Harlem Happenings
November 22, 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.--NO QUILTER'S GROUP or SEWING CLASS.

Wed.-- NO GEM'S & CADETS.

Wed. 7:00PM—PRAYER MEETING in the Narthex.

Thurs.— NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thurs. 9:30AM—THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE in the Sanctuary. An offering will be collected for the Benevolence fund.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Dec. 2, 6:00PM—CHRISTMAS DECORATING.

Dec. 6, 5:30-7:30PM—THE WAY meets.

Dec. 13, 5:30-7:30PM—CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Open house to follow.

HARLEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us on **December 2nd at 6:00pm** to decorate the church for the Christmas season!

Love to sing Christmas Carols? On **Sunday December 20** we'll be singing our favorite carols **starting at 9:15** before church starts. Come early and join in!

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Join us this **Thursday at 9:30am for a Thanksgiving service.** We will worship God and thank him for the countless blessing given to us.

All Praise Team Members: Mark your calendars! We want to thank you for your commitment to our Worship every Sunday. **We will be having a thank you dinner and meeting on Thursday February 4th at 6pm here at church**. Parents of kids on worship teams are encouraged to attend as well!

The church has a **spare piano and a spare loveseat.** Rather than just getting rid of them, we'd love to offer them both to anyone in the church who is interested. If you'd like to know more, contact Stacey Campins.

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!

Join us for fun and fellowship for 55 and older, men & women, on **Thursday December 3rd at 1:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be playing 5 Crowns, Hand & Foot, and Dominos. **We will be meeting regularly on the first Thursday of the month.**

Kids Hope needs more volunteers! Has the spirit been nudging you? Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry! It takes just one hour a week to be an encouragement to a child in need in our community. **We currently have 7 kids on a waitlist**! Their names are posted around the church. If one of their names sticks out to you, please see Michelle Rouwhorst for more information!

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.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Tuesday, November 24, is LiftSit 2026! Listen on Joy99.3 from 6 AM–6 PM, hear incredible stories from Guatemala, and help support our mission partner, Paradise Bound Ministries, through prayer and giving. It's always a great day!

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.

Our Staff:
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Ben & Kati Fought, Paula TenHarmsel— Custodians

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TODAY:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Lud Scholten, Howie Baumann
USHER & OFFERING— Darin Hemmeke
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Joan Bader
SOUND— Josh Heeres
VIDEO— Kelly VanEyk
LIVESTREAM— TJ VanderVeen
TECH SET-UP— TJ VanderVeen
NURSERY— Paisley VanKampen, Vonnie VanKampen, Makayla Dirkse
LENA'S ROOM— Cindy Bakker
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Howie & Tammy Baumann
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Mike Weaver
COFFEE SERVERS— Terry & Judy VanDyke, Amy Bosma

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NOVEMBER 29:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Terry & Judy VanDyke
USHER & OFFERING— Ryan VanKampen
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Roz Boeve
SOUND— Mike Bronkema
VIDEO— Kelly VanEyk
LIVESTREAM— TJ VanderVeen
TECH SET-UP— TJ VanderVeen
NURSERY— Summer VanKampen, Sarah Zweirs, Josie Nienhuis
LENA'S ROOM— Tammy Baumann
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM— Sally Mulder, Kelly Schaap
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM— Terry Ebels, Steve Kraker
COFFEE SERVERS— Bill & Kerry DeFeyter, Justin & Heidi Karsten

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.