

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - January 11, 2009

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. The First Commandment I. What It Forbids II. What It Requires III. What It Promises Scripture: Isaiah 46 Text: Lord's Day 34, Q&A 94-95 Psalter #'s: 258, 322, 15, 308</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Marah I. Israel at Marah II. The Christian at Marah III. God at Marah Scripture: Exodus 15 Text: Exodus 15:23-27 Psalter: 206, 110, 358, 389</p>
<p>OFFERINGS Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Church Evangelism Next Week: Benevolent Fund, Trinitarian Bible Society USHERS Today: Bart Zandstra, Ed DeBoer Next Week: Raphael Neff, Aaron Tolsma NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Judy Buiters, Jocelyn DeBoer p.m. Mrs. Leshia Kuiper Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Lynn VanderMeulen, Monica Buiters p.m. Mrs. Carolyn Tolsma TRANSPORTATION Today: Mr. H. VanderMeulen Next Week: Mr. H. Buiters</p>	

We welcome all who worship with us today and pray that you might be blessed under the preaching of the Gospel

Congregational Announcements

Preparatory: Next Sunday, D.V., is preparatory for the celebration of the Lord's Supper January 25.

Newsletter: The church newsletter is available in the narthex. One copy per family, please!

From the Transportation Committee: "Our Transportation Committee takes this opportunity to thank those who have helped provide for the special transportation needs for some within the congregation during the past year. Please be assured that those whom you have helped really do appreciate your regular efforts and brotherly kindness toward them on all the Lord's Days, plus other worship services and functions of the church and school. If there are also others of you within the congregation who are able and willing to help provide for this need in the coming year, even if it would be for just one Lord's Day every 2 months, your efforts will be quite welcomed. Please contact Henry Kuiper if you can do this. Thank you again for this your help toward others."

Requested Announcements

CCS Board Meeting: Covenant Christian School Board meets tomorrow evening, January 12, at 7:30.

CCS Ladies Aid: Covenant Christian Ladies Aid meets this week Tuesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Book Available: Extra copies of the memoirs of Rev. C. Hanko are available for purchase. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Kleyn at (616)748-8038, skleyn@sbcglobal.net or Karen Van Baren at (219) 374-6555, karenavanbaren@sbcglobal.net.

Retreat: Registration forms for the Loveland PRC (CO) Young Adult's Retreat can be downloaded at http://www.prc.org/current/News_Update/retreatregform20081.htm. The retreat is March 16-19; registration forms will be accepted through February 7. For questions, e-mail lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com.

Teacher Needed: Trinity Christian High School in Hull, Iowa, seeks to add a full time teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. We desire a teacher with math credentials but will consider all worthy candidates. Contact administrator Jim Regnerus at TCHS@hickorytech.net, 1-712-439-1921. P.O. Box 562, Hull, IA 51239 or Perry Van Egdom at vanegdom@hickorytech.net, 1-712-726-3545.

Teacher Needed: The Northwest Iowa Protestant Reformed School in Doon, IA, is seeking to fill our administrator / 6, 7 & 8 grade teacher position. Experienced teachers/administrators, new graduates, or

those teachers who would be willing to obtain their administration certification are encouraged to apply. Interested parties may contact Floyd Van Den Top at fvdt@alliancecom.net or (712) 473-2556 or Mike Van Bommel at milovb@hickorytech.net or (712) 726-3151.

Teacher Needed: The Protestant Reformed School in Wingham, Ontario plans to open September 2009, Lord willing. We are seeking an elementary teacher to teach a class of 16 students of grades K-6. Volunteer assistance will be available. We are also seeking a teacher for a class of 9 students of grades 7-12. Teaching will be assisted by online curriculum for the upper grades. For more information contact board vice president Mr. Harvey Kikkert at (519)523-4823 or email hkikkert@hurontel.on.ca

Administrator Needed: Adams Christian School (MI) is in need of an Administrator for the 2009/10 year. If interested, contact board vice president, Tim Block at 616-813-6015 or at tim@mingerink.com

Teacher Needed: Covenant Christian High School (MI) is accepting applications from members of the Protestant Reformed Churches for a Spanish teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. A secondary teaching certificate in Spanish is preferred. Those interested can contact Mr. Rick Noorman at 616-453-5048 or rnoorman@altelco.net or Mr. Jeff Terpstra at 616-735-0775 or jeffterpstra@gmail.com.

Teacher Needed: The Board for Protestant Reformed Special Education (MI) is seeking a Protestant Reformed teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Although the Board would prefer a teacher who is qualified to teach children who have cognitive impairments, those with degrees in Learning Disabilities will also be considered. For more information contact the Education Committee chairman, Dave Rau, at 453-2337 or email him at daverau@comcast.net.

Our Church in Fellowship

Young Adult's Society meets tonight with study in chapter 7 of "The Pursuit of Holiness" (Study outlines are in the entryway.)

Young People's Society meets next week, continuing with study on the topic: "Seeking God's Will For My Life". Complete your study sheets! Carissa, Drew, Ed, and Caleb serve.

Catechism: Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. O.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 14, memory work
 9:15 a.m. O.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 14, memory work,

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 10:30 a.m. O.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 14, memory verse,

written work
 Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 36, written work

8:00 p.m. Essentials: Lesson 20, written work
Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. James 4:7 (at the parsonage)

Thursday 8:00 p.m. II Peter 3:11-ff (in church basement; snacks - Linda)

Calendar of the Week

	Sunday	after evening service	Young Adult's
Society			
Meeting	Monday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Board
	Tuesday	morning	Catechism
	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	CCS
Ladies Aid Meeting	Wednesday	evening	Catechism
	Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Church News

Call: Doon PRC (IA) has called Rev. Smit to be missionary to the Philippines.

Call: Calvary PRC (IA) has called Rev. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC, MI).

From the PRC Fellowship of Pittsburgh: Upon recent discovery, no Protestant Reformed literature exists in any public library in the City of Pittsburgh. The Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh will accept any

readable book for donation. Our Neighborhood Outreach Committee recently submitted a proposal to our Steering Committee, which has been approved allowing us to donate books to several local libraries. We plan to stamp each piece of literature with our church's information prior to donation. We are asking for donations of any extra or older copies of Protestant Reformed literature that you may have. Items we are interested in would be anything reformed, as well as children's books, books on CD or tape, and any literature for the teenage and young people sections. Items can be mailed via media mail very inexpensively. The current USPS postage rates for Media Mail are \$2.23 for up to 1 pound and \$2.58 for up to 2 pounds and \$2.93 for up to 3 pounds. Items can be mailed to 716 Atlantic Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Items can also be collected at Southwest PRC, which then can be brought to Pittsburgh on an upcoming delegation visit, which is scheduled for sometime in February or March. We pray that God will bless our efforts to spread the Word in our area. .

Quotes to Consider

The Pilgrim's Plea: *"What is my "walk?" Is it from the living principle of union with Christ? This is the direct - the only source of spiritual life. We are first quickened in Him. Then we walk in Him and after Him. Oh! that this my walk may be steady, consistent, advancing! Oh! that I may be ever listening to my Father's voice, "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect!" (Gen. 17:1)" -C. Bridges*

God's Teaching: *"Humility is learned by a daily smarting under the plague of the heart, and having its innumerable abominations exposed to our view. Repentance is learned by feeling the load of guilt, and the heavy burden of conscious defilement, bowing down the soul. Faith is learned by increasing discoveries of unbelief and infidelity. Love is learned by a personal sense of the undeserved goodness of God to the vilest of the vile. Patience cannot be learned from books - it is acquired in the furnace of affliction! It is thus with all the spiritual graces of the Christian. Ah, my reader, we beg the Lord to teach us - but the fact is, that we do not like His method of teaching us! Fiery trials, storms of afflictions, the dashing of our carnal hopes - are indeed painful to flesh and blood; yet it is by them that the heart is purified. We say that we wish to live to God's glory - but fail to remember that we can do so only as SELF is denied and the Cross be taken up. God's ways of teaching His children are, like all His ways, entirely different from ours!" -A. Pink*

Idolatry: *"That for which we are most zealous, we worship as God. ...It is idolatry to be more zealous for our own things - than for the things of God; to be eager in our own cause - and careless in the cause of God; to be more vehement for our own pleasure, interests, advantages - than for the truths, ways, honor of God; to be fervent in following our own business, promoting our designs - but lukewarm and indifferent in the service of God; to count it intolerable for ourselves to be reproached, slandered, reviled - but manifest no indignation when God is dishonored, His name, Sabbaths, worship, profaned and His truths, ways, people, reviled. This is idolatry." -D. Clarkson*

Heresy: *"It is a remarkable fact that all the heresies which have arisen in the Christian Church have had a decided tendency to dishonor God and to flatter man." -C. Spurgeon*

Reformed Witness Hour: KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m.

January 11 - "Crowning Our Families With Glory" (Proverbs 17:6) Rev. Haak