



First Christian Reformed Church

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Mission: Being transformed by Jesus, leading people to Him.

Vision: A world transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

***Announcements must be turned in by 2:00pm on Wednesday**

Sunday, December 9 2018

For a list of today's schedules, please see the back of your bulletin.

Location of Upcoming Worship Services:

Please note that all morning worship services start at 9:30am. All evening services start at 6pm.

Date:	Location:
December 9	AM ~ Pella I PM ~Second CRC (Christmas caroling)
December 16	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Sunday school Christmas service @ Pella I
December 23	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Pella I Candlelight and Communion Service
December 25	AM ~ Pella I Christmas Service
December 30	AM ~ Pella I PM ~ Second CRC Old Year's Joint Worship

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Make sure to set this evening aside as we gather for our annual Congregational Meeting. During this meeting, we will take time to confirm those who will serve in the offices of Elder and Deacon. This year, we are in need of one elder and one deacon. Due to declines, we only have one nominee per office: Bruce Bandstra for elder and Wayne Van Walbeek for deacon. We will also approve the Annual Budget for First Christian Reformed Church. Please check your boxes for further information regarding this meeting.

One of the items to be discussed and voted on at the Dec. 10 congregational meeting will be the replacement of the air conditioning units for the church building at a cost of \$75,000.

Office hours: Mondays ~ 1-3pm
Wednesdays ~ noon-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

The church will be open:

Mondays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Tuesdays ~ 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesdays ~ noon-4pm
Thursdays ~ 10am-3pm

It will be locked on Fridays. If you need to be in the church, please make prior arrangements with Janice De Graaf. She is willing to come and unlock it for you

In Our Faith Family

Happy Birthday to Bill Van Waardhuizen today!

Prayer Items:

Be in prayer for Henry and Betty Schutte as Henry will be receiving chemotherapy and radiation in the near future.

Keep Morgan Meinders in your prayers as she spent the majority of this past week at Blank Children's Hospital treating an infection in her blood.

Pray for tomorrow night as we gather for our annual Congregational Meeting that God will be honored and praised by how we reveal our love for Him and for each other as we make decisions and fellowship with one another.

Continue to be in prayer for those who continue to face ongoing health concerns or are in the process of healing and recovery, such as Ria Branderhorst (home), Edith Meppelink (Oskaloosa) and Andy Uitermarkt (at home).

Please pray for all our shut-ins and their loved ones: Grada De Bruin, Gerald Hoekstra, Edith Meppelink, Bill Van Waardhuizen, Ken Van Wyk, and Al Van Zee.

Continue to be in prayer for Luke Callahan as he serves our country.

Lift up these members in prayer:

Joyce Lubbers, Brad, Melanie, Braden, Morgan, Brock, Maisy and Beckett Meinders, and Larry and Lil Terpstra.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for Joshua Christian Academy. ~ Marge Kuiper

Ladies Bible Study: Our Christmas Supper will be Wednesday, December 12 @ 6:30pm at Monarch's.

Christmas Cookie Donations are requested once again for fellowship time after the Children's Christmas Worship Service on December 16. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those of you willing to once again share your holiday treats. If you could drop them off at church the morning of December 16 and label them for the Christmas program, that would be appreciated. ~ Thank you.

World Renew Gift Catalog: Help two-thirds world farmers improve their crops with water pumps, irrigation kits, compost makers, and more. See the gift Catalog for more information.

Looking Forward at First—

Today

10:50am.....Catechism

10:50am.....Practice for Sunday school service

10:50am.....Choir practice

Monday, December 10, 2018

1:00pm.....Happy Quilters

7:00pm.....Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

5:45pm.....Leave the church for Bethel Mission

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

6:30pm.....Ladies Bible Study
Christmas Supper at Monarchs

6:30pm.....YACS Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Next Sunday Morning: The next choice we will look at that God made in sending Jesus is **Purity**. To see this aspect of Christ's coming, we will turn to Luke 1:26-38.

Next Sunday Evening: We will gather together here at Pella I for our annual Sunday School Christmas Worship Service. The children of our church will lead us in celebrating the birth of Jesus and worshipping the One who was born. Please come and join us as we fix our eyes on Jesus together!

Greeters: Ralph and LuAnn De Haan, Judy De Vries
Nursery: AM: Mona Roozeboom, Corrine Verschuure,
Braden Meinders

PM: Celia Stouwie, Donna Janssen

Sound: Wayne Van Walbeek

Projection: Conner Van Walbeek

Fellowship: Greg and Marti Van Walbeek

Bulletin Delivery: Marilyn De Jong

Offering: AM: Pella I Christian Education

PM: BackPack Buddies