Harlem Happenings
November 1, 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.

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

Nov. 8, 5:30-7:30PM—THE WAY meets in the Compass
Nov. 9, 6:30PM—CONSISTORY MEETING.
Nov. 15—FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SUNDAY.

HARLEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Human Resources Committee is pleased to announce that Ben and Kati Fought have been led by God to accept the **position of lead custodians** and will assume their duties next week. They will work along with Paula TenHarmsel to maintain the beauty and function of our buildings. And **a big "Thank you" to Terry and Judy VanDyke and Amanda Van Malsen** for their dedicated service the past few years. God has certainly blessed Harlem Church with gifted and talented people in all areas of our church life. Praise the Lord!

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!

As temperatures are cooling down, **Landscape Design Services is teaming with Joy 99.3** to bring Comfort and Joy to those in need this winter. **New or used warm clothing items can be dropped off at Landscape Design Services' lobby through Nov. 13.** Donated items will be freely distributed throughout our community.

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.

Join us for our **2027 Church Campout** at CranHill Ranch on June 16-20! Scan the QR code to reserve a site.

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. 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.** If you have any questions, please contact Kerry DeFeyter.

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:
Matt Wohlford— Pastor, pastor@harlemchurch.org
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Michelle Rouwhorst— Kid's Hope Director, kidshope@harlemchurch.org
Kathy Groenewoud— Hand2Hand Director, kathygroenewoud@yahoo.com
Ben & Kati Fought, Paula TenHarmsel— Custodians

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TODAY:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Howie Baumman, 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

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NOVEMBER 8:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Terry & Judy VanDyke
USHER & OFFERING— Jeff DeFeyter
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Joan Bader
SOUND— Mike Bronkema
VIDEO— TJ VanderVeen
LIVESTREAM— Emmy Nienhuis
TECH SET-UP— Emmy Nienhuis
NURSERY— Emmy Nienhuis, Lynn Schaap, Iris DeFeyter
LENA'S ROOM— Dawn Hemmeke
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM—Kelly Schaap
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM—Sally Mulder, Mike Weaver
COFFEE SERVERS— Mike & Melanie Weaver, Dan & Pam Haight

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.