

Grace Reformed Church Newsletter **July 20, 2020**

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Town Hall meetings on Monday with Pastor Heather. The next step will be a letter sent to all members of Grace Reformed Church with a ballot included on which members can respond “yes” or “no” to advise the Consistory to proceed with a contract offer to Pastor Heather.

Depending on the results of that ballot vote, the contract as developed by the Executive Team and approved by both the Consistory and Classis will be presented to Pastor Heather. Should such a contract be offered and accepted by Pastor Heather, the Classis will then set a date and time for a Special Meeting of Classis during which Pastor Heather will be commissioned as the Lead Pastor of Grace Reformed Church.

The Search Team and Consistory respectfully call all of us to a focused time of prayer as together we continue to seek God’s will with respect to the decision that is before us.

July 26, 2020 WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Sunday, at our 10:00 am Worship service, we will have a **Drive In Service** with Pastor Jack sharing the message “**Stewards for God**” from Luke 16:1-12.

FUTURE EVENT DATES/TIMES:

Aug. 2, 10:00 am – Melanie Vlietstra Kilgore will be our guest and will share the message at our worship service in the sanctuary. Melanie is currently serving at First Reformed Church of Byron Center.

Aug. 9th, 10:00 am - 1st Graduation Sunday celebrating our High School graduate: Brielle Wigent. Pastor Heather will lead the service and share the message.

Aug. 10th – 6:00 pm Operation BackPack - Outdoor Picnic for families to receive their backpacks. EVERYONE is invited to this picnic.

Aug. 16th, 10:00 am - 2nd Graduation Celebration for our High School graduates: Kaedra Adams, Abby Kubiak and Ashely Pippin.

Aug. 31st – 6:00 pm - Children & Youth Volunteer Training Picnic.

PRAYERS & PRAISE

Nate Zondervan will undergo surgery on August 3. He will be hospitalized at least one night with a 4 – 6 week recovery time. Keep Nate as well as Ray & Robin in your prayers.

Continue to keep Mary Bush in your prayers.

Dick Postema is home after a second pacemaker was implanted. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Don Schutter will have another kidney stone surgery on Wednesday, July 22. He will have a 4-6 week recovery period following this surgery.

Continue to keep Matthew Czurak's grandfather in your prayers as he battles liver cancer.

Please keep the Lofquist family (Monday IMPACT) in your prayers as their home has significant damage following the storm this past weekend.

GRACE NEWS

VACATIONS! Please read this newsletter carefully! It will be the last one until the week of August 10 as office staff will be on vacation. If a need comes up during this time, please call Pastor Jack, an Elder, or your Caring Shepherd. Continue to watch Facebook and our website for any news and reminders of upcoming events.

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OPERATION BACKPACK –There is still time to pick up your backpack items! Two options are available to you! One would be to buy the backpack and fill it with the supplies listed. The other would be to donate individual items. All supplies/backpacks would need to be turned in by August 3. Items needed for each backpack: Crayons, Ruler, 2 Highlighters, 2 – 1” Binders, 2 Notebooks, 1 Eraser, 1 Box Washable Markers, 1 Box Pencils, 1 Box Pens, 2 Glue Sticks.

CHURCH TO GO FOR FAMILIES: If you didn't get a chance to pick up your Church to Go box, call Pastor Heather or the church office this week and we will be sure to get one to you.