

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please keep your Third Church Update in your Bible and use it to pray for the church family and ministry throughout the week.

**Our Prayer Ministry** - The Intercessors Prayer Group meets each Monday at 11:45 in the church library to pray for our church ministries and congregation. If you have a prayer request or praise you would like to share, put a prayer card in one of the containers during the hymn following the sermon or after the service or contact George Ossentjuk, [gossentj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gossentj@sbcglobal.net).

**Our Prayer Line** – Third Church maintains a Prayer Line that is accessed via your computer. The Prayer Line provides personal information in regard to others in our Church Family who need our prayers and support. If you want to receive the Prayer Line, please contact the Church Office, and include your e-mail address. The office will contact Sue Vliem our Prayer Line Coordinator, who will then assist with the set up. Through the Prayer Line you will also receive our weekly *News and Notes*, which will provide reminders of upcoming events, Sunday's Thank Offering, and informative tidings. The Prayer Line itself will be sent on a need-to-know basis; whereas, the *News and Notes* will be sent on Wednesdays.

**Soup or Bowl 1 Post Game Analysis:** 2,4,6,8 Who do we appreciate, everyone! Third Church predicted the outcome of Super Bowl LII. We were just shy of 500 donated items: 299/Eagles + 195/Patriots = VICTORY for the hungry in our community. Thanks Third Church for being such good sports fans, and stepping up your game in supporting Kalamazoo Area Loaves and Fishes with **500 pounds of food items!**

## NEWS FOR FAMILIES

**Activity Bags:** The brightly colored bags hanging in the Narthex are to be used in worship. Each bag has a small amount of activities, coloring books and puzzles for our little ones. Please remember to hang them back in the Narthex as you leave

**Children's Bulletins:** We offer two different Children's Bulletins according to age groups: 3-6 and 7-12. The bulletins can be found at the Welcome Center, or please ask an usher.

**Families:** There are Lenten resources for families and children on a table in the Fellowship Hall. They will be available for a few weeks, as the start of Lent is fast approaching. See Pastor Laura for details or with any questions.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Sunday Services Online:** Please note that our services are videotaped for rebroadcast purposes, and are available on our church website [www.3rdcrc.org](http://www.3rdcrc.org).

**AA Meetings:** Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held here at church on Sundays, at 5:00 pm. ***Anyone with the desire to stop drinking is welcome.*** The outside office door will be open, and the meetings will take place in the Council Room. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Weller, 269-506-2343.

**Wednesday Women's Bible Study** – We meet at 11:00 am each week in the Walnut Room. New participants are always welcome. For this week please read Colossians 3:1-11.

**Ash Wednesday** - The season of Lent (the forty-day period preceding Holy Week and our celebration of Christ's death and resurrection) officially begins on February 14 – ***Ash Wednesday.*** Third's Staff will host an Ash Wednesday time of meditation – with Scripture, prayer and the voluntary imposition of ashes – beginning at 12:12 pm in the Walnut Room. All are welcome!

**Next Sunday's Morning Worship Service** – ***the first in the season of Lent*** – will culminate with the sacrament of Holy Communion. Our anticipation of the sacrament provides an opportunity to prepare to receive all that God has for us in the Lord's Supper, by attending to our relationships, assuring that we are right with God and right with each other.

**Come and Get It!** That's right folks the annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, February 18. So come with your Texas-sized chuck wagon spoon and taste some good chili and soup. The cook-off will begin around noon-ish in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring your own chili or soup for the cook-off, please sign-up. Or round-up Chris Batts (343-4436) and Pastor AJ (343-2400).

**Women, Continue Your Reading** - *Sensible Shoes* author Sharon Garlough Brown will be at Parable Book Store (2913 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph) on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 pm. She will introduce the final installment of the *Sensible Shoes* series – *An Extra Mile*. Refreshments will be served.

**New Bible Journaling Group Forming** – Are you interested in Bible journaling? This group will be a collaboration between Third Church and Voyage Church. We will meet on a monthly basis, and the topics will be an extension of weekly sermons and themes. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 pm, here at Third. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Becky Smith (Third), 269-420-3270 or Wendy Park (Voyage), 269-744-0106.

**Our Friendship Program** – The evening program is looking for volunteers to provide snacks each week for the remainder of the season. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall or call Jane Buttery, 381-7167. Thank you for your help.

## MICAH 6-8 CORNER (Justice & Mercy Opportunities; On-Going Needs)

**Food for Thought** – Fresh fruits and vegetables are not always available or affordable to many in our community. Fresh produce donations are always accepted at the warehouse. Always on the wish list for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes are macaroni and cheese, boxed instant potatoes, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and high-protein soups and stews. Remember, the grocery carts for Loaves and Fishes are located in the Fellowship Hall and can hold any food at any time. Instead of apples – one dollar per day keeps hunger at bay. Please consider giving a gift to help Kalamazoo county families in need. Visit [kzoolf.org](http://kzoolf.org) for more information. Just think, with your monetary donations Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes is able to serve nearly 700 per day!!!

**Let's Take a Walk!** Today's working families are struggling to keep their heads above water, but the fact is not all of them are making that happen. You can help raise much needed support by participating in our annual event – ***A Walk to End Homelessness*** on March 24, starting at 10:00 am, from the Kalamazoo Growlers Baseball Stadium (Homer Stryker Field). Call 269-488-0913 for additional information.

## NEIGHBORHOOD TEAMS

### **Bronson:**

Kathy Bartels, Elder (345-9854)  
Kim Van Loo, Deacon (532-3233 cell)

### **Milwood:**

Dave Bishop, Elder (382-0750)  
Dave Huizinga, Deacon (616-307-6164 cell)

### **Northwest Territories:**

Jane Smit, Elder (569-3970 cell)  
Tom Nanninga, Deacon (353-9593)

### **Westwood:**

Mary Jane Baylor, Elder (375-4480)  
Luke Vanderhill, Deacon (217-3126 cell)

### **Oshtemo:**

Phil Ippel, Elder (327-7919)  
Esther Korzilius, Deacon (743-7682)

### **Portage East:**

Dave Bierenga, Elder (365-7233 cell)  
Alex Onderlinde, Deacon (744-1305 cell)

### **Winchell:**

Dan Triemstra, Elder (382-5551)  
David Bartels, Deacon (352-5112)

### **Southwest (Portage West):**

Tim De Jong, Elder (532-0474 cell)  
Dan Schrik, Deacon (779-9055 cell)

## STEWARDSHIP

### **Our giving should be without compulsion.**

“You should each give what you have decided in your heart to give. You shouldn’t give if you don’t want to. You shouldn’t give because you are forced to. God loves a cheerful giver.”

- 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIRV)

## WINTER WEATHER PROTOCOL

In the event when our area is experiencing a winter storm on a Sunday morning, a decision will be made by the Pastors and Chair of Council to determine if the morning church service should be cancelled. If the service is cancelled a closing alert will appear on WWMT News Channel 3, and an announcement will be placed on the Prayer Line. Note, during the week, if Kalamazoo Public Schools are closed due to weather, our church activities for that day are also cancelled.

## MEMBERS SERVING FOR WORSHIP

**Elders Greeting Today:** Peggy Link, Dan Triemstra

**Elders Greeting Next Week:** Ron Plaisier, Kathy Bartels

**Little Children Care Ministers Today:** Keith and Colleen Dodich, Kim Van Loo, Anna Gretz

**Little Children Care Ministers Next Week:** Tom and Megan Gest, Alex and Sarah Onderlinde

**Worship Center Today:** Ellie Batts, Madelyn Batts, Emma Schut

**Worship Center Next Week:** Audrey Batts, Hannah Kequom  
(Communion)

**Prayer Ministers Today:** Dave Bierenga, Jelene Van Dyk

**Prayer Ministers Next Week:** Rick Van Enk, Sue Dykstra

**Usher Assignment Today:** Dave Bishop, John Bartels,  
Dean Van Loo

**Usher Assignment Next Week:** Dave Bishop, John Bartels,  
Dean Van Loo

**Deacons Collecting Today:** David Bartels, Jim Valk, Dan Schrik,  
Esther Korzilius, Ed Maring

**Deacons Collecting Next Week:** Luke Vanderhill, Jerry Weesies,  
Dave Huizinga, Kim Van Loo, Steve Dyk

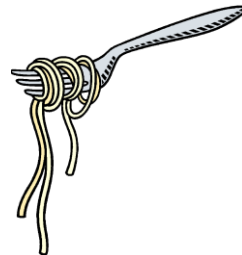
**Tech Support Today:** Jane Lockwood, Mike Kakabeeke, Rick Viel

**Tech Support Next Week:** Kurt Miedema, Kyle Miedema,  
Mike Oostindie

**Coffee Hour Servers Today:** John and Kathy Bartels

**Coffee Hour Servers Next Week:** Dave and Sandy Bishop

**Youth Group Spaghetti Supper!** We will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on Sunday, March 4, at 5:00 pm. This event will help raise money for the upcoming mission trip to West Virginia over Spring Break. If you have questions or would like to help, contact Bryan Keeley, [bryan.keeley@3rdcrc.org](mailto:bryan.keeley@3rdcrc.org).



## THIRD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 11, 2018

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

### TODAY

8:30 am Praise Team and Band Rehearsal  
9:30 am Morning Worship  
11:00 am Sunday Morning Classes  
11:00 am Festival Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
11:00 am New Member Class (Walnut Room)  
5:00 pm ELEMENT (Youth Room)  
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Council Room)

**Thank Offering: Ministries Fund  
of Third Christian Reformed Church**

### MONDAY

11:45 am Intercessors (Library)  
7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Council Room)

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

12:12 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Walnut Room)  
11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Walnut Room)  
6:30 pm Friendship (Fellowship Hall)

### THURSDAY

9:30 am Coffee Break (Fellowship Hall)

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

### NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am Praise Team and Band Rehearsal  
9:30 am Morning Worship - **Communion**  
11:00 am Sunday Morning Classes  
11:00 am Festival Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
11:00 am New Member Class (Walnut Room)  
12:00 pm **Chili Cook-Off (Fellowship Hall)**  
5:00 pm ELEMENT (Youth Room)  
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Council Room)  
6:00 pm Karis (Main Street Pub – West Main Street)

### Thank Offering:

**February 18 Kalamazoo Christian School Kenya Mission Trip**

**February 25 Bethany Christian Services**



