

LIFE AT CENTRAL

May 30, 2010

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATED TODAY: The flowers by the Memorial Plaque in the Atrium and those by the Columbarium are in memory and honor of those who gave their lives in the service of our country, and those of our loved ones now in the Church Triumphant.

FLOWERS WERE PLACED on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the graveside of Peter and Anne Van Wingen - longtime members of Central. These flowers are given by the Memorials, Endowments, and Planned Giving Committee in their memory. A bequest from their estate established the Van Wingen Endowment Fund used for acquiring books and other Christian media for Central.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Georgia Pickett** had knee surgery this past week.
- **Dan Meeuwssen** is having ear surgery on June 4 in Florida.
- **Jo Ann Belter** and **Andrew Lotz** are continuing their chemotherapy treatments.

SENIOR MINISTRY: Please pray for our seniors, send them a card, or give them a call to let them know you are thinking of them. Our senior member for this week is **Nella Stewart**, 3068 Carmel SW, Grandville, MI 49418.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **next Sunday, June 6**. The congregation will meet in the sanctuary immediately after worship. The 2010 – 2011 budget will be presented for approval, and nominees for offices of Elder and Deacon will be voted on. Nominees for Elder are **Craig Neckers, Susan Poll, and Roger Snider**. Nominees for Deacon are **Joel Brandt, Mark Bulthuis, and Ryan Cook**. We will have Coffee Hour in the courtyard immediately following (weather permitting). No Blood Pressure Screening this week.

VOLUNTEERS: You are the heart and hands of Central and we appreciate you! **Next Sunday, June 6**, immediately after the Congregational Meeting, we will adjourn to the courtyard where ice cream will be served. Please join the celebration and take the opportunity to express your gratitude to one another!

SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED: A Director of Children's Ministries (DCM) Search Committee has been formed. The committee members are: **Brian Andrew** (chair), **Heidi Bailey, Sarah Brandt, Mary Gerbens, Kim Graeff, Dr. Lotz, Diana Snoeyer, and Sue Ellen Vander Zee**. The DCM is a part-time position. We are looking for a motivated, passionate, Christ-centered person to initiate and oversee the church's ministries to young people from birth to Grade 6. A Job Description is available from the church office.

PRAYER PARTNERS: Todd Eckstein, our Youth Director, is seeking prayer partners for students on the **Alaska Mission Trip**. If you love God and have a heart for teenagers, we need you to lift us up in prayer for the next few weeks while we prepare, and especially during the trip (June 19-29)! If there is a student you'd specifically like to pray for, let Todd know or you will be assigned a student who still needs a prayer partner. Thanks for being faithful to God and to us!!!

NOTE FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE: At a recent meeting, Music Committee voted to spend \$5,000 of its remaining 2009-2010 budgeted funds to begin restoration of the Choir wind chest portion of our beautiful organ, which was part of the original Schantz installation done in 1957. The project will begin this month. This begins a critical, multiphase organ restoration which will include the re-leathering of the Choir wind chest. Additional phases will be completed as funds become available.

MOVIE NIGHT: The Adult Discipleship Team and its *Central Reads* summer program is sponsoring a night at the movies. This intergenerational event will be on **Wednesday, June 16** when we will show the movie, "*The Blind Side*" with a discussion following. Please stay tuned for more details.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM PRESENTS

~ **Chihuly Exhibit at Meijer Gardens, Sunday, June 13 at noon.** You are invited for a lunch at the Meijer Garden Café followed by a walking tour or tram ride to see the Chihuly exhibit. The cost: Lunch, Entry Fee, and Tram. This will be hosted by Craig & Joan Neckers. If you have any questions contact Joan at 364-7333 or jnecks@hotmail.com.

~ **Heritage Hill Garden Tour, Saturday, June 19 from 10:00 AM—5:00 PM.** Tour 13 gardens in our historic, urban neighborhood, and appreciate Grand Rapids architectural heritage. Many of the gardens are located on College Ave just south of our church, including Coleen Hamman's garden at 326 College Ave SE. Advance tickets are \$8.00 available at Heritage Hill Assn. 126 College Ave SE or online at www.heritagehillweb.org. Tickets bought the day of the tour are \$10.00 and are available at the Assn. For The Blind ticket booth at 456 Cherry St. SE.

~ **A Whitecaps Game, hosted by Steve and Melissa Ozinga, Friday, June 25** for a 7:00 PM Family Friendly Whitecaps Game! Group discounts begin with 20 people attending, so sign up In the Atrium today. Space is NOT limited. Please contact Steve or Melissa Ozinga at theozingas@yahoo.com or 616-534-1846 if you have any questions.

~ **Stratford 2010:** On **Friday night, September 24**, we will see Shakespeare's *As You Like It* in the Festival Theatre; **Saturday afternoon, September 25**, we will head to the Avon Theatre for Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's ambitious and magnetic musical, *Evita*. The cost will be \$325 and will include transportation, 2 performances, lodging at The River Garden Inn including a buffet breakfast, the bus driver tip, a box lunch on the way there, and a box supper on the way home. Talk with **Sue Poll**, suepoll@gmail.com, 866-2280, or **Linda Ballast**, lindaballast@comcast.net, 975-4448.

BARB PEKICH PARK: On Thursday, June 3rd, at 5:00pm, the “pocket park” at Division and Cherry will be dedicated in honor of the late Barbara Pekich, a long-time member of Central Reformed Church. This is a wonderful honor for a wonderful woman who’s heart has been indelibly imprinted upon the Heartside Neighborhood during 20 years of devotion and service. Ice cream will be served following the dedication. All are welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & POST COLLEGE GRADUATES: Please call the church office with your school name and your degree. We need this information for *Graduate Recognition Sunday*. If you call after 5:00 PM the information can be left on the answering machine.



ATTENTION 2010 GRADUATES: Members of Central may be eligible for financial assistance with their student loans. If you attained an undergraduate or graduate degree after June 2009, please send your student loan information and school transcripts to: **Central Reformed Church, Attention: Endowments, 10 College Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.** All applicants’ eligibility will be determined and finalized in September 2010.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE: A portion of the purchase price goes back to those who grow and harvest the coffee. If you would like to be a sponsor, please sign up in the Atrium or with Coleen Hamman. This morning’s coffee sponsors wish to remain anonymous.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? Persons interested in becoming a member of Central Reformed Church are invited to meet with the Board of Elders. They meet at 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. Please contact any member of the Board of Elders, or Dr. Louis Lotz, for further details.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Requirements
\$13,194
YTD Budget Requirements
\$620,125 (25,902)

Last Sunday Contributions
\$8,983
Actual Contributions Received
\$594,223

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 5/30	9:30 AM	Worship Service - Dr. Louis Lotz
	10:45 AM	Coffee Hour—Courtyard
TUESDAY 6/1	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	6:00 PM	Addie's Diner
	6:45 PM	Children's Ministry Team
WEDNESDAY 6/2	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Marketing Committee
	7:00 PM	Music Committee
THURSDAY 6/3	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	7:15 PM	Last Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY 6/6	9:30 AM	Worship Service – Dr. Louis Lotz
	10:45 AM	Congregational Meeting Volunteer Appreciation during Coffee Hour immediately following the meeting.

Y^oth News

- The LAST Breakfast Club of the year ☺ is at **Cracker Barrel** this Wednesday at 6:30am.
- Next [youth Addie's Diner](#) is **THIS Tuesday, June 1**. The team for the night is: *Kelley W, Nicki B, Ben T, David L, Collin T and Justin A*. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm.
- **Alaska Mission Team**: please keep an eye on our facebook group over the next couple weeks for updates, suggestions, discussions and details (and some work assignments!).