

ADULT MINISTRIES

- **CLASSES AND GROUPS BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 AND BEYOND.** For information on each of our winter discipleship opportunities pick up the tall skinny book at the kiosk just east of the Info desk. Find your place and invite a friend as we all continue to pursue "Life to the Full." Contact Lori at 796-3361 or lorib@christmemorial.org or online at <http://cmcholland.org/get-involved/adults/sign-up/>.
- **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 Desk or contact Lori at lorib@christmemorial.org.
- **FOR YOUNG WOMEN 18 – 35: ONLY SEVEN SPOTS REMAIN 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 6-9pm. Advance registration is needed for this small group experience. To sign-up, contact Lori at lorib@christmemorial.org or 796-3361.
- **WEDNESDAY WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) STUDIES: (OPTION 1) – LIVE FULL, WALK FREE: SET APART IN A SIN SOAKED WORLD** by Cindy Bultman. Wednesdays, 9-11am, January 9–April 3 (13 sessions). This study will equip you to live a holy and abundant life in a sin-soaked world and to handle each situation with truth and grace. Led by Cindy VanWyk. **(OPTION 2) – THE ARMOR OF GOD** by Priscilla Shirer. Wednesdays, 9–11am or 6-7:30 pm, January 9–March 27 (12 sessions). Grow spiritually as you dig deeper into Scripture and expand your understanding of prayer. Sign up for either study by contacting Lori at lorib@christmemorial.org or 796-3361.
- **JANUARY SERIES:** Listen, learn, and discern with the January Series! CMC will once again be hosting a satellite site for the month of January. You can find a list of speakers at Kiosk #1 or the Info Center or by checking online at www.calvin.edu/january.
- **COLOSSIAN WAY GROUPS ARE NOW FORMING:** The goal of The Colossian Way is less to resolve a specific issue once and for all, and more to build a capacity for working on important questions in a way that reflects faithful obedience to Christ. Groups are limited to 12 participants each. Where will you plug in? Questions or sign-up: lorib@christmemorial.org.
 - **HUMAN SEXUALITY** • Sunday mornings, 10:15–11:45am
Meets January 6 – March 10 (10 sessions)
Facilitators: Elissa Lappenga & Sharon Perkins / 12 openings available
 - **ORIGINS – Faith and Science** • Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:30pm
Meets January 6 – March 10 (10 sessions)
Facilitators: Katie Prins & Leon Meiste / 12 openings available
 - **ORIGINS – Faith and Science** • Wednesday mornings, 9:00–10:30am
Meets January 9 – March 13 (10 Sessions)
Facilitators: Stephen McCarthy & Ron Wolhuis / 12 openings available
 - **ORIGINS – Faith and Science** • Wednesday evenings, 6:00–7:30pm
Meets January 9 – March 13 (10 Sessions)
Facilitators: Lynn White & Glenn Lowe / 12 openings available



CHRIST MEMORIAL CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2018

LIVE LIKE JESUS!



Over the years Bill and Carolyn Overway (our former missionaries in Kenya) started seeing the typical barriers that happen as more denominations come into an area with a 'turf' war type mentality. So she developed the idea of a Christmas Feast as a way to bring all denominations together. HAHA (Helping Africans Help Africans), a CMC ministry partner, supplies the meal and pays the workers and supplies the take home gift of rice or seeds for planting. Other denominations come together to tell the Christmas story as many times as needed for all to hear. But some of the real heroes are right here at Christ Memorial in Holland! It is our Prime Time Growth Group that raises money for the annual feast in Churo. This year they raised almost \$2,200 for the feast! As you

can imagine, this is a lot of work for those on the ground in Africa. They have to buy goats, camels, rice, beans, and enough "gifts" for everyone.

What they are finding is people want to know about Jesus. Students that graduated while Bill and Carolyn were running the high school watched Carolyn (she is a pastor) teach where ever she went. They started going to surrounding villages and holding church under the community tree. They are starting these churches in rural areas. They also have access to TREASURES which is an audio in their Pokot language. It is amazing to see how this Christmas Feast has led to the interest in Jesus which has resulted in church plants in surrounding villages.

CARE & CONNECTIONS

- **GRIEF SHARE:** If you are walking the lonely road of grief, please consider joining the GriefShare recovery support group that meets for 13 weeks. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to view your group as an "oasis" on your journey through grief to joy. Sessions will meet on Monday evenings beginning on January 7, at 6:30pm. GriefShare will help you transition toward healing, hope, and joy again. Contact RuthAnn at 796-3396.
- Prayer groups led by Pastors Jose and Leslie will not meet again until January, starting with Thursday, January 3, and Monday, January 7, respectively.
- **DINE WITH 9** – Are you desiring community with others? Are you interested in joining a small group of people who would like to get to know one another over a meal? Groups will begin to form in early 2019. Contact Lynn White at lynnw@christmemorial.org or call 616-796-3362.
- **MENTAL AND EMOTION HEALTH** – The holidays can bring on concerns with expectations, complications and mental and emotional struggles. Consider joining the Gift of Hope Mental Health Support Group which meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 PM – 7:30 pm in the Green Room. Also check out the BeNice kiosk near building entrance B.

WORSHIP & CREATIVE ARTS

- **LARGE PRINT BIBLES AND BULLETINS AND SPANISH BIBLES** are available at the Info Center. Tambien tenemos disponibles Biblias en español en el centro de info.
- **JOIN THE CHOIR!** If you enjoy singing, come join our wonderful choir family! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm, and we sing every Sunday plus there are some special events throughout the year. Available to high school age and older.
- **DO YOU LOVE PLAYING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?** Join the orchestra in leading worship on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month! Musicians high school age and older are welcome! For more info, contact Gary Matthews at garym@christmemorial.org.
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- **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.

MISSIONAL LIVING

- **KIDS HOPE:** Mentors, the HPS holiday break runs thru January 6. Happy New Year!
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Missional Living Department is looking for volunteers to help in Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry and Kids Hope. To find out more, please stop by the Information Kiosk or Door D to pick-up a copy of the current [Service Opportunities – Missional Living Department](#).
- **SAVE THE DATE** – CMC Partner Ministry, Bethany Family Christian Services, will be presenting *The Light in Their Eyes* in the Gathering Place on January 31 at 6PM. This movie takes you along on the journey three families take through foster care and adoption.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- **YOUTH SUMMER EXPERIENCES REVEALED:** 6th-12th graders, check out the opportunities for you coming up next summer by going to www.cmcholland.org/youth. Registration has begun!
- **SUNDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING** will resume on January 6. This includes Pre-K and Elementary Sunday School. However, the Care Centers will remain open for children birth to 3 years old throughout the holiday break.

STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING

*As we close out 2018, please consider a special year-end gift to Christ Memorial and its ministries. Year-end giving is critical to successfully funding our ministry initiatives and significant impact our members, our community and, indeed, the world. **At this point in our fiscal year, we are tracking 7% below our budget needs.** As you consider your giving during this season, please give generously. The Accounting Office can accept contributions until noon on December 31 or through the mail dated by December 31.*

Did you know you can give gifts of stock to Christ Memorial Church? When you donate, you receive a charitable gift receipt for the current market value and avoid any capital gain liability. Please contact Betty at 796-3340 or bettyr@christmemorial.org for details on electronic transfer and the description of the stock to be transferred. If you are over 70 ½ years of age, gifts through qualified charitable distributions from individual retirement accounts provide significant tax benefits.

To assist you in giving and tax preparation, 2019 giving envelopes are available for pick up at the tables just inside Door B. As always, you are welcome to use our E-Giving on the website.

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

REHABILITATION: Ellsworth TenClay (Heritage)

DISCHARGED: Jack Millard (Home), Glenn Arens (Home)

HOSPICE: Kathleen Lambers (Serenity House)

PALLIATIVE CARE: Rodger Dangremont (Freedom Village Inn)

ONGOING BATTLES: Lauren Baron