

ENGAGEMENT

- **OPEN ARMS CARE CLOSET NEEDS:** salad dressing, granola bars , sugar, cooking oil, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, crackers (saltines, Ritz, graham), laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, feminine hygiene products, men's deodorant, razors. Please drop off your items in the marked basket at our collection center in the lobby.
- **SOUTH AFRICA MINISTRY:** Please join us for a celebration and information dinner on Monday evening, May 21, 6:30-8:30pm, in the CMC Gathering Place. Hear Thandiwe's story and many others. Learn more about the great things God is doing. Be encouraged and be challenged! The dinner is complimentary. Contact pauls@christmemorial.org for more information. Sign up at Kiosk #3 in the lobby.
- **KID'S HOPE: Reminder:** This Tuesday, May 15th is our End-of-the-Year Celebration at Teusink's Pony Farm from 5:15-7:45. Please talk to your students to see if they will be attending. This is also your last week of mentoring. **1st-4th Grade Mentors:** Wrap-Up Meetings- May 23 OR May 24 @ 12:00pm (lunch). RSVP to carrieh@christmemorial.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE!** Our yearly congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10 starting with a picnic at 5pm. More information coming soon!
- **INCLUSION AT CM CHURCH :** The No More Barriers Team would like to invite you to join them on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30pm in Room 165. We will be hearing from Terry DeJong, Coordinator for Disability Concerns for the RCA, on how Christ Memorial can eliminate barriers for worship and involvement here.
- **HAPPY TOWN CHRISTIAN TRAVELERS:** Go to the Info Center to pick up flyers for all of our upcoming trips.
- **GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS:** CMC is collecting box tops to benefit our partner school Holland West. The monies received from the ten cents per box top will go towards classroom supplies, field trip scholarships, etc. Bring yours, trimmed or untrimmed, to the bin at the Information Center.
- **INTERESTED** in receiving our weekly E-News? Text your full name, email and the word ENEWS to 708-971-0699.



CHRIST MEMORIAL CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018

LIVE LIKE JESUS!



They have little money and are barely getting by. Without insurance or being under-insured, help is hard to find, especially help for persons with mental health needs. The ages of persons dealing with anxiety, depression, abuse, grief, Bi-polar, has no parameters.

Among them, a young person feeling depressed, overwhelmed and stressed from school overload and parental expectations. Another struggling with identity issues, hardly daring to speak about it, being bullied at school, and not sure if they should tell their parents.

The middle aged single Mom, working, taking care of children, depressed as she wonders if she'll pay rent and still have food on the table. The woman staying in an abusive relationship, living in fear. The abuse has eroded her self-esteem. She's not sure who she is now.

The son who became the target of his father's drunken rage, unprovoked and merciless. The early scars of beating forever are imprinted and in anger he seeks out drugs or alcohol to deaden the pain. The one whose uncles or cousins or step parents have sexually abused him and they still walk the streets of Holland.

A recent Hope college survey on those seeking counseling at HFHC shows that on the average, more than 50% of those persons seeking counseling, reported early childhood abuse.

For these, HFHC (a CM Church Ministry Partner) opens our arms to free counseling with licensed counselors who donate their time to the clinic. The needs of each individual are assessed, resourced and connected to either our services or others in the community. For those who qualify, we can provide vision, hearing, dental, diabetic teaching, medication assistance and foot care. All are provided as a healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Jesus love shines through each staff person as we offer spiritual support through listening and prayer or suggest a connection to a local church. Our number is 392-3610. We can always use more counselors!

WORSHIP & CREATIVE ARTS

- **THEN SINGS MY SOUL!** DON'T MISS THIS WORSHIP SERVICE! This will be an engaging concert as we journey with God through the great hymns of our faith: Praise to the Lord the Almighty; How Great Thou Art; A Mighty Fortress is Our God; Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy, to name a few. Please come and invite someone to join you on **Sunday, June 3, at 5pm** as we participate with the sanctuary choir, orchestra and Westminster Bells!
- **JOIN THE COLLECTING TEAM!** Are you looking for a simple way to serve but unable to make a big time commitment? The 9am or 10:30am collecting team might be just the place for you. Please contact Mary DeBlaay if you're interested at marydb@christmeorial.org.
- **LARGE PRINT BIBLES AND BULLETINS AND SPANISH BIBLES** are available at the Info Center. Tambien tenemos disponibles Biblias en espanol en el centro de info.
- **WATCH OUR 9AM WORSHIP SERVICES** on TV on Wednesdays at 3pm, Saturdays at 8am, and Sundays at 6pm on **Holland Public Channel (Comcast 24-916 and AT&T U-verse 99)**. You can watch both services live via Facebook every week or online at any time.
- Do you have experience with stage lighting, song text projection, or no experience but are willing to be trained? Please contact Jon Fegel, Sound Technician, at jonf@christmemorial.org for more information.

CARE & CONNECTIONS

- **GIFT OF HOPE, MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT** - You are invited to join this biblically based support group for people living with mental illness and their families. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the Green Room just off Entrance D. Guest speaker will be, Cheryl Cnossen, LMSW, presenting *Common Thinking Errors*. Please contact Carole Aardsma at carola@christmemorial.org or (616) 796-3355 for further information or to answer any questions.
- **DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** meets Tuesday, May 8, from 3:00-4:30 in the Green Room just inside Door D. You are not alone! Join us for support and strategies for how to care for someone with dementia. Questions? Email Cathy Hamilton at cathyh@christmemorial.org.
- **MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH!** Help kids in care through Mosaic. They provide clothes, books, and other items free of charge to foster, adoptive, and Safe Families. We are collecting new and used books for babies through teens in our collection center basket in the lobby. Please contact Jenny Jongsma (mosaicchristmemorial@gmail.com) to set up a drop-off of a larger amount of items.
- **CROP WALK:** Walkers should turn in the funds raised to CMC's church office by Friday, June 1. Thank you for loving and living like Jesus.
- **LOVE TO PRAY:** We have a few "Love to Pray" books left available at Kiosk #4. Men who signed up to deepen their prayer life with Pastor Jose will be meeting in the Prayer Room on May 17 at 11am or on May 20 at 7:30am. Women who signed up to deepen their prayer life with Pastor Leslie will be meeting in the Prayer Room on May 14 at 10am or on May 16 at 6pm.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- **MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** All families of 6th-12th graders, you are welcome to come to the youth center in between services (10-10:30am) for pancakes. Students, come and make a card for their mom!
- **JOB OPENING:** Christ Memorial Church is looking to hire a female for the full-time position of middle school youth coordinator. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to communications@christmemorial.org by Tuesday, May 1.
- **2018 SUMMER YOUTH TRIP SIGN-UPS:** There is still room on some of the trips so sign up now if you've not done so! Go to www.cmcholland.org/youth for detailed information or to register online. Hard copies available in the youth center.
- **YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SUMMER EXPERIENCES GIVING OPTION:** If you were not able to attend the youth and children's banquet and would like to contribute towards the summer experiences for students in grades K-12, you may drop your gift by the church office, put it in a separate envelope in the collection plate marked "youth banquet," or use the online giving option designated "youth & children's banquet."
- **SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP** is coming to Christ Memorial Church July 9-13 for our Vacation Bible School. This camp is for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade by June of 2018. This is an amazing experience your kids will not want to miss! For more information visit www.cmcholland.org/springhill/ or contact Misty at mistyc@christmemorial.org.

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

HOSPITALIZED: Dawn Slenk (Butterworth), Mark Vliem (Hospital in Arizona); Eric Sundburg (Meijer Heart)

REHABILITATION: Donna Lokker, Ray DeLange, Marcia Washburn (Freedom Village Inn)

DISCHARGED: Sharon Bakker

HOSPICE: Kathleen Lambers (Serenity House)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Rick & Shelly Arnold and family at the passing of Rick's mother Joan Arnold on May 6th.
- Jeanne Quanstrom, Nancy & Brian Cook, Carter Brown, Megan & Sean Reilly and family at the passing of Leonard (Len) Quanstrom on May 6th.