

# Sunday October 7, 2018

*We welcome all who worship with us today*

## Prayer Needs:

- For the Holy Spirit's blessing on the preached Word, that His kingdom may be extended, & His name glorified
- For the suffering among us, those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely and the elderly.
- Our widows and widower, pray for God's presence in their lives.
- For revival of God's work in our country, for uprightness among our leader
- For favorable weather so our farmers can harvest their crops, also for safety for them in the fields.
- Our Supreme Court, for Judge Kavanaugh and godly wisdom for our leaders.
- Thanksgiving that George Vonk is home now following a hospitalization for pneumonia
- Arthur Villalobos, Larry's father, who is seriously ill and in Hospice care.

*"Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."*

*Jeremiah 33:2-3*

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman      George & Chris Vonk      Wilma Koedam

## Announcements:

**Today:** Pastor Elshout serves. Coffee and fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and Adult Class at 11:20 am.

1<sup>st</sup> Offering: General Fund      2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: HRC Mission

**Next Lord's Day:** PRTS Student Justin Noble serves. Pastor Elshout serves the Free Reformed Church of Chatham, Ontario. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: HRCS

**Wycliffe Associates Dinner** on Thursday, October 25 @ 7:00 PM at *Terrace View Event Center*, Sioux Center. *"Just as water brings the parched earth to life, the power of God's Word brings dead and dry souls new life."* Join banquet host Noel Davis as he shares the story of a village that heard the Scripture in their heart language for the first time. Call 1-888-599-7551 for reservations

[www.wycliffeassociates.org](http://www.wycliffeassociates.org)

**Conference** with Rev. Walt & Mrs. Valerie Shepherd (daughter of Jim & Elisabeth Elliot) will be held in Orange City on November 2, and 3. Registration is now open. Go to [www.shepards.eventbrite.com](http://www.shepards.eventbrite.com) to register and for additional information.

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*"When thou art disappointed with men, retire to God and to his promises; and build upon this, that the Lord will not be wanting in anything to do thee good."* Richard Sibbes

## October:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>: Consistory Meeting at church at 7:00 pm

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>: Singing at *Pleasant Acres*, Hull at 2:15 pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>: *Reformation Day*, will be commemorated at a special service on Sunday, November 4., during the morning worship service.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

## November:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>: *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Family Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Thanksgiving Day, morning worship service at 9:30 am

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: Word and Deed Dinner, Main Street Plaza, Rock Valley

## Greeters:

October 07: Dick and ClaraAnn Bleyenbergh

October 14: Bruce and Emily Van Beek

## Lunch Schedule:

October 07: Mary M. and Carolyn B.

October 14: Emily VB and Linda VB

## Nursery Schedule:

**October 07:** Morning: Kerri R. and Brynlie Z.

Evening: Leah VB and Ciana Z.

**October 14:** Morning: Amber Z. and Mylie Z.

Evening: Kenzie Z. and Madelynn Z.

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

9/2 General - \$1,775.00      9/2 HRCS - \$2,036.00

9/9 General - \$754.00      9/9 HRCS - \$3,220.00

9/16 General - \$1,192.00      9/16 Denominational/Student Support - \$1,059.00

9/23 General - \$702.00      9/23 Benevolent - \$1,130.00

9/30 General - \$1,204.00      9/30 HRCS - \$1,585.00

**HRCS:** Account balance: (\$16,143.76)

*~All the LORD willing~*

## The Seven Pillars of Wisdom

*“Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars.”* Proverbs 9:1

The foundation of the house of wisdom is “the fear of the LORD. . . the beginning of wisdom” Proverbs 9:10 One does not finally reach the Lord through much study and the acquisition of much wisdom. The fear of the Lord is the very “beginning of wisdom.” Without a reverent trust in the God of creation and redemption, there can be no true wisdom. “For other foundation can no man lay than . . . Jesus Christ” 1 Corinthians 3:11

Then, erected upon this foundation and supporting all the superstructure of the “house of wisdom” are seven mighty pillars or columns. But what are these? The answer seems to be found in that New Testament book of wisdom, the book of James, where it is said that “if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God” James 1:5. Then, “a wise man and endued with knowledge . . . [will] show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom” James 3:13

Finally, the seven great pillars seem to be listed in James 3:17: “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.” The first in the list or central column, carrying more weight than any of the other columns in the structure, is purity. Then there are six outside pillars. One is peaceableness; the next is gentleness; then comes reasonableness (“easy to be entreated”). The next phrase, “full of mercy and good fruits,” connotes helpfulness. The term for “without partiality” actually means humility, and then the final pillar is sincerity.

Thus, a life of genuine wisdom is a life founded upon the fear of the Lord and supported by genuine purity, peaceableness, gentleness, reasonableness, helpfulness, humility, and sincerity. Such a house will never fall!

*Dr. Henry M. Morris*

# Heritage Reformed Congregation

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*“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”*  
Psalm 122:1

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