

CARE & CONNECTIONS

- **WOMEN** - You are invited to **CMC's Women's Christmas Brunch** on Saturday, December 8, at 9:30am. Invite your friends to sit with you at a table. A freewill offering will be taken. Sign-up is required at a kiosk in the lobby or call 796-3396 or email ruthannm@christmemorial.org. Deadline is TODAY, Sunday, December 2.
- **CMC'S 55+ CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON:** Tuesday, December 11. Punch will be served in the rotunda starting at 10:45am. The "Christmas Bells are Ringing" program will begin at 11:00am in the chapel. A luncheon will follow the program. Sign up and prepay \$11 at Kiosk 2 in the lobby or in the church office. Deadline: Tuesday, December 4.
- **MEN'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY #1:** Enjoy a free brunch as you serve the women who attend the Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 8. Volunteers are needed for beverage service, buffet setup, table and dishwasher duties, along with table teardown and vacuuming. You will be able to enjoy working while listening to Christmas music and storytelling. Be blessed as you are a blessing. Sign up at the Women's Christmas Brunch Kiosk or call 796-3396 or email ruthannm@christmemorial.org.
- **MEN'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY #2:** We are looking for individuals who would be willing to take down tables and reset the chapel after our 55+ Christmas program and luncheon. Teardown will begin around 1pm on Tuesday, December 11. This should take about one hour. Please contact ruthannm@christmemorial.org or call 796-3396.

WORSHIP & CREATIVE ARTS

- **CHRISTMAS EVE SIGNS:** Invite people to our Christmas Eve services by putting a sign in your yard. Please note that signs may only be placed **on your property**, not on easements, street corners, etc. You may pick up a sign from the table next to the collection center!
- **POINSETTIAS!** You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one by signing up on the sign-up sheet on the Info Center. Please pay the attendant \$8 per plant.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** and invite your family and friends to join us at our Christmas Eve worship services being held on Monday, December 24, at 2pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm and 7pm. Childcare available at all four services.
- **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.

STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING

"It is an exciting time at CM Church as we see God pouring out His generosity through us. As we finish our teaching series about Biblical Stewardship, please continue to worship God by giving the first fruits of what He has provided. As we approach the end of the calendar year, let's all celebrate together in the communal act of giving by blessing one another and those in our community. Go to <http://cmcholland.org/give/> and discover all the ways you can be part of "intentionally leading everyone to increasingly full life in Jesus."

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- **YOUTH PROFESSION OF FAITH:** Students, are you are interested in letting other Christians know that you have made a commitment to be a life-long follower of Jesus? We have mentors waiting to pair with you for eight sessions going through a book called "I Believe—Getting Ready to Profess My Faith." Public profession will take place on Sunday, May 5, at both worship services. For more info and to register, go to www.cmcholland.org/youth. Contact Doris (dorisvk@christmemorial.org or 796-3342) with questions.

MISSIONAL LIVING

- **KIDS HOPE:** Mentors- Please plan on attending our annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 12, during the lunch hour at CMC. Please read your Kids Hope ENews for more details.
- **CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS DINNER:** In an effort to bless 25 families from our community, we are hosting a Christmas Blessings Dinner on Sunday, December 16, from 5:00-7:00pm in the Gathering Place. We need greeters, table hosts, gift wrappers, craft helpers, kitchen help, and linen washers!! To sign up, please contact Deanna at deanno@christmemorial.org or stop by the Info Center.
- **YOUNGLIVES TOY DRIVE:** Please consider helping YoungLives (teen mom ministry) by donating by Monday, **Dec. 10**, a new toy worth \$15-\$20 for a child ages 3 months to 4 years old for their Christmas Club. Gifts may be dropped off at the Information Center or at the church office Monday–Thursday, 8:30am -4:30pm, and Friday 9:00am to noon. With questions, contact Chris Bakker at christinebakker24@gmail.com.
- **SOUTH AFRICA** - The deacons invite you to come to the chapel on Tuesday, December 11, from 7-7:20pm to learn more about our South Africa ministry partnership.
- **SPARTAN STORE RECEIPTS:** Even though customers of D & W and Family Fare are now given the option of using the "e-mail receipt" option, please continue to take the paper copy and put it in the basket in the collection center. Last month CMC collected \$8,552 to benefit CWS/Crop.

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

HOSPITALIZED: Ellsworth TenClay (Butterworth)

HOSPICE: Kathleen Lambers (Serenity House)

PALLIATIVE CARE: Rodger Dangremond (Freedom Village Inn)

ONGOING BATTLES: Lauren Baron

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Dave and Bev Snyder, Kyle and Jodi Snyder and family and George and Eleanor Moes, Jane and Brian Borr at the passing of their mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, Genevieve Snyder on November 11.
- Linda and Bill Bremer, Bill Bremer and family at the passing of their daughter-in-law, wife and mother, Diane Bremer on November 21.
- Steve and Deb TenBrink and family at the passing of their mother and grandmother, Helen Hasty on November 23.
- Gary and Ruth Veurink at the passing of their sister Helen Green on November 25.

ADULT MINISTRIES

- **HATS AND MITTENS COLLECTION** (for our neighbors in need): The Faith in Action Growth Community is collecting hats, scarves, and mittens for Holland West School and the Holland Rescue Mission during December. Please bring new or gently used items to the basket in the collection area near Entrance C. Let's help our neighbors stay warm!
- **BREATHING UNDER WATER:** An adventure in allowing the Holy Spirit to form you spiritually for the task of living in a chaotic world. This class interweaves book study, stimulating teaching, and small group discussions into a unique learning experience. Led by Dave Hoekstra, this class will meet on Mondays from 6:00–8:00pm, January 7–March 25 (12 sessions). Pre-registration required. Sign up at the Information Center or contact Lori at lorib@christmemorial.org.
- **CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN LIFE ISSUES (CCLI)** from 10:30-11:30am in the chapel. **This Morning:** Dr. Travis West will present *The End of Us and Them*. Join us as Dr. West unpacks the "Us vs. Them" issue that bedevils us in the church and in the larger society.
- **TECH HELP NEEDED FOR CCLI** (Contemporary Christian Life Issues): Help needed on a rotating basis on Sundays from 10:15-11:45am with sound and computer/power point presentations. Training will be provided. Contact lorib@christmemorial.org.
- **SIGN-UP HAS BEGUN FOR THE WINTER APPLES OF GOLD GROUP!** More than a cooking demonstration and women sharing a meal with women. More than a Bible study. It's the gift of women encouraging younger women in living out their faith on a daily basis. Meeting weekly on Thursdays, January 10–February 21 (7 weeks) from 6:00-9:00pm. Advance registration is needed for this small group experience. To sign up, contact Lori at lorib@christmemorial.org or 796-3361.
- **ARE YOU PLANNING ON COMING TO THE SISTERS ON SUNDAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT** for women of all ages? The fun will take place next Sunday, December 9, 6:00-7:30pm in the Gathering Place **BUT tomorrow, Monday December 3, is the last day to register and pay!** Local artist Lisa Schulist will help us create beautiful and unique Christmas decorations to be cherished or gifted to someone special. You'll go home with three different decorations - a star garland, a Christmas banner, and a felt tree ornament. Cost: \$5 per person. Advance sign-up and pre-payment is needed for this fun event. Sign-up at CMC's Info Center or email lorib@christmemorial.org. Bring a friend who needs some holiday cheer!
- **YARN DONATIONS NEEDED.** Support CMC's Hat Knitting Group by donating new or left-over worsted weight yarn (please no baby yarn). The groups supplies have dwindled to mainly white and cream yarns so **donations of dark colors** (navy, black, dark green, and brown) **or brightly colored yarns** (red, orange, bright pink, lime, etc.) **are needed.** Donations can be left in the yarn basket in the collection center to the east of Entrance C. Hats are made for kids in our community and for adults and children in South Africa. Questions: contact Ruby at 510-1488.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT FREE DINNER:** Cheese and beef ravioli. PB and J, salad and water/lemonade served weekly. Join us 5:00-6:00pm in the Gathering Place.



CHRIST MEMORIAL CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018

LIVE LIKE JESUS!



As a follow-up to our current teaching series, “More than Enough,” a team is being assembled to establish and lead the ongoing teaching of Biblical stewardship and mentoring of those who need coaching. This team will facilitate events, groups, and mentoring on the topics of generous giving, money management, debt elimination, and estate planning. We are asking God to raise up six to eight people to give leadership to this aspect of Full Life in Jesus. If you are passionate about this topic and have expertise, please let us know by e-mailing lp@christmemorial.org.