

LIFE AT CENTRAL

June 6, 2010

Today is the final Sunday that our Chancel Choir will be singing as part of our worship services until the fall season. We have enjoyed their musical leadership and greatly appreciate all of their time and commitment to Central's music program, and thank them for sharing their wonderful gift of music with us.

Sopranos

Jennifer Andrew
Linda Ballast
Joanne Bent
Janis De Vree
Charlotte Geelhoed
Carol Kanode
Helen Phillips
Donna Post
Norma Sterk

Altos

Marjorie Brink
Annie De Boer
Sue Karsen
Jodi MacLean
Pauline Marmion
Bea Nagel
Millie Overeem
Alverne Sidor
Dawn Tillema
Barb Vis

Tenors

Doreen Bolhuis
John Byl
Paul Bukaweski
Dick Kanode
Stan Sterk
Paul Titchenell
Bill Vis

Baritone/Basses

Steve Cornelius
Jeff De Vree
Ben Lewis
Lee Marmion
Craig Neckers
Fred Overeem

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Georgia Pickett** is recovering from knee surgery.
- **Dan Meeuwse**n had ear surgery on June 4 in Florida.
- **Bob Bedingfield**, Senior Pastor at Central from 1988 to 1996 has been diagnosed with cancer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- **Dave and Louise Farrell** join by transfer from Orchard Hill Reformed Church. They are self-employed and live at 3334 Golfview Dr NW. Phone: 784-5734.
- **Louis Canfield** also joins by transfer. He works as an administrator for the city of Grand Rapids. He lives at 800 Livingston Ave NE Apt #204. Phone: 481-3356.
- **Onna Kyle** joins by Confession of Faith. She is a freshman at Grandville High School. She is active in the youth programs and is going on the Alaska Mission Trip June 19. Her address is 3051 Harvest SW in Grandville.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service this morning. Visitors are invited to attend. 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 Bulhuis, and Ryan Cook**. We will have Coffee Hour in the courtyard following the meeting (weather permitting). *No Blood Pressure Screening this week.*

VOLUNTEERS: You are the heart and hands of Central and we appreciate you! 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!

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 members for this week are **Ernest & Janet Tonsmeire** at Heather Hills, 1055 Forest Hills Ave SE #261, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

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!!!

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 next week**. 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.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT: The Adult Discipleship Team and it's *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.

ENCORE PERFORMANCE OF “LITTLE WOMEN” - Please join us on Saturday, June 19. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM and the one hour presentation will begin at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 or a table of eight \$130. See more details on the flyer insert. Thank you for all the support you have shown us for the theatre at Central. We appreciate it!

PARKING AGREEMENT: The church has once again agreed to provide parking for GRCC students on Mondays through Fridays during the school year. The agreement starts in August and will continue to April, 2011. The Consistory feels this is a “win – win” arrangement, providing needed parking for local college students and generating an independent stream of revenue to help fund various projects here at the church.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 6/6	9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Worship Service – Dr. Louis Lotz Congregational Meeting Volunteer Appreciation during Coffee Hour immediately following the meeting.
TUESDAY 6/8	12:00 N 6:30 PM	Addie’s Pantry Deacon’s Meeting
WEDNESDAY 6/9	9:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	Staff Meeting Executive Committee Elder’s Meeting
THURSDAY 6/10	12:00 N	Addie’s Pantry
SUNDAY 6/13	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Youth Committee Worship Service – Dr. Louis Lotz Coffee Hour—Courtyard

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Requirements
\$13,194

Last Sunday Contributions
\$17,220

YTD Budget Requirements
\$633,319

Actual Contributions Received
\$611,443 (21,876)

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