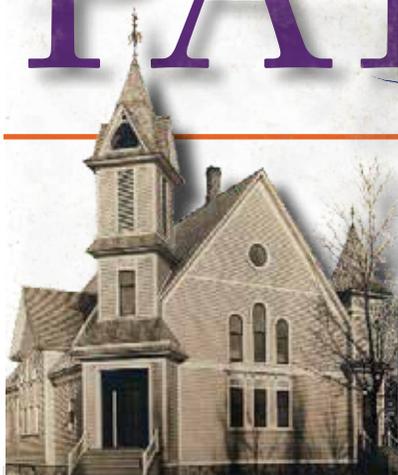


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100
Years!*

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Pastor's Corner...

— Pastor Kevin Kleoinheksel

The Celebration Continues! *100th Anniversary Events in 2018...*

Don't you wish we knew the exact date of the move of the church building from Graafschap to Central Park? Did they make the move in the fall of 1917, or was it in the spring of 1918? We know that a bid for excavating and providing the cement blocks for the basement walls was approved on November 12, 1917. So, we assume that the site was prepared before the ground froze. Maybe the building was moved in the middle of winter? Perhaps on a clear February day.



Our "New" Location has served us well!

We may not know exactly what our predecessors were doing at this site 100 years ago today, but we do know what plans are being made for our anniversary celebration right now.

The next Workshop will be on Wednesday, February 21. Sargent Larry Matzen, the Community Policing Officer from the Holland Police Department will be here to talk about sex trafficking, responding in an active shooter situation, and police use of force, as well as to answer any other questions we may have. Once again, a card will be going out to our neighborhood, and you may invite your friends as well.

The final Workshop in the series will be held on Wednesday, March 14. It will feature Ken Freestone, Co-founder of Green Michigan and team leader with West Michigan Creation Care. Ken will present a workshop on "How to Compost," just in time for the beginning of spring yard work. Our goal in the 100th Anniversary Workshop Series is to provide practical information and tools for people of both the church and the community. Be sure to plan to attend and invite a friend.

The 100th Anniversary Team has also been working on some dates a bit farther out. You will probably want to put these on your calendar... On Saturday morning, April 21, we are planning a run/walk event to trace the route of the church building from Graafschap to Central Park. The distance is 2.7 miles, so it is a little less than a 5K, but would still be great for a walk with kids in a stroller or on bikes. When we get to Central Park, we will have food and other special attractions. Sunday, May 20, is the tentative date for a sit-down meal of celebration. After morning worship and the last FaithWalk session of the season, we will sit down to a meal and be reminded of our story.

Sunday, June 10, will feature the last event of our 100th Anniversary Celebration. In worship that morning, we will remember the 1918 re-dedication of the church building in its new location by re-dedicating ourselves to life and ministry in this neighborhood.

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Celebrating the Journey

OUR COVENANT ... OUR GIFTS

- ❑ The General Fund total for **December 2017** was... \$ **32,753**...
(YTD: **\$289,403**)
- ❑ Mission offering for **December 2017** was... \$**5,5885**...
**Note: As part of the total budget need (YTD: \$34,951*)*
- ❑ Expansion Fund giving in **December 2017** was \$ **7,647**...
(... budgeted monthly/annual need: \$6,700/\$80,400) (YTD: **\$134,329**)

ARC Loan Praise! — *The mortgage balance is currently \$ 624,523*
note: approximately 2/3 of each payment goes to principle.

OUR FAITH-LED DECISIONS

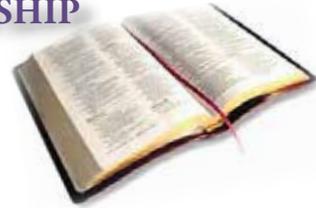
Supervising Consistory & Shepherding Elders January Meeting Notes...

- ❑ Took note that during 2017 ARC Mortgage was reduced by \$117,462. The balance remaining after the December payment is \$624,523.
- ❑ Decided that the shortfall of approximately \$6,500 in the General and Mission Funds will be covered from the Contingency Fund so that 2018 begins with zero balance.
- ❑ Received the recommendation of the Executive Team and decided to offer the position of Facilities Administrator to Gregg Deters. He has accepted the position and will begin on January 29.
- ❑ Reviewed the past church year in order to complete the annual Life & Health of the Congregation forms for Holland Classis & the RCA.
- ❑ Approved a plan to replace the louvers on the bell tower with new louvers made of vinyl. Money has been given to complete the project.
- ❑ The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018. The Elders will also bring Communion to our Homebound Members that day.



Original Church
at Graafschap was
moved to Mulder
Hardware and
Funeral Parlor.
Worship was held
here while the new
church was built
— 1904

OUR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP



Worship Plans for February 2018



February 4

“The Beginning of the End”

– Isaiah 55:1 –

*The Choir will bring the Ministry of Music.
Barb VanderZwaag & the Praise Team will provide
the Music in Worship.*

February 11

“The Kingdom Falls”

– Lamentations 3:25-26 –

The Praise Team will lead in Worship.

February 18

First Sunday of Lent

Guest Preacher, **Andy Bossardet**

“The Story” Character will be **Daniel**

*The Choir will bring the Ministry of Music. Barb VanderZwaag
& the Praise Team will provide the Music in Worship.*

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

Guest Preacher from Western Seminary

“The Story” Character will be **Ezra**

The Praise Team will lead in Worship.

March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

“Queen for Such a Day”

– Esther 4:14 –

*The Choir will bring the Ministry of Music. Barb VanderZwaag
& the Praise Team will provide the Music in Worship.*

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OUR LIFE & COMMITMENT

Youth Ministry Rolling:

Goin' Strong! Central Park Church is about youth groups that are alive and full of energy and great activities... Programing is going well and we are having fun!

Rolling 2018 ... The CPC Youth Program is back for the new year and in full swing! We hope that everyone has a fantastic Christmas break, but it's time to get back into things.



Hunter, Fearless Youth Leader

A few things are coming up for the youth in the next few months. In **March**, some high school students will be attending **Genesis 2018**, a retreat up to Grand Traverse Resort in **Traverse City, MI**.

Please continue to pray for these students as they prepare for a great weekend retreat. In addition, there are a few volunteer opportunities for middle school and high school students that are in the works, so stay tuned for more details!



Keep an eye out for an inter-generational Mission Trip in July to Kentucky where we hope to provide a VBS Summer Camp as well as some Camp repair service opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and prayed for the youth of CPC. It is greatly appreciated in 2018!

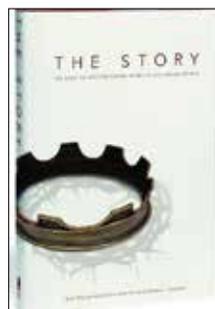
— Hunter

Our Journey through "The Story" Continues

January was a month of ups and downs in God's story of salvation. Of course, God is consistent and always moves the story along toward the end he has planned. But the people, just like us, stumble and fall along the way.

We began the month with David's sin.

He committed adultery, then murder, and tried to cover it up. But when it was exposed, he quickly and deeply repented. Even after falling into sin, he was a person whose heart beat with God's. Solomon started his kingship walking closely with God, and God blessed him greatly: wisdom, riches, peace with neighbors and influence in the world. But as Solomon grew older, he mixed the worship of God with that of other gods and led the people to do the same.



In the days of Solomon's son, Rehoboam, the kingdom split into two, Judah in the south and Israel in the north. Over the next centuries, the soul of the people followed the closeness of the king to the ways of God. Some kings led the people back to God, and others took them farther away. We saw how God sent prophets to remind them of the right ways to walk as the people of God. Sometimes they listened, but often they did not.

In February, we will watch as the two kingdoms go into captivity.

But even there, God will still be at work. God's story continues to unfold despite the sin of the people. God makes promises to restore them to their land, and to send One who will write God's laws on their hearts. Even in captivity, we will find people like Daniel and Esther who demonstrate well what it looks like to live as the people of God in a foreign land.

More to Celebrate in 2018!

Special Upcoming Dates!

Wednesday Workshop, 6:15pm February 21
Sargent Larry Matzen, the *Community Policing Officer* from the Holland Police Department.

Wednesday Workshop, 6:15pm March 14
Ken Freestone, Creation Care, Green Michigan Founder on "How to Compost."

Saturday, April 21... "Almost 5K" Run/Walk from Graafschap Church to Central Park, followed by Food, Fun & Games!

Sunday, June 10... Re-dedication Sunday w/Special Guests



Holiday Shoppe Update & 2018 in the Works

We can all agree that the Holiday Shoppe Art and Craft Show for 2017 was a huge success. Some of the highlights are:

- * We made \$5,050.
- * With additional money from the Vision for Mission Fund, we were able to send \$6,550 to the Mescalero Mission.
- * We had 12 workshops, which were a great success!
- * 50 to 60 people were involved in the workshops.
- * Around 50 people helped set up the day before the show.
- * We made approximately 116 dozen pig-in-the-blankets and were sold out by 9:40am the day of the show!
- * We sold 60-70 dozen cookies.
- * Many people from the congregation generously donated their time, items needed for baking, items to sell, and baked goods to sell.

Thanks again to everyone who helped with your donations, suggestions, encouragement, work, and prayerful support.

Please save the date for the next show, which is scheduled for November 10, 2018. Please notify Lynn Van Hekken or Jean Osterhaven with your suggestions or questions.

—Thanks, The Holiday Shoppe Team

A Heart for Missions in 2018

Intergenerational Mission Trip in July... is in the planning stages. We are in discussion with Grace Covenant Ministries (an RCA Mission focus) in Annville, Kentucky. According to the RCA website,

"For over a century, **Grace Covenant Ministries** (formerly Jackson County Ministries) has been bringing new life to the Appalachian area. Although brimming with beauty and natural resources, Appalachia suffers some of the deepest poverty in the U.S. As a ministry committed to holistic community development, GCM works to bring God's love and restoration through home construction and renovation, Vacation Bible schools, trade stores, family enrichment, and more."



Annville Reformed Church

A trip is planned for **July 15 through July 20** and this Mission is currently the leading candidate. Watch the Bulletin and the Website for details...

Mission to Haiti ... this month February 12-17. The Schut team would be blessed to have you join in! Our CPC support is greatly appreciated. Please note their need for clothing in the Haiti Mission Cabinet.

Ongoing Missions & Outreach Work in 2018 ...

- 70X7 Support
- Samaritan's Purse Water Project
- Audio Scripture Ministries
- Intergenerational Mission Trip/July
- Mescalero Access Project
- Ongoing Mission Collections (Cabinets)
- VBS
- Kids' Food Basket
- Words of Hope/Trans-Asia
- Operation Christmas Child



Restoration

Prayer & Thanksgiving

Joys, Healing & Sympathies

Let us remember these concerns and praises as we hold our church family in our prayers:

For Healing, Hope, and Praise...

— **Cecil Helmink** was recently a patient at Holland Hospital for tests and observation. He has returned home to Warm Friend and is doing well. Please keep Cecil and Shirley in your prayers.

— **Karen Holmes** fell in late January and broke her leg. After leaving Holland Hospital, she will be heading to a care facility for rehab in early February. Please keep Karen and Ralph in your prayers.

— **Mike Peuler**, our Praise Team bass player, undergo a heart catheterization recently which indicated further treatment requiring heart surgery later this year.

— **Austin Beattie** underwent an emergency appendectomy at the University of Iowa in early January and has fully recovered. Thank you for the prayer support.

— **Jovo Filips** underwent a second neurosurgery late January at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital. His first surgery and monitoring have gone well. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers from this one.

— **Cayla Mayer** has been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia in addition to the previous diagnosed auto-immune disease, Sjögrens Syndrome. Please keep her in your prayers.

— **Lydia Hope Bouwens**, Dorothy Rigterink's granddaughter, continues to do well in spite of the tumor on her optic nerve. The monitoring has now been reduced to 2 times a year. Thank you for your continued prayers for Lydia.

— **Ellie Jean** with Cornelia De Lange Syndrome is doing well and attending school at the Ottawa Area Center. Please keep praying that Ellie Jean continues to do well. Ellie is Bob & Jeanne Westrate's granddaughter.

In Sympathy & Concern...

For those unnamed requests for prayer during challenging times ... Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God... I am going to prepare a place for you. — John 14: 1-2

With Our Lord... We pray for those recent losses of so many loved ones, friends and relatives over the past months at Central Park

In Praise & Joy...

Congratulations! Whoo hoo! to Noah & Paige Bosma on the birth of Aubrey Elaine on Saturday, January 13. May God bless this growing family with all his love and grace. Congratulations as well to grandparents, Jeff & Marilee Bosma.

Thank You... Dear friends at Central Park Church, thank you so very, very much for the Christmas Cards. They were so very beautiful and much appreciated. Thanks for thinking of me. — Jean Johnson

Thank You! I am very grateful for the many Christmas cards I received. God bless you. — Dorothy Rigterink

Thank You to everyone who pitched in recently to help with the water leak in the church basement. You came in with equipment, expertise and willing hearts to figure out the problem, clean up the mess and decide what to do next. Thanks for serving!

Thank You to the congregation and everyone for their cards and prayers in the passing of my brother Ray and other family members who have passed recently. — Ellen & Bill VanderZwaag

Odds & Ends...

“New Guy” on Staff! Following a search process, the Supervising Consistory offered the position of Facilities Administrator to Gregg Deters who has accepted the position. Gregg started Monday, January 29.

Come to the “Cardio Café!” Tired of looking outside unable to walk and get your exercise? We're offering a solution. Each **Tuesday and Thursday** during the winter months the ARC will be open from **8:30am to 10am**. This is a chance to get out, walk around the gym, enjoy a cup of coffee and a light snack with friends.

New Faith Walk Offering...

Great job with those chickens! The final contributions to the Chicken Offering brought our total to \$673.04. This will provide 84 chickens for the families of our students in Haiti supported by Beautiful Response – Haiti. Now we have a new offering for the next few months, “Turn on the Tap” with Samaritan's Purse.

CranHill Ranch and Genevas Camps Time! Registration forms for summer camp are available in the Church Office or you can visit their websites to register. The Central Park application/registration voucher code for **CranHill Ranch is 1024377-40P18** (you need this code whether you use the form or register on line). We do not have a code for **Camp Geneva** this year. Central Park Church pays 40% of the fee for each camp. CranHill will bill CPC for the 40%. Those having children going to Geneva must bring your registration and confirmation to the church and will be reimbursed the 40%.

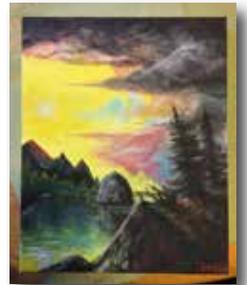
Homebound Member Focus for February:

Jim & Vonnice Mokma... 6024 147th Ave. Holland MI 49423

Inspiration... Courtesy of Marilee Bosma

If we are of the light, God calls us to live by the light. If we know God, it is our privilege and responsibility to show it by being like Him. — Romans 1: 21-22

Artwork
Courtesy Devin Beattie



Pastor's Corner ...

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Former pastors will be invited to participate in the service, and everyone will receive invitation cards to pass out to former members of Central Park Church they know. We will finish the morning with desserts and fellowship.

One thing has become clear to me already in our year of celebration. *God moved in powerful ways 100 years ago to bring us to Central Park, and God is still at work to give us a vital ministry in this neighborhood. This is a great time to celebrate the past and to look ahead to many years of fruitful ministry here.*