**Community United Reformed Church**

**April 15, 2018**

**WELCOME TO COMMUNITY!**

We're glad that you're here with us today.  Please join us for a time of fellowship after the service.  If you're new here and have questions, speak with our pastor, one of our greeter volunteers, and/or fill out a visitor's card, located on the Visitors’ Kiosk, to help us get to know you.  May God bless our worship and life together.

*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE*

*ON THE VISITORS’ KIOSK OR YOU MAY ASK AN USHER*

**TODAY**

 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

 11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism classes

 4:00 PM Dyer Nursing Home\*

 5:00 PM Evening Catechism Service

 6:30 PM Fusion\*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CATECHISM CLASSES will resume today.

DYER NURSING HOME: You are invited to join us today at 4:00 pm as we visit with the residents!

TODAY, our evening service will be led by Seminarian John Ysinga, who is completing his second year of studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary and is preparing for his summer internship at Cornerstone United Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

FUSION will be meeting tonight, April 15th. Anyone post-high to 30-year-old is welcome to join us for our meeting in the fellowship hall of Oak Glen URC in Lansing, IL, following our evening service (around 6:30pm). We will be continuing our discussion on the Lord's Prayer and would love to see you there!

**THIS WEEK**

Monday 7:30 PM Men’s Society

Wednesday 1:00 PM Women’s Afternoon Bible Study

 Lesson 11

 Snacks: Donna Leep & Sharon Leep

 7:00 PM Congregational Meeting\*

 7:30 PM Council Meeting

Saturday 8:00 AM Men’s Forum

**FUTURE EVENTS**

May 3 7:00 PM National Day of Prayer\*

May 10 Ascension Day Service at Faith URC, Beecher, IL\*

April 27-28 Men’s Retreat at Gull Lake, Michigan\*

June 21-24 Church Camping Trip\*

*\*See announcements for details*

*\*\*More information coming soon*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: **DEBBIE OOMS**, who is recovering from an infection and going through rehab / **GERT SCHEERINGA,** who is recovering from pneumonia / **BEA SIERSEMA,** who is recovering from a surgery this past Friday which removed breast cancer / **BARB E. ZANDSTRA (George’s wife),** who is recovering from a surgery to repair a broken hip / **LORRAINE (Nikki Payer’s mother)** who has been moved to hospice care.

ASCENSION DAY: this year, we celebrate our Lord's victorious ascension into heaven on Thursday, May 10.  Our church will be joining other area URCNA and OPC churches to join in a time of prayer and worship, focused on Jesus' Ascension.  This service will take place at Faith United Reformed Church (130 West Corning Road, Beecher, IL) on May 10.  Please join us in this time of worship and fellowship.

COMMUNITY GROUPS: if you are part of a community group, there will be a check-in meeting with the Discipleship Team on Sunday, April 22, during the Adult Sunday School hour.  We will be encouraging each other and sharing our experiences, as well as discussing how to add new members and addressing any questions you may have.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Last Sunday there was an announcement in the bulletin regarding a Congregational Meeting to be held on Wednesday April 25 to roll out our new Child Protection Policy. This meeting has been postponed. It will be rescheduled in the near future.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: The Building and Property Committee is planning to move forward with replacing the carpet in the Narthex, Hallways, Classroom 15 (Adult Sunday School room), Classroom 10 (GEMS room), Classrooms 11-12 (Kitchen Entrance rooms) and the Nursery. Additionally, vinyl tile flooring will be installed by the coffee stations and as a transition from the Narthex to the Sanctuary. The low bidder will complete the removal of old carpet and installation of new carpet and vinyl flooring for the price of $44,099. This project is fully funded with monies that we already have on hand in the Capital Improvements Fund and the Building Fund.

 We will have a congregational meeting on April 18 at 7:00 PM to discuss and seek the congregation’s advice on this project. If you have any questions beforehand, you may ask George VanLaten, Dan DeYoung, or Nikki Terpstra for more information.

 *Absentee ballots can be found on the members’ table (by the mailboxes).*

COURIER: The deadline for the next issue is today, April 15. Articles may be placed in the Courier mailbox in the office or they may be emailed to the church at curcoffice@sbcglobal.net. Any interesting news items and photos of the congregation would be appreciated.

GRADUATES FROM GRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & TRADE SCHOOL, ETC: We would like to feature our CURC Graduates in the Courier. Please fill out the Graduation Form and turn it in (along with a picture of yourself) BY TODAY, APRIL 15! Forms may be found on the members’ table. Forms may be brought to the church office or emailed to curcoffice@sbcglobal.net

MEN’S RETREAT: All men are invited to attend the Community Men’s Retreat, April, 27-28, 2018 at Gull Lake, Michigan! Building on the themes of discipleship, hospitality and mission we’ve been focusing on as a church, this overnight event will provide a relaxed setting to build friendships, enjoy times of learning and recreation, and foster greater unity as we seek to follow Christ together. Bill Boekestein, pastor of Immanuel Fellowship Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan will lead us in two sessions of teaching and discussion on the topics of male friendship and hospitality. Please consider making this event a priority as you plan your spring calendar. More details are on the flyer in your mailbox. Sign up on the member’s table. Contact Elder Derek Terpstra if you have any questions or need more information.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: This year, the National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3.  Our church will be joined by other area URCNA churches to join in a time of prayer for the Kingdom and our country, along with our individual needs.  This prayer service will take place at our church on May 3, beginning at 7:00pm.  Ice cream social to follow.  Please join us in this time of fellowship and prayer.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Outreach Team is looking for a volunteer (or several) to serve as a representative to Illiana Right to Life and other local pro-life organizations.  We are looking to improve our communication with these important ministries.  If you are interested or have questions, please speak to Terry Krooswyk.

**URCNA MISSIONS – April 15, 2018**

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| United in Prayer: Up-to-date Requests from our Missionaries.**REV. TAYLOR KERN IS A MISSIONARY IN SPANISH-SPEAKING CHURCH PLANT IN ONTARIO, CA**1) That the Lord would continue to work on the hearts of a few new families that are in the process of membership: Daniel and Osiris, Brandon and Camilia, and Consuelo and Juan Carlos. Also pray for Maria, a recent visitor who comes from a Roman Catholic background. 2) That our local families would be active in inviting their friends and relatives to church and to their house for hospitality. 3) That the Lord would bless our summer weekend retreat on the topic of the family. We especially ask that God would use this event to strengthen our unity in Christ.  |

**SERMON NOTES April 15, 2018 Rev. James Oord 9:30 am**

**GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THEM A CITY**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:10-12:9 (p. 8); Hebrews 11:1-16 (p. 1007)

Sermon Text: Genesis 12:1-9 (p. 8)

**SERMON NOTES April 15, 2018**

**Seminarian John Ysinga 5:00 pm**

**OUR JOY AND CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST**

Sermon Reading: Philippians 1:12-26 (p. 980)

Sermon Text: Philippians 1:18c-26 (p. 980)

1. **Paul’s Confidence**
2. **Paul’s Question**
3. **Paul’s Conclusion**

Responsive Reading of the Law of God

responses taken from the Psalms

**Pastor:** *And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God . . .You shall have no other gods before me.*

**Congregation:** **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.** [Psalm 51]

**Pastor:** *You shall not make for yourself an idol . . .You shall not bow down to them or worship them.*

**Congregation: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.** [Psalm 95]

**Pastor:** *You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.*

**Congregation:** **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.** [Psalm 51]

**Pastor:** *Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

**Congregation**: **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.** [Psalm 84]

**Pastor:** *Honor your father and your mother.*

**Congregation:** **Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.** [Psalm 25]

**Pastor:** *You shall not murder.*

**Congregation:** **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me.** [Psalm 139]

**Pastor:** *You shall not commit adultery.*

**Congregation:** **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.** [Psalm 90]

**Pastor:** *You shall not steal.*

**Congregation:** **Have mercy on me, O God . . . blot out my transgressions.** [Psalm 51]

**Pastor:** *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

**Congregation:** **Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law.** [Psalm 119]

**Pastor:** *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

**Congregation:** **Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Save me from all my transgressions**. [Psalm 119]

**Pastor:** *The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.*
**Congregation:** **My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.** [Psalm 145]

**Pastor:** *The Word of the Lord.*

**Congregation**: **Thanks be to God.**

***SCRIPTURE FOR THE MORNING SERVICE***

**GENESIS 11:10-12:9**

**Shem's Descendants**

 **10**These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood. **11**And Shem lived after he fathered Arpachshad 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **12**When Arpachshad had lived 35 years, he fathered Shelah. **13**And Arpachshad lived after he fathered Shelah 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **14**When Shelah had lived 30 years, he fathered Eber. **15**And Shelah lived after he fathered Eber 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **16**When Eber had lived 34 years, he fathered Peleg. **17**And Eber lived after he fathered Peleg 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **18**When Peleg had lived 30 years, he fathered Reu. **19**And Peleg lived after he fathered Reu 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **20**When Reu had lived 32 years, he fathered Serug. **21**And Reu lived after he fathered Serug 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **22**When Serug had lived 30 years, he fathered Nahor. **23**And Serug lived after he fathered Nahor 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **24**When Nahor had lived 29 years, he fathered Terah. **25**And Nahor lived after he fathered Terah 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

 **26**When Terah had lived 70 years, he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

**Terah's Descendants**

 **27**Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. **28**Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans.**29**And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. **30**Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

 **31**Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. **32**The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

**The Call of Abram**

**12**Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2**And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3**I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

 **4**So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. **5**And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, **6**Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7**Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. **8**From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. **9**And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**SCHEDULES**

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| **SERVING SUNDAY – APRIL 15, 2018** |
|  | AM | PM |
| COOKIES | Nikki Terpstra, Alexis VanDerNoord, Heather VanLaten & Vicki VanderLaan |  |
| COFFEE | Nancy & Ian Martin |  |
| GREETERS  | Terry & Diane KrooswykMark & Lisa LaReau | Keith & Sandi EenigenburgNick & Ashley Frederick |
|  | FLOATER | Howie & Karen Hoekstra | Kurt & Laura Bultema |
| LIBRARY | Vicki VanderLaan | Judy DeBoer |
| NURSERY | INFANT | Lexi Terpstra | Deb Zandstra |
|  | FLOATER | Maddie Terpstra |  |
|  | TODDLER | Nikki & Tori Terpstra | Deb Oord |
| USHERS  | Dan Mitchell, Daniel Timmer & Tim VanderLaan | Bruce Aardsma, Nathan Aardsma, David Jacobs, Jr. & Sam Jacobs |
| WELCOME WAGON | Rev. Jeff & Karen De Boer |  |

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| **SERVING SUNDAY – APRIL 22, 2018** |
|  | AM | PM |
| COOKIES | Allison VanderWoude, Jana Voskuil & Shirley Weyh |  |
| COFFEE | Nancy & Ian Martin |  |
| GREETERS  | Bill & Alvina DeBoerJordan & Jess Hoekstra | Karen ZandstraSteven & Alison VanderWoude |
|  | FLOATER | Dave Bakker | Ross & Alexis VanDerNoord |
| LIBRARY | Barb & Beth Zandstra | Laurie Mitchell |
| NURSERY | INFANT | Caitlin Terpstra | Raylene Oord |
|  | FLOATER | Jorie Rottier |  |
|  | TODDLER | Laurie & Gabe Rottier | Vicki & Lydia VanderLaan |
| USHERS  | Dan Mitchell, Daniel Timmer & Tim VanderLaan | Bruce Aardsma, Nathan Aardsma, David Jacobs, Jr. & Sam Jacobs |
| WELCOME WAGON | Keith & Sandi Eenigenburg |  |

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| **APRIL 2018 GIVING SCHEDULE** |
|  | **AM** | **PM** |
| 4/01/2018 | Highland Christian School | Rev. Poelman |
| 4/8/2018 | Reformed Faith & Life | Word & Deed |
| 4/15/2018 | Westminster Theological Seminary | El Pacto de Gracia / Rev. Sernas |
| 4/22/2018 | Bethany Christian Services | Biblical Counseling Center |
| 4/29/2018 | Mid America Reformed Seminary | Illiana Christian High School |

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| **CURC GIVING – April 8, 2018** |
| General Fund  | $ 6,790.00  |
| Benevolence Fund | $ 40.00 |
| Ceap Fund | $ 170.00 |
| AM: Reformed Faith & Life | $ 411.05  |
| PM: Word & Deed | $ 261.10  |