

Haven's Prayer Page

We pray for our shut-ins...

- † Mildred Edgerly – Resthaven Maple Woods, Holland
- † Rodney Overbeek – Appledorn Assisted Living, Holland
- † Marcia Rienstra – Grace of Douglas, Douglas
- † Ruth Rigterink – American House of Holland
- † Winna Sal – currently at Resthaven for therapy
- † Those at home: Irma Babinski, Janet Dykstra, Lois Lugten, Kim Schaap, Doug Sprik, Art Vander Kolk

We unite our hearts in prayer on behalf of our church family and friends...

- † Ruth Arney, readmitted to Holland Hospital due to pneumonia and low oxygen
- † Diane Boeve [sister of Lynn E.] previous colon cancer; undergoing chemo treatments
- † Chris Groenheide [Mary's daughter-in-law] undergoing chemo; previous diagnosis of uterine cancer
- † Kim Leslie [Amber Lugten's mom] spot of cancer on spine; oral chemo meds
- † Lois Lugten, congestive heart failure; resting at home
- † Earl Overbeek, underwent maintenance level chemo infusion in spine on Thursday
- † Marcia Rienstra, placed under Hospice care, remains a resident at Grace of Douglas
- † Winna Sal, recent dizziness and loss of balance; therapy patient at Resthaven
- † Pastor Ron, training event in Chicago with Leadership Resources International
- † This New Year; opportunities to share Jesus Christ with the world
- † Students and teachers as they head back into the classroom this week
- † Safety for those traveling; our 'snow-birds' heading to warmer climates for the winter months
- † Revival, renewal, recommitment in our hearts, communities, churches and world
- † Our country's current and newly elected leaders; those who serve to protect us and our country's freedom
- † Missionaries serving the Lord around the world; those persecuted for their faith in Christ
- † World events; recent terrorist attacks; personal items to pray into...

We consider it our privilege to pray with and for you...

Submit prayer requests to: Lynn@havenchurch.com, or 751.7321, ext. 106



God can bring peace to your past, purpose to your present, and hope to your future. John 14:27

Haven Reformed Church
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"The Lord is near to all who call on Him." Psalm 145:18

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New Year's Day ~ Worship Celebration

Jan. 1, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Organ PreludeDawn VanderHulst

Greeting/Call to Worship..... Pastor Ron Ver Wys

*Opening Hymn #139 (all) *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Opening Prayer

*Greeting one another

Responsive Reading (Psalm 46)

Pastor: 1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of trouble.

PEOPLE: 2 *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

Pastor: 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts.

PEOPLE: 7 *The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Pastor: 8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations He has brought on the earth.

PEOPLE: 9 *He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.*

Pastor: 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

PEOPLE: 11 *The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

* Hymn of Response #686 (1,2,4,6) *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

Announcements and Updates

Congregational Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Giving the Lord's Tithes, our offerings: (1st plate - General Fund, 2nd plate - special communion offerings)

[please sign then pass the Friendship Pads down the pews]

Hymn of Preparation #549 (1,2,4).....*Higher Ground*

Message: *Forgetting... Straining... Pressing* Pastor Ron
Philippians 3:7-16

Prayer of Application

Sacrament of Communion

* Closing Hymn #540 (1,2,4)..... *My Hope Is In The Lord*
[Elders move to the doors to greet you]

* Benediction

* Postlude

* Dismissal

[* = please stand if you are able]

Welcome! We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

Movement: Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words in the hymnal or on the screen!

Prayer: We pray a couple of times throughout the service. Also, there is an opportunity at 8:15 am and 10:30 am (before each service) to meet to pray for these services. (We also have prayer during the week on Wed. nights, 7:00 p.m.)



Information



Please – if you want to know more about our Consistory (church leadership team) or our staff – you can look at the back page of our newsletter – *Haven Highlights* – or just go on line to our website. And just a reminder– for Haven members – our church directory and photos are on the website too. You need an email address and for first time users, register through our office.

www.havenchurch.com

Fall office hours: Mon - Thur: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Voice: (269) 751.7321 * fax: (269) 751.2591

This Week at Haven (Jan. 1 – Jan. 8)

- Sunday (today):**.....**January 1**
9:30 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary
- Monday:**.....**January 2**
Office is closed
- Tuesday:****January 3**
8:30 am 55 & Over Breakfast ~ Hawks Nest
9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (Flavia) ~ Fireside Room
- Wednesday:**.....**January 4**
6:15 pm Bozos (men’s Bible study) Group ~ Portable
6:15 pm MidZONE ~ Youth Room
6:45 pm Women’s Bible Study (Nancy) ~ Fireside Rm
7:00 pm Haven Prayer Group ~ Heritage Room
- Thursday:**.....**January 5**
6:00 pm Love INC ~ Haven Campus
7:00 pm Praise & Worship team rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- Friday:**.....**January 6**
- Next Lord’s Day:****January 8**
8:30 am Worship Celebration ~ Sanctuary
9:40 am Education/Sunday School hour ~ Haven
9:40 am Coffee/Fellowship Time ~ Fellowship Hall

Here to assist you . . .

- ◆ **CD/DVD** reproductions of the services are available (contact the office, [269] 751.7321).
- ◆ **Hearing** assistance devices are available for you to borrow during the course of any of our services.
- ◆ **Large** print bulletins are available for our worship services.
- ◆ **Literature** about Haven, as well as ministry and devotional materials, are on the lobby tables.
- ◆ **Morning services** are simulcast in the Fellowship Hall

Welcome to Haven Reformed Church!

We invite you to join us every Sunday at our morning worship celebrations at 8:30 & 10:45 am. Feel free to take a Bible and/or any literature from our lobby table that you could use yourself, or to hand out to others. Questions? Want prayer? Please chat with an elder, any member, or the pastor after the service.

Ministry Participants for Jan. 1 – Jan. 8

Allegan Medical Care Center Volunteers:

January 4: Jan Rockhold and Missy Sterenberg

January 11: Rhonda Oldebekking and Sheryl Veldhoff

Children & Worship:

January 1 - 9:30 am: No children & worship

January 8 - 8:30 am: Beth Stoel, Jake Bommarito, Lian Stoel;

10:45 am: Missy Sterenberg, Jordyn Deters

Coffee Servers:

January 1: No coffee time

January 8: Cal & Rhonda Oldebekking

Greeters:

January 1 – 9:30 am: Ed & Mandy McMahon; Bob & Linnay Moore

January 8 – 8:30 am: Chad & Katie Blauwkamp, Wayne & Joyce Blauwkamp;

10:45 am: Matt & Rachael Basler, Duane & Lisa Bos

Haven Hospitality Crew (Love INC):

January 5: Dave Rockhold

January 12: Kirk Van Order

Nursery (for infant through 2 years old):

January 1 – 9:30 am: Emily and Cassidy Lezman

January 8 – 8:30 am: Rachael Vander Zwaag, Dylan Eding, Nathan Haverdink

10:45 am: Cindy and Landen Kleinheksel

Ushers:

January 1 – 9:30 am: Kevin & Sue Spotts, Tim Sneller

January 8 – 8:30 am: Fred Bouwman, Mike & Kathie Eding;

10:45 am: Ken & Nancy De Good, Doug De Roo

Haven Announcements

Haven Highlights: The December edition of the *Highlights* (our newsletter) is in your mailbox - extras are on the lobby table. You can also find it online at www.havenchurch.com under the "Resources" tab. The deadline for any January Highlights information is due TODAY.

Upcoming Worship Times:

Sun., Jan. 8th, 2017 we will resume our 8:30 and 10:45 services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:40.

Communion – if you are currently confined (recuperating, shut-in, sickness, etc.) and would like to have Communion served to you in your home, please call the office and we'll arrange to have our Shepherding Care elders come.

Special communion offering - our offering will be directed to "Forgotten Man Ministries" (coming alongside inmates in the Allegan County Jail) and "The Gate" (a local mentoring program for middle school students).

Kids Hope mentor needed for a kindergarten boy at Hamilton El. Please contact Jill Deters if you are able to help.

Lead Nursery person needed. This person would be responsible for the schedule (which is already set) and make changes as needed and keep the nursery filled with supplies. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Summer Camp Assistance- Enrollment for Cran Hill and Camp Geneva will open in January. Haven offers scholarships to help with up to 50% of camp fees for some campers. Haven's policy for the last couple years remains the same and is as follows: Haven Reformed Church strongly supports and encourages participation at RCA Camps. Camp Geneva and Cran-Hill Ranch in particular. We support camps that strongly promote a personal commitment to and relationship with Jesus Christ. These RCA camps are totally committed to producing changed lives. We as a church will pray for these children as they attend camps in the summer. We will provide financial assistance for up to one half of costs to attend these camps up to a maximum of \$200 per camper. This is available one time per year per camper. If cost is an issue for any camper, the Deacons would like the option of reviewing the need on an individual basis and may determine that Haven fully fund the camp fees. It should be noted that the family should fully exhaust the financial assistance possibilities within each camp first. Both RCA camps listed above have applications for financial assis-

tance. **All members and adherents must consistently be regular attenders at Haven at the time of application (regular attenders need to attend worship services 50% or more of the time in the current year).** You may request an application from the church office if you meet these requirements. Please allow at least one week to process your request.

Youth Announcements:

MidZone meets Wednesdays @ 6:15-7:45 in the Youth Basement. MidZONE retreat to **Grace Adventures** is Friday January 13th - Sunday January 15th. We will meet at church at 5:30 so we can be departing by 6:00pm. Remember to eat dinner before you come! This will be a great weekend together. We have 30 people going on this weekend trip along with several other Hamilton church groups. All together we will have 240 students and leaders from our Hamilton middle school community on this adventure together! Please pray for our time and encourage our kids.

High School **Journey Overnight Retreat** is scheduled for **Saturday January 21- Sunday January 22**. Flyers will be out soon. You can register with Scott or Kevin Spotts. Cost for this one is ONLY \$10!!! We will begin Saturday, meeting at church at 4:00 pm, things in the hopper are making and delivering more food baskets from Hungry for Christ... sledding... food... worship with Adam Locker... Sports Quest?... more food... games... Jesus... love... sleep... Brunch on Sunday along with Youth Church for all... yeah! Sounds awesome!

High School: We are meeting every Sunday morning in the office-wing youth basement **9:45-10:30** and we are **Reading/discussing** through the **Bible book of James**. Please join us! We know it's early in the morning but it is a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere with even a little food and drink... as well as a perfect time to let God speak to us together through His Word.