

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for the cards and well-wishes for my birthday. And thank you for the visit from Pastor Woodyard. But most of all thanks to the Lord for the blessings he has bestowed on me this past year. ~ Jennie B

The congregation is invited to an open house for Nellie H's 95th birthday next week Sunday, January 14 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Meadow Green.

Rachel N is our high school senior of the month and Emily A and Kaylee K our 6th graders of the month. Take a moment to say a prayer that these students would continue growing in their relationship with Jesus. Thank you for being a supportive church family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **EDUCATION WINTER SESSION:**

Education classes for adults and students in 3rd-12th grades started today, Sunday, January 7 for our winter session. All classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15–10:15 a.m. A nursery and Bible class for children in 2nd grade and younger is available in the Education Building.

** **Adult Education Class:**

Everyone is encouraged to come and learn about local mission ministries, how they are working in our community and changing lives. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Basement.

** Next Sunday, January 14 – Bernie M and men from Bridges of Hope will be sharing their testimonies and giving information about the Bridges of Hope ministry.

** Sunday, January 21 – Bridget K from Whatcom Pregnancy Center who will tell us about her story and the testimonies of others that have been helped by the Whatcom Pregnancy Center.

** Sunday, January 28 – Kelli V will share how we can approach visitors, make connections, and help them feel welcome in our church.

• **SECURITY DETAIL INFORMATION MEETING TODAY:**

As you may have noticed, 2 people have been on security duty during worship and nursery care. There is a meeting today in the Council Room following the morning worship service for those interested in helping or for those interested in learning more about First CRC Security. For more information, contact Len H.

• **FIRST CRC FAMILY FEUD FIRST CRC EDITION:**

Tribe students, Elders, and Deacons are going to have a game night, and we hope to play Family Feud. Questions and answers will be used from our church family to play Family Feud First CRC edition. We need your help by taking the anonymous survey in your box and turning it in to Dan H (box G10) by next Sunday, January 14.

• **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BABY BOTTLES:**

Volunteers are needed to pass out baby bottles on Sunday, January 21 and/or receive them on Sunday, March 17. The proceeds will benefit Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. If you are available to help, please contact Melinda B or sign up in the back of church.

• **ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Elders and Deacon are invited to join our Tribe students on Wednesday, January 17 for games and snacks. We hope this game night is an excellent opportunity for our students to get to know our church leaders. For more information, contact Dan H.

• **CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES:**

You are invited to view the award-winning January Series at Calvin College now through January 23 at Third CRC. These lectures are free and open to the public and are streamed live in the Third CRC basement gathering room (use the west entrance) weekdays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. For more information, pick up a brochure on the Welcome Center or visit www.calvin.edu/january.

• **PERSPECTIVES COURSE STARTING JANUARY 11:**

The Perspectives course will help you understand God's call and your specific place within it. Class will start on Thursday, January 11 at the Ferndale Conference and Retreat Center (5942 Portal Way). If you would like more information about this class please visit www.perspectives.org.

• **SERVE UPDATE:**

This year's SERVE week is June 23-30. We need your help. First, the worksite coordinators are looking for projects for the SERVE groups to do. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Len H or Dan H. Second, our spiritual life coordinators are looking for worship band and a speaker. Mitchell Senti will not be able to speak this year, and this is a big role for SERVE. We are also looking for students and young adults to commit to staying on site and helping during the SERVE week. Please pray for all of these needs and that God would be glorified by our efforts.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• **HELPING HANDS:**

We will meet on Monday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Building. All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are welcome! For more information, call Leona O.

• **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited to join us on Monday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

• **MINISTRY TEAMS:**

Ministry teams will meet this week Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson. ** The Christian Education Ministry Team will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ed Building.

• **ELDERS:**

We will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

• **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Join us this week Wednesday, January 10 in the Loft from 7:30–9:10 p.m. as we talk about God gifting you with unique gifts to serve the body of Christ. And looking forward, on Wednesday, January 17 we will have a fun night of student vs. Elder/ Deacon family feud and other games. For more information, contact Dan H.

• **DAUGHTERS OF ZION:**

We will meet this week Thursday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building. Servers this week are Cora S and Gert H. For more information, contact Diane A

• **OASIS 2.0 (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**

Our first gathering will be next week Monday, January 15 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. playing Wally-Ball. Please meet at church at 7:00 p.m. and we will go to the YMCA from church. For more information, call Dan H.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The church office will try to send out an email if a worship service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, please listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader if you have any concerns about cancellations.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **JERRY W** is at the Christian Health Care Center.
- **BETTY W** is at home recovering from knee surgery.
- **DIANE A** is at home recovering from knee surgery.
- **LIZ V** is at home recovering from knee surgery.
- **MARIA T** continues treatment for cancer.
- **SHELLEY L** continues her recovery from a stroke.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:** Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:** Mary K, Carl F, Adrietta S, Julia S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:** Edie M, Evelyn & Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Albert V, Andy & Gert V, and Cora V
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:** Dennis B, Jennie B, Grace H, Nellie H
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Eleanor & Carol Z
- **ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT:** Grace V
- **REMEMBER OUR FIRST CRC MISSIONARIES:**
Chris R
Jeff & Melissa B
Steve & Sandy F
Gary & Mary G
Memli & Luiza M
Al & Julie M
Tim & Charlene N
Eric & Penny S
Mitchell & Rochelle S
John & Jean V
Ken & Chris V

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Nursery Baby: Ardelle K, Candace L, Samantha T
Toddler: Virginia H, Cheryl K, Sadie H
Floater: Joan M
PM: Dawn H, Marilyn M
Greeters: Jacob & Valerie A, Paul & Sharon A
Welcome: Mike & Michelle S
Ushers: Josh B, Cal B, Jake D, Kyle E
Bus Driver: Bryan A
Cookies: Valerie A, Gail A, Sharon A, Gail B
Coffee: Elvin & Anna Lee F
Sound: Rick B
Video: Jeff K
Music AM: Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Lee V

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Nursery Baby: Jill M, Karen M, Katelyn V
Toddler: Jill M, Sade N, Luke K
Floater: Pam R
PM: Denise K, Alana K
Greeters: Dan & Gail B, Josh & Jill B
Welcome: Brian & Carly V
Ushers: Craig Ge, Ken H, Linsey H, Doug H
Bus Driver: Bryan A
Cookies: Jill B, Nikki B, Nicole B, Gert B
Coffee: Pat J & Marilyn M
Sound: Jed S
Video: Kaelan K
Music AM: Sharon A, Lee V
PM: Perlene H

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Sunday, January 7

9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Great Prayer of Daniel*
Scripture: *Daniel 9:1-10*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *The Great Reversal*
Scripture: *Esther 9:1-19*
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Monday, January 8

1:00 Helping Hands meets in the Ed. Building
7:00 Cadets meets in the Church Basement

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 Ministry Teams meet
8:00 Christian Education Team meets in Ed. Bldg.
8:00 Elders meet in the Council Room

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 Tribe meets in the Loft

Thursday, January 11

10:00 Daughters of Zion meets in the Ed. Building

Sunday, January 14

9:15 Education Hour for Adults and Students
10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry B
Message: *Keep Awake and Watch*
Scripture: *Matthew 25:1-13*
Offering: Eric & Penny
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Ken V
Message: *Five Rock Solid Truths
for an Uncertain Year*
Scripture: *I John 5:13-21*
Offering: Eric & Penny S