

CHURCH FAMILY

Dennis B has moved from Meadow Greens to a care facility in Mt. Vernon to be closer to his brother and to the VA hospital.

Freda G has moved to Meadow Green. Her room number #216.

Once again we want to thank all of you for your generous acts of kindness and other expressions of love and concern. It has been a great and joyous year serving as God's servants at First CRC. We wish for all of you a God-glorifying New Year.

~ Pastor Barry & Clarice B

Dear First Church Family,

What a blessing all of you are to our family. We rejoice in being able to share this wonderful season with you. Thank you very much for all the cards, pictures, notes, goodies and gifts. What a great church family you are. We are looking forward to a great 2019 with you as we experience God's steadfast love and grace together. May God richly bless each of you and your families. We love you.

~ Pastor Robert & Phama W and sons

As the end of the year comes to a close and we remember our blessings, at the top of our list is this church family for your love, care, support, and prayers. We are privileged and honored to work alongside of you. Thank you for the many Christmas goodies you have given us this year.

~ Dan & Virginia H and family

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The office will try to send an email if a church service or meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, listen to Praise 106.5, KGMI 790 or contact your district elder or group leader.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Saturday

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

** Please note all church offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1.
Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSURES:**
The church offices will be closed and buildings locked on Tuesday, January 1. Thank you!
- **SPRING ADULT ED STARTS JANUARY 6!**
Sunday Education Hour for grades 3-12 starts January 6!
All classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:15 a.m.
** Grades 3 & 4 are led by Helene, grades 5 & 6 are led by Mary, grades 7 & 8 are led by Glen and grades 9-12 are led by Dan. Feel free to contact the teachers with any questions!
** Join the adult class as we walk through two more video studies by Ray Vander Laan. We'll look at the Path to the Cross as well as the Mission of Jesus. Join us in the church basement at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mornings!
** A nursery and Bible class for children in 2nd grade and younger is available in the Education Building.
- **DISCOVERY CLASS STARTING JANUARY 14:**
Are you interested in knowing more about First CRC or in joining our church? Discovery class covers who we are, how we got here, what we believe and what we do. This class will begin on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parsonage. If you are interested in this class, contact Pastor Robert or the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firstcrtclynden.org.
- **CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES:**
The January Series of Calvin College is coming to Lynden January 3–23. Third CRC will be one of more than 50 remote webcast locations worldwide to broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural art series. Lectures will be video streamed live from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The lectures are free and open to the public. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.
- **END OF THE YEAR GIVING:**
If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.
- **SERVE 2019:**
Please keep the SERVE planning team in your prayers that we could find coordinators for community life and spiritual life. A lot of the guess work has been taken out of each role due to the excellent leadership of leaders from years back. If you have an idea of someone that you think would work well on a team, please let Dan know so he can vet them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **DEACONS:**
Deacons will meet on Wednesday, January 2 at 7 p.m. in the Council room.
- **CADETS (1st – 8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY):**
Join us on Monday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, please contact Brian S.
- **MOMS@1ST:**
We will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the Loft. Contact Stephanie R with questions.
- **MINISTRY TEAMS:**
Ministry Teams will meet next week Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. unless you hear otherwise from your chairperson.
- **ELDERS:**
We will meet next week Tuesday, January 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **GEMS (1st – 8th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY):**
Join us on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ed. Building. If you have any questions, please contact Gail B.
- **WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:**
The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room.
- **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
We will have our normal gathering on Wednesday, January 9 from 7:30-9:15 pm in the Loft.
** Dan is looking for students that are sick of Christmas vacation or are sitting at home bored and needing to get out of the house. Call, text, or email Dan to go out for coffee, a meal, an Ikea run, kickboxing class, airsoft war, batting cages, or other activities. For information, contact Dan.
- **DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**
Join us on Thursday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ed. Building for our regular meeting. We will study lesson 8 Servers are Shirley Bierlink and Rena Steensma. For more information, contact Jo VV.
- **MEN'S STUDY:**
Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. For more information, contact Pastor Robert at 360-354-4560.
- **OASIS 2.0 (JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY):**
Our first gathering of 2019 is on Monday, January 17 at 7 p.m. in the Loft. Dan is looking for opportunities to hang out with you (see TRIBE announcement). For more information, contact Dan.

PRAYER CLOSET

- **HANK W** is at St. Joseph's recovering from a severe stroke. He will be there for a couple weeks.
- **RALPH H** (Dan's father) is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor from his face. He is at home before he begins radiation for 5 days a week for 6 weeks. Pray that the radiation will remove the rest of the cancer from nerves leading to the brain and that Ralph will be content taking it easy and resting.
- **BARRY B**: Pray for continued healing from cancer and wisdom for the doctors.
- **BERT & RUTH K**: Pray for Bert with his heart issues and for Ruth as she continues her cancer treatments.
- **MYRNA B** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center recovering from a broken shoulder.
- **CASCADE CHRISTIAN HOME RESIDENT**: Amy B
- **CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE RESIDENTS**: Jennie B, Jim B, Mary K, Carl F, Adrietta S, Joanne V
- **LYNDEN MANOR RESIDENTS**: Edie M, Kristi N, Henrietta N, Gerrit P, Maggie S, Shirley S, Albert VD, Janet V S, Cora VW
- **MEADOW GREENS RESIDENTS**: Freda G, Grace H, Nellie H, Andy VV, Ruth W
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS**: Eleanor & Carol Z

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 30

Bus Driver: Blaine K
Nursery Baby: Kristin H, Leeanne H, Kelli H
Toddler: Molly H, Bev H, Nicholas M
Floater: Coni H
PM: Dawn H, Jessica H
Greeters: Neil & Debbie M, Jack & Wendi P
Welcome: Bryan & Kim A
Ushers: Robert S, Brian S, Ed VB, Dan VT
Sound: Chris F
Video: Jeff K
Coffee: Lloyd & Linda F
Cookies: Marsha M, Lori M, Jill M, Leona O
Music AM: Sharon A, Nancy Z
PM: Shirley B

Sunday, January 6

Bus Driver: Galen L
Nursery Baby: Lori M, Jill M, Samantha T
Toddler: Sade N, Audrey P, Jacob T
Floater: Lisa Q
PM: Virginia H, Marilyn MC
Greeters: Jesse & Audrey P, Ken & Lisa Q
Welcome: Dan & Gail B
Ushers: Tim VV, Fred Y, Blake VW, Josh B
Sound: Rick B
Video: Li E
Coffee: Alan & Pat D
Cookies: Wilma P, Wendi P, Audrey P, Mary P
Music AM: Sharon A, Lee VB
PM: Lee VB

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Sunday, December 30

10:30 Worship Service ~ Mitchell S
Message: *Qualities of Christ*
Scripture: *1 Timothy 3:8-16*
Offering: Building the Future
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Berny D
Message: *Our Love for Jesus Depends Upon
Our Perceived Need for Him*
Scripture: *Luke 7:36-50*
Offering: Building the Future

Tuesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

** Church Offices Closed and Buildings Locked

Wednesday, January 2

7:00 Deacons meet in council room

Sunday, January 6

10:30 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Message: *Old Year/ New Year Service*
Offering: First CRC Tuition Assistance
11:45 Fellowship Time in the Church Basement
6:00 Worship Service ~ Robert W
Message: *Children of God*
Scripture: *1 John 2:28-3:2*
Offering: First CRC Tuition Assistance

