

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthday greetings to Grace who celebrates her 80th birthday on July 6 and to Bas who celebrates his 90th birthday on July 11.

Thank you for your prayers and support. All 16 of us are back safe and sound and filled with joy at the work we did, the lessons we learned, and the friendships we made. There was lots of laughter while sealing boards for new ceilings, clearing brush on the hills surrounding the orphanage, washing and sealing the cement courtyard, and hanging out with the kids at the orphanage. There are a lot more stories and experiences to share and the team will be sharing in church soon. ~ The Mount of Olives Mission Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **“JANUARY SERIES” EDUCATION CLASS:**

A series of DVD's from Calvin's January Series is being shown this summer on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. Each Sunday is a new speaker and topic, so you do not need to worry about missing a week or two. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us any time!

Sunday, July 12:

Adversity and Spiritual Formation – Jerry Sittser

Jerry Sittser is the Chair of the Theology Department at Whitworth College and author of several books including *A Grace Disguised, A Grace Revealed, The Will of God as a Way of Life* and *Water from a Deep Well*. He holds a master of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and a doctorate in history from the University of Chicago. He will weave his personal story of loss into his presentation of how adversity in general and suffering in particular can be formative in the Christian life.

Sunday, July 19: *Kinderlager: Reflections of a Child Holocaust Survivor* – Tova Friedman

Tova Friedman is one of the youngest known survivors of the Auschwitz concentration camp. She entered the camp with her mother and father at the age of 5 and, despite being led into the gas chambers, she miraculously survived. She was one of 7,000 prisoners found alive during the liberation of Auschwitz by the Soviet army in January 1945. Friedman's parents also survived and eventually immigrated

to New York. Friedman attended the City College of New York and received a masters of social work at Rutgers University. She has spent a great deal of her life working for the Jewish community. Friedman lived in Israel from 1967-1977 and taught at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She is the retired director of Jewish Family Service for Somerset County in New Jersey.

- **GUEST PASTOR:**

Tonight we welcome Pastor Mark VanDyke to the pulpit. Pastor VanDyke is currently serving at Sumas CRC.

- **TACO TUESDAYS:**

Students going into 8th grade – high school graduates are invited to Taco Tuesdays most Tuesdays this summer. Join us this week Taco Tuesday at Dan's house this week July 7th at 1:00 pm. We might be doing a service project for one of Dan's neighbor's in need so bring work gloves if you have them. We should be done around 3 or 4pm. Please let Dan know if you are coming .

** Parents – if you would like to provide tacos on one of the Tuesdays, please let Dan know.

- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**

All ministry teams will meet on Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.

- **ELDERS:**

We will meet this week Tuesday, July 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

- **TIRED BUT NOT RETIRED BBQ – AUGUST 1:**

Mark your calendar for Saturday August 1! We will be having a BBQ at Wes & Liz home. More information will be available later.

- **COMMUNITY HYMN SING – AUGUST 5:**

Lynden Choral Society is hosting a Community Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social, with special guests, the Moore Family Fiddlers, on Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. at First CRC. An offering will be taken during to raise funds for the Lynden Choral Society. Mark your calendars now and invite your friends and family for an evening of praise and fellowship.

- **FIRST CRC FAMILY CAMP:**

Join us for a weekend of swimming, hiking, games, roasting s'mores over a campfire, and some great fellowship at the First Family Camp! All ages are welcome for this last hurrah of summer at the Grandy Creek KOA near Concrete, Friday, September 11 – Sunday, September 13. Reserve your spot by contacting the KOA directly at 360-826-3554 and mention that you want a site reserved for First CRC.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **BILL** has been transferred to the Christian Health Care Center, room 504. He is recovering from pneumonia and will be there approximately 3 weeks.
- **AMBER** is at basic training for the National Guard at Fort Jackson in South Carolina.
- **WILLIE** continues to deal with the effects of cancer.
- **SID** continues to deal with the effects of cancer.
- **JOHN** continues to undergo dialysis at the hospital.
- **HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS:**
George, Fred, Nella,
Ernie, Joe, Julia,
Ann
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS:**
Bertha, Evelyn & Kristi,
Henrietta, Gerrit
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS:**
Jennie, Ann, Nellie,
Betty, Adrietta, Frank & Joann
- **TWIN ARBORS ADULT FAMILY HOME RESIDENT:**
Jeanne
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT:**
Amy

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 5, 2015

Greeters: Curt & Darlene
Doug & Dawn

Welcome: Dustin & Kari

Nursery Baby: Kim, Lori,
Abbey

Toddler: Debbie, Sandi,
Carl

Floater: Carla

PM: Ethel, Liz

Ushers: Ken, Dan, Chris,
Zach, Jason (on call)

Cookies: Evie, Kristen,
Betty, Crystal

Coffee: Marv & Evie, Sandi

Flowers: Kara

Bus Driver: Galen

Sound: Rob

Video: Jordan

Musicians AM: Mike, Nancy
PM: Nancy

Sunday, July 12, 2015

Greeters: Lance & Jessica,
Len & Bev

Welcome: Linsey & Kristin

Nursery Baby: Meredith, Dee,
Hayley

Toddler: Gail, Peggy,
Jacob

Floater: Carolyn

PM: Phama, Kim

Ushers: Brian, Tim ,
John,
Brian, Jason (on call)

Cookies: Kristin, Leanne,
Dawn, Jessica,
Bev

Flowers: Liz

Bus Driver: Hank

Sound: Tim

Video: Jeff

Musicians AM: Cheryl, Anna
PM: Lillian

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Sunday, July 5

9:30 Adult Education Class in the Church Basement

9:50 Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room

10:30 Worship Service ~ Barry Blankers
Message: *Stop, Look, Listen*
Scripture: *Psalms 119:57-64*
Offering: Tuition Assistance

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
or on the Lawn (weather dependent)

6:00 Worship Service ~ Mark VanDyke
Message:
Remembering What God Has Done
Scripture: *Joshua 4*
Offering: Tuition Assistance

Tuesday, July 7

1:00 Youth Taco Tuesday at Dan's home

7:00 Ministry Teams Meet

8:00 Elders Meet in the Council Room

Sunday, July 12

9:30 Adult Education Class in the Church Basement

9:50 Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Message:
He's Everywhere, He's Everywhere
Scripture: *Psalms 139:7-12, Acts 17:24-27*
Offering: Gary & Mary Gates
Love Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
or on the Lawn (weather dependent)

6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert Woodyard
Message: *The Beast from the Sea*
Scripture: *Revelation 13:1-10*
Offering: Gary & Mary Gates