

Harlem Happenings

October 4, 2026



TODAY

9:10 AM — PRE-WORSHIP PRAYER in classroom L7.
9:30AM — MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME. Join us for refreshments immediately following the worship service.
11:00-11:30AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages.
11:30-11:40AM—SINGING IN THE SANCTUARY for kids up through 5th grade.
4:57PM—NIGHT OF WORSHIP.
THE WAY meets in the Compass (following the night of worship)

THIS WEEK

Mon. 6:30PM—CONSISTORY MEETING.
Tues. 9:00-NOON—QUILTER'S GROUP meets.
Wed. 6:15-7:45PM—GEM'S & CADETS.
Wed. 7:00PM—PRAYER MEETING in the Narthex.
Thurs. 5:30-6:30AM— Early Morning MEN'S BIBLE STUDY and CONVERSATIONS GROUP.
Sat. 9:00AM— DECORATING FELLOWSHIP HALL!
Join us at 9:00 this Saturday morning to set up and decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Pastor Appreciation Potluck!

ADVANCED NOTICES

Oct. 11, 11:00AM—PASTOR APPRECIATION POTLUCK
Oct. 11, 6:00PM—GUATEMALA TEAM MEETING.
Oct. 25—QUILTER'S SUNDAY.

HARLEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

To all who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday: cards in the mail, phone calls, Wednesday night prayer group, the girls who sang 'Happy Birthday' and presented me with dozens of handmade cards and to Marcia who made a beautiful basket to put them in, I say **"Thank you" and may God bless each one of you.** —Al Kohsel

Do you have one hour a week to mentor a child? **Kids Hope is looking for volunteers!** We can work with your schedule! Please prayerfully consider helping this ministry! It really is a small commitment with a big impact! Please reach out to Michelle Rouwhorst for more information.

Hand2Hand Needs (single serve): Pancake mix, pudding cups, jiffy pizza dough mix, jiffy biscuit mix, oatmeal, popcorn

Hand2Hand Challenge: Count Your Blessings Jar! A few weeks ago, I mentioned a challenge. It's a great way to get young and old involved in a very caring way: to help feed the hungry. If you can count the number of items on your food plate and throw a quarter, dime, nickel, or any amount of money for each item, you could help feed a hungry child on the weekend. I have my Hand2Hand jar in fellowship hall; we could try to fill the jar. How fun would that be to watch donations grow! Thank you all for all you do.
—Kathleen Groenewoud.

It's October! During this Pastor Appreciation Month, please be sure to express your gratitude for Pastor Matt and Tara, as well as our other church staff members: Children's Ministries Coordinator Lacey VanKampen, secretary Makayla Pikaart, bookkeeper Becca Brewer, and custodians Terry and Judy VanDyke, Amanda VanMalsen, Paula TenHarmsel, Kathy Groenewoud. There are boxes in the entryway for you to leave a card or gift for each of these people who do so much to bless our church family. These boxes will be out through the end of the month.

Everyone is invited to a special Pastor Appreciation Potluck on October 11 in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00am! Please bring a hot dish, cold dish, or dessert to share. Let's come together in fellowship to celebrate Matt & Tara!

Our Fellowship Body Life Team is in need of more members! If you would like to help plan and organize events to bring the church together in fellowship, please talk to one of the current members: TJ VanderVeen, Paula TenHarmsel, or Angie Dick.

Let's plan our 2027 church campout! On the entryway table is a signup sheet for our weekend campout at Cran Hill Ranch. Please sign up and pick which weekends work best for you and your family!

Needed: a primary, lead custodian to work 10-12 hours per week beginning October 1st. For more information, contact Steve Kraker (616-540-2244), Dennis Mulder (616-610-1563), or John VanKampen (616-416-5808).

Right to Life of Holland Area's Annual Focus on Life Dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 20th at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, MI with guest speaker Lydia Taylor Davis. **If you would like to attend or have any questions, speak to Kerry DeFeyter.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Staff:

Matt Wohlford— Pastor,
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Makayla Pikaart— Administrative Assistant,
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Rebecca Brewer— Bookkeeper,
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Michelle Rouwhorst— Kid's Hope Director,
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Kathy Groenewoud— Hand2Hand Director,
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Terry & Judy VanDyke, Paula TenHarmsel, Amanda Van Malsen — Custodians

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TODAY:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Mike Long, Howie Baumann

USHER & OFFERING— Justin Karsten

ORGANIST/PIANIST— Joan Bader

SOUND— Ben Fought

VIDEO— Kati Fought

LIVESTREAM— TJ VanderVeen

TECH SET-UP— Ben Fought

NURSERY—Lynn Schaap, Nikki Tiemeyer, Josie Nienhuis

LENA'S ROOM— Dawn Hemmeke

SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Terry & Judy Vandyke

NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Terry Ebels, Mike Weaver

COFFEE SERVERS— Brad & Katelyn Brower, Angie Dick

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OCTOBER 11:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR—Darion Fisher, Lyle Veldheer

USHER & OFFERING— Darin Hemmeke

ORGANIST/PIANIST— Roz Boeve

SOUND—Mike Bronkema

VIDEO—TJ VanderVeen

LIVESTREAM— Emmy Nienhuis

TECH SET-UP— Emmy Nienhuis

NURSERY— Grace VanKampen, Paisley VanKampen, Annabelle VanKampen

LENA'S ROOM— Cindy Bakker

SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM—Kelly Schaap, Steve Fisher

NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Howie & Tammy Baumann

COFFEE SERVERS—Amy Bosma & family

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.