

# Harlem Happenings

## March 08, 2026

---



### TODAY

- 9:10 AM — PRE-WORSHIP PRAYER in classroom L7.
- 9:30AM — MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following the service to vote on the sanctuary update proposal.
- COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME in Fellowship Hall. Join us for refreshments immediately following the worship service.
- 10:50-11:00AM— SINGING IN THE SANCTUARY for kids through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 11:00-11:35AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages.
- 5:30-7:30PM—THE WAY meets in the Compass.

### THIS WEEK

- Tues. 9:00-NOON— QUILTER'S GROUP.
- Wed. 6:15-7:45PM— GEMS & CADETS for kids 1st-8th grade.
- Wed. 7:00PM—PRAYER MEETING in the narthex.
- Thurs. 5:30-6:30AM— Early Morning MEN'S BIBLE STUDY and CONVERSATIONS GROUP.
- Sat. 5:00PM—YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT. Feel free to bring a snack or game you enjoy! Pizza will be provided.

### ADVANCED NOTICES

- Mar. 15—GEM'S SUNDAY! An offering will be collected for this ministry and the Cadets.
- Mar. 18—ANNUAL PINWOOD DERBY. More information to come.

Mar. 22-- A group from TEEN CHALLENGE will visit during morning worship.

Mar. 24, 6:30-7:45PM—TULIP WATERCOLOR CLASS. All skill levels welcome! Sign up in the narthex. Free class, please bring a donation for Hand2Hand. We will be working on small paintings of tulips, just in time for spring! Kids ages 8+ are welcome to attend with their parent. Please email Alyssa with any questions-lyssjoyart@gmail.com

### HARLEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

All children need healthy, consistent relationships with adults who are committed to helping them grow, develop, and thrive. **Kids Hope is always looking for new volunteers.** Did you know we currently have students waiting to be matched with an adult!? You can be the stability a child needs to thrive! Please reach out to Michelle Rouwhorst for more information.

**We are partnering with Movement West Michigan, who have coordinated Love our Schools** for the past 4 years as a collaborative effort to ensure that school staff members in the Holland/Zeeland area receives a gift kit of appreciation from a local church. We would love to have a couple of volunteers from the church to pick up the gift kits from City on a Hill on March 13 and deliver them to Sheldon Woods during the week of March 23-27. If this is something you are interested in or have any questions, contact the church office.

**“Card Shower” for Mitch & Jamie Essenburg and Randy & Hilda Westrate.** Please consider sending cards to friends of ours who used to attend Harlem. Jamie (Westrate) Essenburg grew up at

Harlem and recently lost her 8-month-old son, Deacon due to illness. Her parents, Randy & Hilda Westrate were long-time members, and Hilda served as the Children's Ministries Coordinator at Harlem for many years. In the fellowship hall, there are address labels and stamps. Please be sure to grab these after worship today. Even if you don't know the Essenburgs or Westrates, please still consider sending them a scripture to encourage and uplift them during this very difficult time. Thank you!

**Sunday School substitute teachers** are needed. If you are interested in helping out a couple times a year, email or talk to Lacey VanKampen.

Please consider bringing a baked good donation for the **Pinewood Derby on March 18**.

**Human resources** is seeking anyone who may be interested in working for the church as a **groundskeeper**. If you are interested, contact the office or Jeff DeFeyter (616-856-1974) for more information.

**Hand2Hand Needs:** individual cereal, jiffy pancake mix, individual oatmeal, jiffy corn muffin mix, jiffy biscuit mix, individual mac & cheese, small tortillas, soup.

Our Staff:

**Matt Wohlford**— Pastor,  
pastor@harlemchurch.org

**Makayla Pikaart**— Administrative Assistant,  
hrc@harlemchurch.org

**Lacey VanKampen**— Children's Ministry  
Coordinator, lacey@harlemchurch.org

**Rebecca Brewer**— Bookkeeper,  
becca@harlemchurch.org

**Michelle Rouwhorst**— Kid's Hope Director,  
rouwhorstmichelle@gmail.com

**Kathy Groenewoud**— Hand2Hand Director,  
kathygroenewoud@yahoo.com

**Terry & Judy VanDyke, Paula TenHarmsel, Amanda Van Malsen** — Custodians

### **RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TODAY:**

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Terry & Judy VanDyke  
USHER & OFFERING— Ryan VanKampen  
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Roz Boeve  
SOUND— Rob VanEyck  
VIDEO— Kelly VanEyck  
LIVESTREAM— Emmy Nienhuis  
TECH SET-UP— Emmy Nienhuis  
NURSERY— Emmy Nienhuis, Lynn Schaap, Alma Campins  
LENA'S ROOM—  
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Sally Mulder, Terry Ebels  
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Mike Weaver  
COFFEE SERVERS— Kelly & Lynn Schaap, Calvin & Alyssa Gutknecht

### **RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MARCH 15:**

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Ben & Kati Fought  
USHER & OFFERING— John Zwiers  
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Ellie Nienhuis  
SOUND— Mike Bronkema  
VIDEO— Lona Bronkema  
LIVESTREAM— Travis Berkompas  
TECH SET-UP— Travis Berkompas  
NURSERY— Cortney Stoel, Nikki Tiemeyer, Iris DeFeyter  
LENA'S ROOM—  
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Howie & Tammy Baumann  
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Steve Fisher, Terry Ebels  
COFFEE SERVERS— Rob & Kelly VanEyck, Dave & Mary Visser

### **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](http://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.