

Harlem Happenings

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

THIS WEEK

Mon. 5:00PM—FOOD DISTRIBUTION.
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. 28, 6:15-7:45PM—SHOEBOX PACKING during GEM's. Donations are welcome!
Nov. 1—GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP RECAP.
Nov. 8, 5:30-7:30PM—THE WAY meets.
Nov. 9, 6:30PM—CONSISTORY MEETING.
Nov. 15—FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SUNDAY.

HARLEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat VanderYacht is in need of rides to and from church on Sundays. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the entry way table. Thank you!

Over 200 quilts have been given out so far this year. Quilts have gone to the Women's & Children Mission, Samaritan's Purse, Overland Missions, His Harvest Stand, Hope Packages, Beacon Ministries, Mosaic Foster & Adoption Services, the Salvation Army, and we just sent 2 dozen with our Guatemala Mission Team. We have also started to bless the new babies born to our Harlem Families. Thank you for always supporting us.

Hand2Hand Needs (single serve): cereal, pancake mix, pizza sauce, jiffy pizza crust, canned chicken, ramen noodles, shelf stable milk, pancake mix.

Seeking the Lord's Direction in your Life? Pr. Matt recently preached on that and I, **Mike Weaver**, have begun a **Spiritual Direction certificate training program** and I need people to start meeting with 1-on-1 as I begin this venture. What is that you ask? **It is a trusted, confidential conversation** with a companion in Christ who listens with you—not to fix or counsel you, but to help you notice how God is moving in your life and his heart for you. Does that interest you? If so, please connect with me by either approaching me at church or emailing me at mjweaver10@gmail.com. **There is no cost for this as I am in training, and we'd meet for about 50 minutes 1x/month for 4-6 months.** Life moves fast, and we have a lot of things vying for our attention. Let's sit down and attune to God together. I'd love to hear from you!

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 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 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.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the Fellowship Hall! After filling them with gifts please be sure to enclose the \$10 cost unless you have already paid online. 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 DeFeyer.

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.

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).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Borculo Christian School invites you to join us on **Saturday, November 7**, for our annual Auction & Pig Roast! Come enjoy delicious food, good fellowship, and some awesome items up for bid. This event supports our Christ-centered education and helps keep tuition affordable for our families. For more information, contact the school office or email bcsauction@borculochrschool.org.

Our Staff:

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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— Lud Scholten, Mike Long
USHER & OFFERING— Chris Geerlings
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Joan Bader
SOUND— Steve Fisher
VIDEO— Kelly VanEyck
LIVESTREAM— TJ VanderVeen
TECH SET-UP— Steve Fisher
NURSERY— Summer VanKampen, Sarah Zwiers,
Norah Dick
LENA'S ROOM— Tammy Baumann
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Kelly Schaap
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Terry & Judy VanDyke
COFFEE SERVERS— Larry & Brenda Brouwer, Mike Long, Tracy Leffler

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Howie Bauman, Mike Long
USHER & OFFERING— Ben Rouwhorst
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Roz Boeve
SOUND— Ben Fought
VIDEO— Kati Fought
LIVESTREAM— TJ VanderVeen
TECH SET-UP— Ben Fought
NURSERY— Tammy Baumann, Taylor Dirkse, Emily Bosma
LENA'S ROOM—
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Steve Kraker, Terry Ebels
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Howie & Tammy Baumann
COFFEE SERVERS— Jeff & Jamie Nienhuis, John & Vonnie VanKampen

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.