

Harlem Happenings



December 3, 2023

TODAY

9:10 AM — PRE-WORSHIP PRAYER in classroom L7.

9:30 AM — MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. We will share the Lord's Supper together this morning.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME in Fellowship Hall.

10:50-11:35 AM — CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE in the Sanctuary. Kids in pre-school-5th grade, will practice today during the entire Sunday School hour. *Parents, please pick them up in the Sanctuary.*

11:00 - 11:35 AM— SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages.

THIS WEEK

Tues. 9:00- NOON— QUILTER'S GROUP meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Tues. 7:00 PM— EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING.

Wed. **6:15-7:45 PM**— GEMS & CADETS for kids in 1st -8th grades. **7:00 PM**— Join us for a PRAYER MEETING in the Narthex.

Thurs. 5:30-6:30 AM— Early Morning MEN'S BIBLE STUDY and CONVERSATIONS GROUP.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Dec. 10, 5:00 PM— CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM; CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE to follow the program.

Dec. 11, 7:00 PM— MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY.

Dec. 12, 7:00 PM— CONSISTORY MEETING.

Dec. 14, 7:00 PM— WORSHIP TEAM MEETING.

Dec. 17, 6:00-8:00 PM— THE WAY CHRISTMAS PARTY and CAROLING! All high school and post high students are welcome!

Dec. 21, 7:00 PM— JAM SESSION in the Sanctuary.

Dec. 24, 7:00 PM— CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.

Dec. 24 & 31— NO Sunday School.

Dec. 25— NO FOOD DISTRIBUTION. *Our next one will be January 22.*

Dec. 27, Jan. 3— NO Gem's & Cadets and Prayer Meeting.

HARLEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your generous giving on Thanksgiving morning! \$1,390 was given to our Hand2Hand ministry! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas last week! Our many hands made light work!

Volunteer Bakers: Baked goods are needed for the Christmas open house on **December 10th following the Children's Christmas Program.** If you are able to make any sort of homemade treat, please sign up at the information center. Goodies can be dropped off in the kitchen in the morning or anytime before 4:00 pm that day. **We greatly appreciate your help!**

Harlem Church is registered with Gateway Mission in the "Corners of Your Field" donation program. When anyone from our church donates "gently used household items" to Gateway and identifies themselves as from Harlem Church, the Church receives a gift card of 5% of the value of the donation to be used to help people in need. This is a win/win for both Gateway and those who reach out to Harlem for help.

Help support the annual H.W.M. Underwear Tree. Next week, we will begin collecting **NEW** undergarments (all sizes) for men, women, and children

who have contact with the Holland Rescue Mission. Take advantage of seasonal sales on **NEW** socks, T-shirts, underwear, etc. Donated items can be placed under the special tree which will be set up near the church office and will be up until Dec. 17.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parkview is having a Christmas Toiletry Drive for the home now until December 23! They are requesting soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and shaving cream. Items can be dropped off at Parkview's front porch or Harlem Church's office. They really appreciate any help with receiving toiletries for the residents. It is a huge help to the home! Thank you!

The March for Life will be on January 20, 2023 at 11:00am at Centennial Park in Holland. This is put on by Right to Life of Holland Area each year to remember the unborn children who have lost their lives. Following the march, a devotional and prayer service will be led by Ken Stults at 11:30am at Central Avenue CRC in the Ministry Center. A freewill offering will be taken. Please join us!

It is time once again for **Right to Life's High School Oratory Contest!** All pro-life high schoolers are invited to be a part of this event. Research one of the following issues and make a 5-7 minute pro-life presentation to a panel of judges: abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research/human cloning. The deadline to apply is February 27. For more information or to apply, contact Betty at the Right to Life office by phone: 616.396.1037 or email: rtlholland@egl.net.

Hand2Hand Suggested Donations:

- pudding cups goldfish
- Teddy grahams trail mix
- Popcorn single serve cereal
- canned vegetables
- slim jims shelf stable yogurt



RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TODAY:

- GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Lyle Veldheer, Mike Long
- USHER & OFFERING— Brad Brower
- ORGANIST/PIANIST— Ellie Nienhuis
- SOUND— Ben Fought
- VIDEO— TJ VanderVeen
- LIVESTREAM— Kati Fought
- TECH SET-UP— Ben Fought
- NURSERY— Tammy Baumann, Alma Campins
- SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Sally Mulder, Kelly Schaap
- NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Steve Kraker, Mike Weaver
- COFFEE HOSTS— Darin & Dawn Hemmeke

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DECEMBER 10:

- GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Howie Baumann, Darion Fisher
- USHER & OFFERING— John Zwiers
- ORGANIST/PIANIST—Roz Boeve
- SOUND— Rob VanEyck
- VIDEO— Kelly VanEyck
- LIVESTREAM— Emmy Nienhuis
- TECH SET-UP— Emmy Nienhuis
- NURSERY— Amy Bosma, Iris DeFeyter
- LENA'S ROOM— Dawn Hemmeke
- SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Terry Ebels, Steve Fisher
- NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Howie & Tammy Baumann
- COFFEE HOSTS— Bill & Kerry DeFeyter

Church Assistance Program

As a part of Harlem, you are invited to contact Pine Rest for counseling, legal advice, mental health referrals, elder care consultation, etc. at free or reduced cost. To contact Pine Rest, visit www.pinerest.org/cap or call 616.455.6210.

You can call 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week to speak to a counselor. When calling, please remember to identify yourself as a CAP member.

You will be asked to give a password; Harlem's password is HarlemCAP. All contacts are kept confidential. Reports made by Pine Rest to Harlem do **not** contain any names or specific details.