

Harlem Happenings

October 11, 2026



TODAY

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

9:30AM — MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

Everyone is invited to a Pastor Appreciation Potluck today in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00am! Let's come together in fellowship to celebrate Matt & Tara! There is no Sunday School or Singing in the Sanctuary today.

6:00PM—GUATEMALA TEAM MEETING.

THIS WEEK

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.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Oct. 25—QUILTER'S SUNDAY.

Oct. 25, 5:30-7:30PM—THE WAY meets in the Compass.

Oct. 26, 5:00PM—FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

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): fruit cups, pudding cups, applesauce, trail mix, beef sticks, popcorn, juice boxes, pancake mix, spaghetti sauce, pizza sauce, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, oyster crackers.

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.

If you would like to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year, there will be shoeboxes available in the Fellowship Hall for you to use. After filling them with gifts please be sure to enclose the \$10 cost unless you have already paid online. Also fill out the label as to the age and sex the gifts are appropriate for. Return boxes to Harlem by November 15th and we will transfer them to a collection site. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry DeFeyter.

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.

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—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

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OCTOBER 18:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Terry & Judy VanDyke

USHER & OFFERING— Ryan VanKampen

ORGANIST/PIANIST— Christie Berkompas

SOUND— Rob VanEyck

VIDEO— Kelly VanEyck

LIVESTREAM— Travis Berkompas

TECH SET-UP— Travis Berkompas

NURSERY— Lily Zwiers, Vonnie VanKampen, Ely
Zwiers

LENA'S ROOM— Margi Fought

SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM—Sally Mulder, Steve
Kraker

NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Terry Ebels, Mike
Weaver

COFFEE SERVERS— Howie & Tammy Baumann, Roz
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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.