

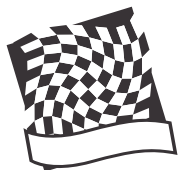
THANK YOU LESLEY!

Lesley Remick came to Haven in the fall of 2001, filling in the role of one of our Administrative Assistants. She worked mainly in the areas of worship, publications, and as administrator for our data base. She oversaw all the things connected to our annual baccalaureate services, worked alongside associate and youth pastors, and served in various ways behind the scenes (aiding with special projects, serving on the Fellowship Committee, making coconut cream pies for birthday celebrations, upgrading phone apps, etc.).

After fifteen years of serving and being employed at Haven, she has chosen to live into her next full-time job – being a stay-at-home mother. Husband Mike, sons Peyton and Easton are rejoicing in this decision, and we wish Lesley the best. [Haven's extended staff had a special breakfast at *Anna's House* for and with Lesley last month – giving her cards, words of thanks and affirmation, as well as a going away gift. If you've been blessed by her, please mail her a card to her home!]

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The "joy" of speed was relished by Pastor Ron VerWys (Haven's Calling Pastor) and myself. Thursday night, June 23rd – saw us compete against 29 other pastors in race-cars provided for us by the Berlin Raceway for their annual "Faster Pastor" race. This all started when two deacons "pushed" for their pastoral staff



(through Lynn Etheridge) to enter, to don fire-suits and helmets, and to race. Pastor Ron got in to heat 5 and I in heat 6. The Lord was watching out for both of us (hmmm)

– as we both got to race car #21 (which lost all six heats). We had a blast though, and so thoroughly enjoyed the 104 wildly cheering Havenite fans that came for the night of racing.

Pastor Ron and I thank you all for your encouragement and support. We are looking forward to the upcoming free "deck party" that the raceway will host for us [as we had the most church members in attendance, and broke the 100 member barrier. The date is Sat., July 30; the time to be announced once details are worked out.]

Now, you ask, "what's next for you seasoned speedsters?" Hmmm. I think Pastor Ron is toying with the idea of doing some dirt bike

jumping and racing. For this pastor, I think I'm going to do some drag racing with Harold Sisson (as he has a modified '69 Nova). I'd like to not go around in circles – just do a straight track – and see if I can break 160 mph ☺ *Soli Deo Gloria* {to God be the glory}

Pastor Marc de Waard

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ANNUAL MEETING

Out of our Tues. night, June 7th annual meeting, the following were shared, voted on, and/or presented. We'll also include further information on items that were asked about.

- the ministry various committees have been doing and hope to do [updates by such groups as **Fellowship** {Faster Pastor event, a Whitecaps game in July, Aug. 7 post worship meal}, **Spiritual Formation** {the expansion of the GEMS program heading up to 8th graders, and the call for more volunteers to love up children in the Cadet and GEMS programs as well as the Sunday School department}, and **Worship** {going with 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. times for our summer services except for the long weekend times which will have single 9:30 a.m. services}.
- the roof repair project and options re: air conditioning and heating [Secure Roofing will start in August – taking old shingles off all the building, and putting on new shingles. And they, in partnership with Holland Roofing – will replace the two flat roofs (over Fellowship Hall and north primary departments). A crane will come and remove all the heating and air conditioning units off the roofs, and we'll do the electrical work necessary to reconnect the new units at a later date.]
- how the Lord provided our next cluster of leaders as we watched Him work through the lot system. Deacons chosen were Travis Burton and Brad Deters; Elders chosen were Blaine Lugten and David Rockhold.
- the financial picture and the part we are all privileged to play in that. We take tithing as a good guideline, we don't spend what we don't have, and we've not borrowed money out of any fund to supplement the General Fund. Our deacons and the Finance Committee have done a great job.
- a letter reporting on our ongoing work together with Classis Zeeland and their Pastoral Relations Committee.
- the RCA has two seminaries (in NJ and MI) and three colleges (two in IA and one in MI). In the past Haven has given monies

to support these schools. Added to this college support – has been the support of the Christian ministry going on at Grand Valley State University. The reason that GVSU ministry is in our Benevolent / Mission Budget is because this ministry is a joint venture between the CRC and our RCA's Zeeland Classis. Our @30 churches support not only some of the program costs but also some of the Christian staff ministry salaries (like for Rev. Chris Pieters). This ministry at GVSU is not funded in any other way (no tuition dollars, etc.) other than through churches and/or donations from individuals. As a Classis we vote yearly to support this vital mission work where we have many students.

- all staff salaries are generated by Haven's Personnel Committee. These then go to the Finance Committee as they assemble the yearly General Fund Budget. Consistory then approves the recommendations from Finance and Personnel, or edits them accordingly. We at Haven voted quite a few years ago that individual staff salaries would not be public items. Salaries for the ordained staff, using guidelines from the Classis and the Regional Synod of the Great Lakes, are voted on by the congregation. Our apologies to the non-ordained staff for we were remiss in sharing personal financial information from the floor.

🎵 WORSHIP SERVICES for the Summer
 📌 **Thumbnail sketch: upcoming Services** 📌

July 3 ~ 9:30 a.m. Independence Day / long-weekend. Pastor Ron VerWys preaching from Hebrews 11+12.

July 10 ~ 8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Ordination and installation services for our new deacons and elders. Backyard Bible Club update. PM preaching. **9:40-10:30 a.m.** Coffee / fellowship hour.

July 17 ~ 8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Scott Davis preaching / sharing about the recent Colorado Challenge trip. **9:40-10:30 a.m.** Coffee / fellowship hour.

July 24 ~ 8:30 {Amber Lugten, music ministry} **& 10:15 a.m.** PM preaching.

July 31 ~ 8:30 {Rockhold family, music ministry} **and 10:15 a.m.** PM preaching.

August 7 ~ 10:00 a.m. Our second annual Outdoor Discovery Center service. Harvest Christian Fellowship will join us.

Following our service, we'll have a meal together under the picnic shelter, and then we have free access to the grounds, trails, and buildings.

Aug 14 ~ 8:30 {Amber Lugten, music ministry} **& 10:15 a.m.** Scott Davis sharing out of the events of the August mission trip in Detroit.

Aug 21 ~ 8:30 & 10:15 a.m. PM preaching.

Aug 28 ~ 8:30 & 10:15 a.m. PM preaching.

Sept. 4 ~ 9:30 a.m. Labor Day / long-week-end. PM preaching, and we'll celebrate Communion. Fellowship hour follows. **6:00 p.m.** All are invited to Diamond Springs Wesleyan Church (for an outdoor service (bring a lawn chair; if inclement weather the service will be held indoors). [3562 - 1326th Ave, Hamilton]

① By the NUMBERS ⑦

These statistics and numbers come from a variety of sources – all to keep you informed, and to make you reflect, wonder, be in awe, and/or change

100,000. Orbits around Earth completed since 1998 by the International Space Station as of May 15, 2016. [Time](#), 05/30/16

3,700. The number of children fed in eighty-five schools throughout Michigan – primarily western MI – through our partnership with Hand2Hand.

17. Over seventeen million women and girls collect water in Africa, at risk of rape and disease. Via [@alertnet](#)

6 + 45. Honduras will export 6 million bags of coffee which equals some 45 billion cups. [World Vision](#), /summer-fall 2016

👉 **THANK YOUs.** 👉

♥... to our elder, Bob Moore, for making all the gluten free communion bread from scratch, for preparing the elements, and for ensuring servers!

♥... the Ledebuhrs and the Plockmeyers for gathering Cadet families together for a June 12 picnic at the Heath Town. Park.

♥... Mary Lezman for overseeing the Adult Library for many years. She currently stepped away from this ministry, and we give her thanks for a job well done.

♥... to Kari Ledebuhr for overseeing the nursery and nursery volunteers

♥... to all who fellowshiped, encouraged and

cheered one another on – at both the Berlin Raceway (*Faster Pastor* event) and the July 9 Whitecaps ball game.

- ♥... to Haven's and Hamilton RCA's volunteers who serve in partnership with Hungry For Christ – as we “hit the streets” distributing food (done again July 30)
- ♥... to all who supported this past Colorado Challenge contingency with presence, prayers, and/or finances.
- ♥... to Wayne Cotts and Ruth Tidd for the many Sundays of playing organ. Both, at present, have resigned from this ministry
- ♥... to all who came alongside and took a coin baby bottle filling them for Lakeshore Pregnancy. Every coin does make a difference!
- ♥... to our staff (program, support and pastoral) for working together, filling in with extras and being flexible, during this time of staff and church transition

THANK YOU from

Sylvia's Place is honored to receive contributions in the amount of \$526.00. Your contribution will assist many women and children in need of our supportive services ... as we are able to provide safety and comfortable living to those who are fleeing their homes due to domestic violence. We greatly appreciate the support you have offered our agency and those we are honored to serve. Together we change lives, one survivor at a time! The support you have offered our agency is truly heartfelt. [see www.sylviasplace.com for more]

Thank you to all the members of the Haven congregation that donated to the fourth grade trip to Mackinaw with support to fund the second bus needed to transport the students and adults. The students had a amazing time with many new experiences with lasting memories for life.

Tricia Overbeek and Marsha Coleman (coordinators) and the 4th Grade Students at Pullman Elementary

EDUCATION CORNER

Our Sunday School ended mid-May. Our hope (and planning) is that we start up this fall on Sun., Oct. 2nd. If you'd like to be part of the teaching teams – please talk to Scott Davis or Pastor Marc.

DID YOU KNOW?

From Aug. 5-21, the world watches as Brazil hosts the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. World Vision has worked in Brazil since 1961, when sponsorship began at an

orphanage in Sao Paulo. In addition to humanitarian relief following drought and natural disasters, World Vision's programs in Brazil range from providing healthcare and partnering with churches to training teachers and combating child labor. Today, more than 35,000 children in Brazil have American sponsors. [World Vision](#), /summer-fall 2016

HOME UNTIL MY NEXT TRIPS THIS FALL

Many of you have wondered or asked me: “*When is your next trip to Asia for LRI?*” Well, here's the scoop: I had three trips, to conduct trainings with pastors this Spring: March to Bangladesh, April to Shanghai, and May to Nepal. These were blessed times and I can tell you that I can really see how what we are giving the pastors is paying dividends in terms of improvements in their preaching! We normally space our trips 6 months apart, so that they can practice what they have been taught in between, and we can hear reports back from them on how it went when we return. Also, we know that the summer months are just TOO HOT for us to visit them, and many of them are busy farming during that time. So we have made plans to go revisit the same sites again this Fall in Sept., Oct., and November. In the meantime, I am already working ahead on lessons which I will be teaching then. And these months between, I'll enjoy some family vacation times and get caught up on my ministry responsibilities as the calling/ visitation pastor of Haven Church. I'd ask you to remember in your prayers, the pastors who I've been training – especially those in Bangladesh – because harsh persecution there has really intensified. We have learned of the recent deaths of two pastors and a third had his home broken into and all his valuables were stolen.

The *Enemy* is doing all he can to try to discourage and defeat these brave brothers who are boldly preaching Christ. In conversations with them, I've asked them how they can go on under such circumstances? They answer that they are willing to suffer or even die for the sake of reaching the lost in their countries for Christ. We all could learn much from them about commitment. Thank you all for your on-going financial and prayer support for me in this ministry which I feel God has called me to. I will keep you apprised of future travel dates and “God-sightings”.

I am yours in Christ,

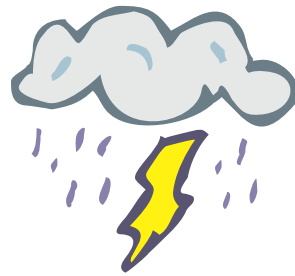
Pastor Ron VerWys

Consistory Chronicles

Consistory met on June 13 for her regularly scheduled meeting. These are the main items that came out of this meeting:

- † Everyone was once again present. For the first half of the meeting we were joined by the four oncoming members. Todd Haverdink led us all in our opening devotional which was followed by a season of sharing and prayer.
- † Communion will be celebrated on Sun., June 26. The next time we'll celebrate this sacrament is on Sun., Sept. 4th.
- † The motion carried to approve \$120,000 maximum for our shingling and flat roof projects.
- † Our new deacon chairperson is Joel Jennings; our first VP is Bill Parsons, and our clerk is Ken DeGood.
- † Board of Elders:
 - At the Joostberns' request, Duane & Patricia's membership was moved to "inactive."
 - Officiants were approved re: weddings on Haven's campus for July 16 (Rev. Jake Porter) and Aug. 13 (Rev. Jim Liske)
 - four family units have expressed an interest in pursuing membership at Haven. Elders continue to work through the ministry of pastoral care, membership rolls and loving discipline.

- † The Finance Committee has done a great job in keeping our eyes on big picture and on details. Todd Ritter walked us through our finances (offerings received, budget line items for spending). We're grateful that spending will be below income.
- † Wes Sterenberg and Jack Schrottenboer will continue to be our elder delegates to Classis' meetings for the 2016-17 year.
- † Consistory will meet again on Mon., July 11 (6:30 p.m.). We generally meet the second Monday night of each month. If anyone has anything for Consistory, you can bring it to the attention of Ken DeGood (clerk) or Pastor Marc.



INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

If there is a tornado watch or warning one hour prior to an event that is to take place on Haven's campus, that event could be cancelled. Be sure to watch channel 8 and 13, and check the Haven website.

www.havenchurch.com

Come and Bring a Friend!

ages 5-12 years-old



Bible Lessons * Songs * Games
Stories * Memory Verse * Prizes

Date: July 25-29, 2016



1
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
3518 - 41st St.

2
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Heath Twp. Ball Park

Note to Parents:

Your child is invited to attend a fun club for boys and girls ages 5 to 12! The 5-Day Clubs meet for 90 minutes each day for five days to hear Bible stories, sing, and have a good time. Clubs are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, a Bible-centered ministry serving in 190 countries around the world. All teachers and helpers have been trained and screened to ensure your child's protection. Parents are welcome to attend.

Contact Phil Knoll at 269-751-8521

"If revival depended upon my humility, my faith, and my prayers, would revival be possible?"

Byron Paulus