHA SCHOLARSHIPS: We are still in need of financial assistance to cover the Alpha Retreat costs. If you are able to donate, you may leave your donation in the offering plate or give to the Welcome Desk attendant. • NO ALPHA FEBRUARY 22 DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY. We will meet again on Wednesday, February 29.
<p align="center">CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES...</p>	<p align="center">WORSHIP AND THE ARTS...</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY supper, Children's Ministries programming, Blowout or Care Centers this Wednesday, February 22, due to the Ash Wednesday family service. • CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN GRADES 2-12! Showcase your talent in the Spring Fine Arts Concert at CMC on Sunday, March 25, at 5pm! Sign up at the Children's Ministries/Youth Kiosk, on the cart outside the Youth Center, or contact Peggy Ankerman at 796-3348 or peggya@christmemorial.org. Deadline: Sunday, February 26. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE HOPE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR, under the direction of Brad Richmond, will lead us in Classic worship on Sunday, March 4. Don't miss this special morning of worship. • SERVICE OF SONG AND PRAYER, Sunday, February 26, at 5pm in the chapel. Take time for reflection at the beginning of the Lenten season.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT is looking for a Wednesday night GEMS Director for the 2012-2013 season. Please contact Dewey Thompson at 796-3355 or deweyt@christmemorial.org by Monday, February 27, if you're interested. 	<p align="center">GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVENING OF MUSIC AND STORY: Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the evening with Ron and Gary Matthews and their wives an enjoyable one for all!