

## LIFE AT CENTRAL

January 23, 2011

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Ellie Moerland** had carotid artery surgery and was hoping to return home this past week.
- **Gavin Hollemans**, son-in-law of Mark & Sally Bulthuis is continuing his chemotherapy treatments for leukemia.
- **Kerry Ver Meulen** is at Blodgett Hospital with an intestinal infection.

Long-time member, **Marion Havens**, died on January 6. A Memorial Service in celebration of her life was held here at Central on January 10. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Another Long-time member, **Ruth Vander Kuyf**, died on January 15. Ruth has lived at Kent Community Hospital for the last several years. Her funeral was held on January 19 at the Stegenga Funeral Home. We extend our sympathy to her family also.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome **Pat Gabrielse** who joins us by transfer from the First Christian Reformed Church of Sheboygan, WI. **Melissa Ozinga** joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members.

**CALLED TO SERVE:** **Bill Pekich**, who graduated recently from seminary, has accepted a call to serve the First Reformed Church of Coxsackie, NY. His **Ordination Service** will be at Central on **February 13**. Bill is the son of the late Rev. Barb Pekich and the nephew of Helen Phillips. Pray for Bill as he begins serving as a pastor.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** **Jeff Munroe continues teaching a class in the Parlor during Education Hour.** We will be looking at the autobiographies of well-known writers, discussing their books from a spiritual perspective. It is not necessary to have read the books prior to the class. The books (not necessarily in order of discussion) are:

- 1) *Menonite in a Little Black Dress*, by Rhoda Janzen
- 2) *Leaving Church*, by Barbara Brown Taylor
- 3) *Eat, Pray, Love*, by Elizabeth Gilbert
- 4) *Telling Secrets*, by Frederick Buechner

**VISITOR INFORMATION BRUNCH:** Do you have questions about Central? Representatives from the Hospitality Team and Consistory invite you to join them for brunch today at noon. We welcome all singles, couples, and families.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING.** A new telephone/email directory will be coming out within the next few weeks. If you have updates to your personal information: name, address, telephone, or e-mail, please let the church office know.

**CAMP BLITZ:** Next Sunday, January 30, we will have representatives and information available from the following camps: **Camp Geneva, Grace Adventures, Cran Hill and Spring Hill.**

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The search committee for a church administrator has met twice, and an ad has been posted. If you know of anyone interested in the position, resumes may be sent to [centralref\\_search@yahoo.com](mailto:centralref_search@yahoo.com). We would appreciate your prayers as we continue this process. Please contact Lisa Smith or Judy Morris if you have any questions.

**WINTER/SPRING SIP AND NIBBLE GROUPS FORMING:** Sip and Nibble Groups are groups of 16-20 people who meet in member homes solely for the joy of fellowship. You bring an appetizer; the host home provides the beverages. Sip and Nibbles meet 2-3 times during a period of 3 months. The Winter/Spring groups will be formed in early February, and will meet February through April. It is a wonderful way to greet old friends and meet new ones. You may sign up this morning in the Atrium.

**LADIES DAY OUT:** Sunday, January 30. We will have a noon brunch at church and then go to the GR Art Museum to see the **Diana Exhibit**. We will have \$15 tickets available for a 1:00—2:00 PM entry into the exhibit. Contact Joan Neckers, Norma Sterk or Linda Ballast for more information or to sign up. Please join us and invite your friends!

**SENIORS OF CENTRAL:** Are you ready to escape the snow and cold of Michigan? Come and join us for a wonderful meal and a short trip to Hawaii on **Tuesday, February 8 at noon**. We will gather for fellowship and a Hawaiian travelogue. The cost is \$10. Look for the sign up sheet in the Atrium for the next few Sundays. Aloha! Hope you will join us. Call Donna Bogert at 784-2080 with questions.

**ORGAN RESTORATION CAMPAIGN:** After a successful 4-month period, our campaign has officially come to an end. To date, we have received \$50,625.21 in contributions of the \$58,000.00 needed to complete the necessary work on our wonderful instrument. The Music Committee thanks everyone who so generously contributed to this fund drive. With the amount received, we're able to begin the next phase of the restoration, which is set to begin the week of February 21, 2011. Contribution envelopes are available in the pews if you still wish to donate towards this important project. *Congratulations* to Carey Krause & Aaron Krause and the Boeve family – the three winners of our “guess the number of organ pipes” contest! Their guesses of 7,920 & 2436 were the closest in number to the exact number of pipes, which is 5273. They will receive a guided tour of the organ chambers by our music director Brian Bartusch in the coming weeks.

**KINDERMUSIK:** Sarah Goldner will again be offering an 8-week mini-winter sessions to run from February 9—March 30. The classes are:

- 1) Our Time “*Creatures of the Ocean*” for 18 month—3 1/2 years of age.
- 2) Imagine That! *Zoo Train* for 3 1/2—5 years of age.

The cost of the class is \$60 for members and \$80 for non-members. Contact Sarah at 644-3246 or email her at [chowning@hotmail.com](mailto:chowning@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

**GEORGE & ELIZA YOUNG SOCIETY DINNER** is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2011 at Cascade Hills Country Club. Broadway themed entertainment provided by coloratura soprano Diane Penning and baritone Jeff Peerbolt. The Young Society recognizes those (members and supporters) who remember Central in their planned giving. There are currently 80 members. Membership in the Young Society is simple: all you have to do is remember Central in your estate plan - such as naming Central as a beneficiary in a will/trust (percentage of estate, appreciated marketable securities, real estate, *etc.*), life insurance, charitable gift annuity, 401k, *etc.* *and* notify us of your planned gift. For more information please contact Steve Ozinga at 534-1846.

KidZ Central Schedule  
(Nursery age—6th Grade)

**Friends, Siblings, Parents & Volunteers are WELCOME at ALL KIDZ Events.**

- Saturdays January 22—February 19: **“You Can Do It”** Beginning lessons in dance, voice, and piano in the parlor and the stage between 11:30—4:00 PM.
- Sunday, January 30: **Joyful Noise Children’s Choir** will sing during the worship service. We will wear robes. Be at church by 9:00 AM to warm up.
- Sunday, February 6, 4:30—6:30 PM: **Swimming/Bobbing at Wealthy School Pool** on Lake Drive. Sign up friends & family. Pizza supper provided in the activities room. FREE
- Sunday, February 20: **KIDZ Worship Gala at 3:00—3:45 PM** Location TBA. Family & friends welcome. Ice cream sundae Kidz reception to follow. FREE
- Saturday, March 12, 4:30—6:30 PM Gymco Event. Activities will be run by Gymco staff. Finger food supper & beverages will be served in the activities room. \$10 per child, adults free.

**PARENTS: Please check the lost & found items  
outside the Fireside Room. We have quite a collection!**

## **Y<sup>o</sup>U<sup>th</sup> Newz**

**Club; AND Choir tonight...**JH Club is 4:30-5:30, and JH choir rehearses after dinner until 6:30pm...  
SH choir rehearses from 5:00 till dinner (5:30), and then SH Club is 6:00-7:30.

SH Breakfast Club is at **Wolfgang; thi; Wednesday** from 6:30 till school.

Next [youth Addie's Diner](#) is **Tuesday, February 1**. The team for the night is: *Jane, Ellie, Jimmy, Erik, Josh, Tori and Hadley*. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm.

Next **JH Breakfast Club** is Friday, *February 4* at Wolfgangs.

[Upcoming meal/providers](#): **1/23 – Molenaar**, 1/30 – Bernard, 2/6 – No Clubs

SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT **February 4-6 at Spring Hill**. Cost is \$130, which is due to todd  
TONIGHT AT CLUBS. Hope you can join us!!!

**ACTIVITIES**

Acolytes  
 Banner Bearer  
 Bible Bearer  
 Crucifer  
 Visitor Hosts  
 KidZ Welcome Center  
 Bedingfield Library  
 Sound  
 Security  
 Infant Nursery  
 2s/3s Nursery

**TODAY**

Michael Coke, Daniel Jigo  
 Kelley Wormmeester  
 Elise Wassink  
 Ben Tillema  
 Dan Ballast, Joan Neckers  
 Bernard family  
 Pat Mills  
 Stu Stewart  
 Steve Kuiper  
 Becky Stellema  
 Kristin Borgman

**JANUARY 30**

Michael Coke, Daniel Jigo  
 Duncan MacLean IV  
 Elizabeth Bennett  
 Dakota Clark  
 Larry & Mary Gerbens  
 Vander Zee family  
 Joan Neckers  
 Tom Smith  
 Chris Wassink  
 Brian Whalen, Jan Koopman  
 Dan & Mandy Milanowski

<b>CALENDAR</b>
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<b>SUNDAY 1/23</b>	9:30 AM    Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz 11:00 AM    Joyful Noise/KidZ Central/ <i>Life of Jesus</i> series 11:00 AM    Education Hour 11:00 AM    Klokkenkoor 12:00 N      Visitor Brunch
<b>TUESDAY 1/25</b>	12:00 N      Addie's Pantry 6:30 PM      Property Committee
<b>WEDNESDAY 1/26</b>	9:00 AM      Staff Meeting 10:00 AM     Prayer Shawl Stitchers 5:30 PM      Personnel Committee 6:30 PM      Consistory
<b>THURSDAY 1/27</b>	12:00 N      Addie's Pantry 7:15 PM      Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SATURDAY 1/29</b>	11:30 AM     KidZ <i>You Can Do It</i>
<b>SUNDAY 1/30</b>	9:30 AM      Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz 10:50 AM     Education Hour 11:00 AM     Camp Blitz 11:00 AM     Klokkenkoor 12:00 N      Heartside Committee serves lunch at Heartside

**CARE CONCERNS:** Please contact Carol Bergman at [clstaff@iserv.net](mailto:clstaff@iserv.net) or 975-5741 after hours or on the weekend. During regular office hours, contact the office at 456-1773 or you may email [mbeebe@crcgr.org](mailto:mbeebe@crcgr.org) (Tuesday & Wednesday) or [cschaafsma@crcgr.org](mailto:cschaafsma@crcgr.org) (Thursday & Friday).