Harlem Happenings
November 29, 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.
Wed. 6:00PM—CHRISTMAS DECORATING.
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.
Thurs. 1:00PM—55 & OLDER CARD GROUP.
Sat. 11:00AM—PUZZLE FUN & FELLOWSHIP.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Dec. 6, 5:30-7:30PM—THE WAY meets in the Compass.
Dec. 13, 5:30-7:30PM—CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Open house to follow.
Dec. 24, 7:00PM— CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.
There will be NO Gem's & Cadets December 23 & 30.

HARLEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for some **PUZZLE fun and fellowship for all ages** on **Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall.** There will be puzzles to choose from, or feel free to bring one of your own! Bring a snack to enjoy while you puzzle with friends. We hope to see you there!

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!

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.*

H2H Needs: beefaroni, ramen noodles, muffin or biscuit mix, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Landscape Design Services is partnering with Joy 99 and Hope Packages to provide **First Night Bags** to children entering foster care. Each bag is thoughtfully filled with new, age-appropriate essentials and comforting items to help children feel cared for during a difficult transition. These bags may include: new pajamas, socks and underwear, blankets, personal hygiene essentials, stuffed animals and other comforting items. **For more information go to Joy in Action at Joy99.com.** Items can be dropped off at Landscape Design Services' lobby through December 11.

Our Staff:

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Ben & Kati Fought, Paula TenHarmsel— Custodians

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TODAY:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DECEMBER 6:

GREETERS/ELEVATOR— Lyle Veldheer, Mike Long
USHER & OFFERING— Chris Geerlings
ORGANIST/PIANIST— Christie Berkompas
SOUND— Ben Fought
VIDEO— Kati Fought
LIVESTREAM— TJ VanderVeen
TECH SET-UP— Kati Fought
NURSERY— Alma Campins, Tammy Baumann, Annabelle VanKampen
LENA'S ROOM— Dawn Hemmeke
SANCTUARY PRAYER TEAM—Mike Weaver
NARTHEX PRAYER TEAM—Terry & Judy VanDyke
COFFEE SERVERS— Ben & Michelle Rouwhorst, Lud Scholten

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.