Harlem Happenings
November 8, 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. 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.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Nov. 15—FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SUNDAY.
Nov. 26, 9:30AM—THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE.
Dec. 13, 5:30PM—CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Open house to follow.

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!

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

Leaders of the Guatemala trip, please plan on meeting together after church today. We'd love to discuss together what went well, and what could be improved for our next trip. We'll meet downstairs in the room across from the kitchen at 11.

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.

We are in need of **snack donations for our GEM's and Cadets.** If you are willing to donate, we are asking for dye free snacks and juice boxes such as rice Krispie treats, goldfish, apple juice, etc. Please leave them in the office or the kitchen labeled for GEM's & Cadets. Thank you!

Kids Hope needs more volunteers! Has the spirit been nudging you? Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry! **We currently have 7 kids on a waitlist** waiting to be matched with a mentor! It takes just one hour a week to be an encouragement to a child in need in our community. Please see Michelle Rouwhorst for more information!

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.

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!

Hand2Hand Challenge: Count Your Blessings Jar! Hi Church, our Blessings jar is half full! Thank you, let's keep it rising to fullness! *–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 our community to join us for a special Veterans Day Chapel on **Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 8:40 a.m.** Students will lead a time of remembrance and appreciation as we recognize the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces. We especially welcome all veterans to join us as we recognize and celebrate you. We would be honored to have you with us!

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RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TODAY:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NOVEMBER 15:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Darion Fisher, Mike Long
USHER & OFFERING— Justin Karsten
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Christie Berkompas
SOUND— Rob VanEyk
VIDEO— Kelly VanEyk
LIVESTREAM— Travis Berkompas
TECH SET-UP— Travis Berkompas
NURSERY— Cortney Stoel, Grace VanKampen, Anna Bosma
LENA'S ROOM— Margi Fought
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Terry & Judy VanDyke
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Terry Ebels, Steve Kraker
COFFEE SERVERS— Steve & Judy Kraker, Josh & Candece Tucker

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.