

# Sunday January 26, 2019

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

## Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the preached word, may the Holy Spirit draw us all to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- For humbled hearts of thanksgiving to the Lord for all mercies given unto us.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely, elderly, widowers and widows in our midst.
- For our nation, that we would be drawn back to God and biblical living.
- Thanksgiving for our president, who stands up for the value of all human life.
- As January has been designated "*Sanctity of Human Life Month*", let us renew our prayers for a respect for all life from conception to natural death.

*"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea seven are an abomination to him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,"*  
Proverbs 16-17

## Announcements:

**Today:** *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am. Pastor Elshout serves  
Coffee and fellowship follow the morning worship service.

Catechism Class, Sunday School, and Adult Class today at 11:20

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: General Fund

**Next Lord's Day:** *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am.

Dr. Sacha Walicord serves. 2nd Offering: Construction Fund

**Note:** Tomorrow, the Lord willing, Pastor Vander Zwaag & I will be travelling to the Netherlands on behalf of the HRC Church Correspondence Committee. During our stay in the Netherlands, we will have the following engagements:

Wednesday, Jan. 29, we hope to meet with a delegation of the HHK (*Hersteld Hervormde Kerk/Restored Reformed Church*) to discuss the possibility of establishing a fraternal correspondence relationship between the HRC & the HHK.

Thursday, Jan. 30, we will address the General Synod of the CGK (*Christelijke Gereformeerde Kerken* – sister denomination of the *Free Reformed Churches*). We have specifically been requested to address the issue of admitting women to the offices of the church – a controversial item on the CGK's synodical agenda. In our address, we will clearly articulate Scripture's prohibition regarding female office-bearers.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, we will be visiting Dr. Jürgen Klautke's small Reformed seminary in Giessen, Germany (1 hr. north of Frankfurt), as well as with representatives of his fledgling Reformed denomination – the *Bekennende*

*Evangelische Reformierte Gemeinden* (BERG/Confessional Evangelical Reformed Congregations). We want to encourage this small Reformed denomination, & explore the possibility of establishing a fraternal correspondence relationship between the HRC and the BERG.

After celebrating the birthday of my brother Frits (68) on Saturday, and worshipping on Sunday in his church, the Reformed Congregation of Apeldoorn, I hope to return, the Lord willing, on Tuesday, Feb. 4. ~ Pastor Elshout.

## February:

Sunday 2nd: Dr. Sacha Walicord serves

Wednesday 5th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 5th: Monthly *Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Tuesday 11th: Consistory Meeting at Interstates, @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday 12th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Saturday 15th: Monthly *Singalong and Prayer*, Esther VDB's home at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 26th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

## March:

Wednesday 4th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 4th: Monthly *Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 11th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Sunday 15th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Wednesday 18th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 25th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

**Monthly Sing-a-longs:** We will be starting up monthly sing-a-long and prayer meetings. The first one will be on Saturday February 15 @ 7 pm, at the home of Esther Van der Brink. Bring your own Psalter; hymn books will be provided. Each monthly meeting will be held on the third Saturday of the month. All are welcome!

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk Nellie Fintelman Mrs. Joan Maassen

## Greeters:

January 26: Bob and Marilyn Groeneweg

February 2: Pete and Linda Van Beek

## Lunch Schedule:

January 26: Mary M. and Carolyn B.

February 2: Emily VB and Linda VB

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

12/08/19 General - \$2,230

12/08/19 Local Mission - \$1,061

12/15/19 General - \$1,436

12/15/19 Benevolent - \$1,367

12/22/19 General - \$914

12/22/19 PRTS - \$1,256

12/25/19 General - \$1,732

12/25/19 Construction - \$11,994

~All the LORD willing~

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*"I call upon all Americans to reflect on their heritage as a free people under God and the duty incumbent upon each of us to recognize the personhood of every individual and to defend the life of every innocent person from the moment of conception until natural death"*

~Ronald Reagan, Proclamation 5931 -- National Sanctity of Human Life Day, 1989

# Heritage Reformed Congregation

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*“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel  
before the LORD our maker.” Psalm 95:6*

## Creation and the New Year

*“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1*

It is appropriate for Christians to begin the New Year by referring back to the beginning of the very first year. The first verse of God’s Word is also its most important verse, since it is the foundation on which everything else is built. Even God’s great work of salvation is irrelevant and futile without His prior work of creation, for only the Creator of all things could ever become the Savior of all things.

If a person really believes Genesis 1:1, he or she should have no difficulty believing anything else in the Bible. The very first object of saving faith ([Hebrews 10:39](#)) is the fact of special creation by the word of God ([Hebrews 11:3](#)).

The verse is comprehensive and scientific, viewing space (“the heaven”) and matter (“the earth”) as functioning in a framework of time (“in the beginning”). This space/matter/time “continuum” (as scientists call it) has not existed eternally, nor is it still being created, both of which heresies are standard beliefs of all forms of evolutionary pantheism (including most of the world’s religions and philosophies, ancient or modern). It was created—and even completed in the past.

This foundation of all foundations is, clearly, the only sure foundation upon which one should build a life, or an organization, or anything. A firm renewal of one’s commitment to special creation, as literally recorded by divine revelation in the inerrant Word of God, is thus the proper way to begin a new year, or a new home, or a new career, or a new family, or any phase of a Christian life. This is the time to confess and forsake all doubts and trust God’s Word! In the beginning of the first year, God created all things. At the beginning of this year, we should resolve to believe and obey all things in His Word. ~ *Dr. H. Morris*



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