



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## PASTOR'S PAGE

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*This month I'd like to share this article with you. Pastor Jim*

### WHAT CAN I DO TO REGAIN CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER? BY JOHN PIPER

#### What can I do to regain confidence in prayer?

The main way that God deepens, strengthens and awakens confidence in prayer is not through answered prayer. It's by the word of the living God! When God says, "I hear you," we should believe him.

So when my confidence in prayer languishes and I feel like, "Why spend 10 or 15 more minutes here?," my strategy for rebuilding my confidence is not to catalog all the answers. One of the reasons for this is that they're all ambiguous, even the biblical prayers.

If you're skeptical enough you can always say, "It would've happened anyway." Always! It can be something absolutely stunning, like if you were praying over a tumor and it shrank under your hand. "Well, it was ready to do that anyway." You cannot get confidence if there is a skeptical voice inside of you constantly saying, "Answers don't do it because they're all ambiguous."

So if you base your confidence in prayer on answers to prayer, and you have a heart that is always wondering, you'll never have confidence. And I think I have that heart! I'm a really skeptical guy! I hear some story about an amazing healing and my first thought is, "Got some doctor records?" That's the way I'm wired! So if I'm going to keep praying and believing prayer, it's going to be through Jesus getting in my face and saying

***Which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things [or, as it says in Luke, the Holy Spirit] to those who ask him! (Matthew 7:9-11)***

Now that's Jesus getting in my face and saying, "You couldn't believe me. I'm telling you that if you know how to give your child something good, your Father does it too!"



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So I think at that point you pursue it a little further and say, "OK, I trust you Jesus. I believe you." And then you let your heart go on this Father idea. And you go to other texts in the Bible where he is called your Father. And you see that you are therefore his heir, and he loves his children. He will always do good for his children, and he wants his children to ask him for things!

And so if you go to enough passages of Scripture where God is telling you how inclined he is to your prayer, you either are going to throw the Bible out or you are going to start growing in confidence: "God hears me! God hears me!"

I'll give you an example just from this morning. I was praying this morning for my children and for myself from **Ephesians 3:14-19**, where it says,

***For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ...***

And I stopped. I have prayed that for myself hundreds of times. Hundreds. And it hit me. I've been praying this prayer for 29 years at this church, that God would grant me to know the height and depth and length and breadth, the love of Christ that passes knowledge. And do you know what came into my mind? "That's the reason you have seen what you have seen about the nature of the love of God being the glorification of himself in people's lives."

My way of talking about the love of God today is that you are loved, not when God makes much of you, but when he, at great cost to himself, gives you the inclination to make much of him and the joy of making much of him.

I do not believe I would have seen that if I had not prayed that prayer a hundred times. So now, of course the skeptic would say, "I think you would've thought of that even if you hadn't prayed that prayer. I think you would've seen that in the Bible and you would've taught it even though you hadn't prayed that prayer." To which I would say, "I guess that's what you're going to believe. But this morning at the bottom of my soul it seemed to me that God was saying, 'The reason you see what you see is because you've asked to see it a hundred times. I've heard you. It's no accident that you've seen John 11:1-6 in relation to John 17:1-5, and 24 the way you do. I don't give everybody that. I give it to you. I give it to a hundred others, thousands of others. I give it to people who want it so bad. They pray Ephesians 3:14-19 over and over and over and over. And I store it up in a bottle, and then one day in a conversation with somebody or while you're studying the Bible I pour it out, and you see what you would not have seen.'" That's the way it works for me.

So I get subjective confirmations like that. I can't prove them. And if you're mathematically oriented, demanding proof, you won't ever get it. But if you're desperate to have help, God will give you the help; and he will show you along the way, from time to time, "I gave you that help. I gave you that help. The only reason you're a believer still is that I gave you that help."

**John Piper**





## GEMS News

**“He has made everything beautiful in it’s time.” Ecclesiastes 3:11**

Fall is indeed a season full of beauty, it’s like God takes out his paintbrush and paints a beautiful canvas of color. Will you take the time this fall season to be still and marvel at how truly amazing our God is?

**“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10**

### **Gracias-Danke-Merci-Grazie-THANK YOU**

We want to sent a huge shout out to YOU as CCRC’s congregation for your support with our annual Mum flower sale. With your help and support we rocked this fundraiser once again. **Thank You!!!**

### **Get ready Get set...To be a Blessing**

That’s right, this year in Gems our theme is

**Be a Blessing.** So, to start our year off with a bang we hopped on in with the focus on the theme. There is always a Theme Badge that goes right along with the theme of the year, so on our 1st & 2nd Gems evenings we completed the badge. Yea, we earned our first badge of the year, yippie!!!

### **September 5th 2018**

This date in history was our first night of Gems for the 2018-2019 year. We started the evening with Jammin for Jesus (our time of singing super fun songs) let me tell ya it gets us all pumped up for our evening and then we heard some announcements. Then we headed outdoors for game and craft time (we were quickly ushered back indoors due to a storm that was brewing quickly). Once inside the girls got busy decorating birdhouses; it’s so fun to watch the girls use their creativity during craft time. Then to end the evening the counselors and girls got about 15 minutes of class time. It was a super fun night, full of excitement and energy!!!

### **Be a Blessing-Service Project**

Every year our Gems group does a service project (last year it was collecting change for the Womens Center) this year we will be doing Operation Christmas Child. Curious to learn more about it? Look for more information very soon circulating around church. We are super excited! Go ahead and check it out online at Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

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**Stay Tuned for more info on:  
-Service project Operation Christmas Child**

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***“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”  
2 Corinthians 9:8***

Be Blessed.  
Donja Ver Steeg





## Dear Women of Community,

Community Women’s Ministries celebrates, with thanks to God, the beginning of their Fall Season. We are so grateful for each woman God has directed towards Community fellowship and study. We are also realizing the blessing of and the need for your prayers!

Over 30 ladies are participating in Coffee Break.. Excitement was in the air for the first meetings on Monday mornings. The ladies were so glad to be together again and welcomed new faces. We started off with a delicious brunch on the first week and now meet weekly with singing, prayer and study on the topic of forgiveness. Such sweet fellowship!

Almost 40 women are in our BLOOM & Sprouts group on Wednesday mornings. We are super

excited about the 17 Sprouts that are in the preschool class, in our nursery and in the arms of our moms. Gospel Foundations has begun with Genesis and is impressing upon us the amazing character of God and His redemption plan.

Two BLOOM groups are meeting in the evenings adding another 12 ladies to our number. Jo Vanderzee shares, “Our Tuesday night group is studying right alongside the Wednesday morning group. If you are looking for a smaller more intimate setting we welcome anyone who desires to grow and know God’s Word.”

We are planning our first “Wonder Wednesday.” On October 3 we will be assembling freezer meals to take home and for our Casserole Ministry here at Community Church. In November we will have a presentation on the influence and resource of Social Media. It will be interesting to learn about this powerful force in our world today! All women are welcome!

THRIVE has also begun with almost 30 women signed up to participate in “Wonder Wednesdays” and learn through “Seamless.” We are excited to offer this opportunity on BreakAway Wednesdays to our GEMS and Cadet moms and women who were unable to join a study before!

You are welcome at anytime to join or visit our groups. Our prayer is for the women of Community and our area of influence. May we “...be filled with the knowledge God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father...”. Colossians 1:9-12

Contact Marjie den Dulk for more information.

**Marjie denDulk**





## Community Crushers

The Community Crushers had a fantastic season! Our season was 3 wins and 2 losses. We had lots of fun, laughter, and fellowship on some hot summer days. We started out strong in our tournament and won the first game but lost the second. We had several new players from our church and the community play. Thank you to all the players and their silly shenanigans for a hilarious season. We will be playing again next year and welcome new players. Hope to see everyone next year!

Dan Broersma  
Troy Bultema  
Sarah Johnson  
Dan Koselke  
Lindsay Navarro  
Donny Patterson  
Jason VanderWoude  
Nick Zeldenrust

Jen Broersma  
Tim Coffey  
Angie Laws  
Brett Navarro  
Jim Nolan  
Brittany Patterson  
Danielle Watson





## Prison Ministry News

***Community recently received this letter from an inmate.***

September 1, 2018

I was raised me whole life in Roselawn. And I have attended your wonderful church. The Bass family through their son Sam made me feel welcome in your church especially Sam. I was afraid of being judged but he always assured me I wasn't gonna be and would be welcomed.

I am currently serving a 5 year sentence in prison but am back in Newton County Jail waiting for a modification. I have been incarcerated for 29 months now. I was hoping since I got back here I would be able to attend the church services that Bill graciously recorded. I have been here a month and haven't seen him and I am just wondering how he is doing. His work here is invaluable. I hope to see him before I leave and just thank him. Even though I know how other people misuse his service to do harm on others. The other inmates have informed me of fights breaking out at church so I understand why I haven't seen him.

I just want him to know some of us do genuinely appreciate him and I just want to thank him for his invaluable guidance to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The video's help those of us who have comprehension problems.

Thank you, Bill, and all the men that come with you and help you.

God Bless

A Newton County Jail Inmate

*If you would like to help with our Prison Ministry call Don Scholte or Wheeler Swafford*





## Eric & Penny Schering

*In the September Community Connections Penny shared about her Mother's death and how God blessed them with a wonderful family time together shortly before she died. This month Penny shares her memories.*

Memories of Mom from daughter Penny:

Before I was old enough for school in Westwood, California, Mom would bring me tea in bed when I was sick. Each school afternoon in Mt Shasta, California (1957-59), I left my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class to hang out with Mom in her 1<sup>st</sup> grade class room while she worked on lessons for the next day. That was where Dad (the high school and elementary school superintendent) and Mom demonstrated the effectiveness of phonics, that a class of students could learn how to read in just one year, in contrast to the crop of struggling students coming through the high school who had been taught with the sight method.

Their second year in Mt Shasta, in frustrations with Boards and tenured teachers who had no desire to change their teaching methods, Dad and Mom began to seek the Lord Jesus about what else he might have in store for them. Over the next few years he clearly showed them Papua New Guinea and the needs of the people; together they committed their lives to his service and never looked back.

When I was barely a teenager in Papua New Guinea, Mom took me and my siblings around to ladies' cooking fires in Madawai village to help her learn the language (mid-1960's) into which she, Buria and Dad would translate the New Testament. She drew me into the excitement of teaching adults who had never had a chance to learn how to read. I can still remember their earnest efforts and winning smiles. In my mid-teens she somehow motivated me to join her visiting the sick and hopeless ones overnighting in the local Ambunti clinic to see what needs they might have.

Dear Mama! When she wasn't cooking for us or making us desserts (I remember mouth-watering sweet rolls and black raspberry cobblers - after I picked the berries!!), she was writing us weekly letters from the village telling all the details of hers and Dad's lives. But whether it was for us or for the people to whom she was called, she never stopped serving. She was a service machine—hosting and baking for Dad's morning coffee guests, writing up new primers, translating Bible stories, recording local folklore, delivering a mosquito net to a destitute sick patient, reworking Sunday school lessons to fit the national trade language, training teachers, running Ambunti Academy, helping her Sunday school trainees motivate the children to memorize verses, praying for her daughters to find good mates, teaching her grandchildren how to read. . . . In the last weeks of his life Dad said to me, "It was your mother's drive that kept us at it."

But Dad had some of his own drive. From the fall of 2013 when Mom fell down the stairs at the office, until five weeks before he passed away on 29 August 2017, he cared for Mom in her weakness. And he did it as his own body was giving out on him—his mysterious internal head pain/pressure gradually kept increasing in intensity, his coughing fits and congestion got worse and worse, and a debilitating weakness finally made the office stairs just too hard to face.

After her fall Mom, who previously received so much satisfaction from working hard, had to start scaling back. In March 2014 she had gained enough strength to go with Dad to the office, climb the stairs with a cane and attempt some work at her computer. But severe kyphosis of her spine, which happened as she had been recovering in her reclining chair 24/7, sapped her strength. Dad had to take over all the cooking and most of the cleaning (close family too were happy to help when they came). Mom, however, could still give others her prayers and attentions; she continued to call daughter Leah confined to her chair with MS. Almost every day until Leah passed away in August 2015, Mom would check with her or Doug to find out how they were doing.

Except for trips to the bathroom and short walks down the road with her walker a few times a week Mom deliberately set herself to be happy in her reclining chair—reading books, watching news on TV, listening to Rush Limbaugh on the radio, reading her Bible and praying. . . . When son or daughters or grandsons or granddaughters, or Dad's brother and sister-in-law or distant cousins visited, they always found Mom cheerful and thankful. She was a great blessing to us.

After Dad's passing when daughter Pam and husband Tim took on the care of Mom in October 2017, the Lord gave us a miracle gift of a young caregiver, Megan Marcoux, the niece of dear supporters in northern Michigan. During the months Eric and I were in PNG, Tim and Pam's children also helped significantly, and Mom delighted in her great grandchildren who would pop in regularly.

As Mom struggled with increased bodily weakness and short-term memory loss, she needed more and more encouragement to make it through each day. All those around her let their buckets down deep into the Lord's wells of

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## Eric & Penny Schering (continued)

Salvation, thanking him repeatedly for Mom getting such good care with and near family. And that is what she wanted, even if it meant a four-hour flight with Megan from LAX to Detroit to be with Eric and me in Michigan for six weeks in July 2018!

During the last two weeks of Mom's life in Petoskey, Michigan, Pam, Megan and I looked to the Lord moment by moment for wisdom, good cheer, the right verses to share and timely songs to sing. Often as one or the other of us would sit down near Mom or kneel next to her so she could look straight at us, we would be at the end of our own strength and bereft of ideas of how to help her. As we humbly waited on the Lord each time, an idea about what to feed her would come, or we would be reminded of a verse that was just right, or would just start singing the hymn that popped into our head. The words would be perfect, both for Mom and for us. The Lord is very faithful!

Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> Mom was super weak and Pam spent the whole day very near her. Monday Mom perked up and we all thought she was rebounding. She asked Pam to read her the book of Esther. When she was part-way through Mom said, "I'm getting tired. Let's put that on the schedule for tomorrow!"

Around supper time Mom asked Megan to call me in Kalamazoo, and we could hear each other clearly. "The next time you move, Mom, it will be to heaven to be with Jesus. His arms are under you, carrying you, just like the promises we've been reading" (Deuteronomy 33:27 and Isaiah 46:4).

Her response was quick and decisive, "Yes!"

After Mom, Pam and Megan said their thankful things to each other that night, Mom said goodnight to Pam. "Sweet dreams," were her last words to her. And sometime pretty soon 4 am, Mom passed away peacefully in her sleep. It was Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the same day her daughter Leah passed away three years earlier. And in this "tomorrow" day in Paradise she might even get to meet Queen Esther!!

### **Praise & Prayer Matters:**

1. Catharine Tani has been planning a trip to New Britain so she can follow up on contacts made two years ago. Many pastors, ladies leaders, Sunday school teachers and government school teachers are eager to get more *With All My Heart* books and other PIM materials. She hopes to bring cartons of them with her on the ship—no bookstores on this large island and postage is very expensive. Pray that the Lord would go before her, provide comfort and perseverance and open doors. (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.)
2. Thank the Lord for Rueben, our PIM manager when Doug, Eric and I are in the States (Doug just came back to prepare for the Board meeting in early November). Rueben is a great blessing, often repeating to us, "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Ask the Lord to provide him with courage, wise leadership, and passion for Jesus in all he does. May the Lord's blood and the word of their testimony overcome any designs the evil one may have on him and his family.
3. We thank the Lord for Eric's good progress on his next writing project. As he's wrapping up the book on Judges, we're praying it will impact many in the current generation to walk in the Lord's ways and place Jesus as King of their lives.

### **Eric & Penny**





## Czech-ing in with the Wunderinks



The school year has gotten off to a great start. We have new students and new staff and even some new roles. Calvin has started teaching some Geometry and Grade 7 math and Jessica teaches her film appreciation class, 6<sup>th</sup> grade study skills and has started working in the library and with the Staff devotion and worship time. We both have small groups, called roundtables that follow our chapel time each week. Calvin works with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys and Jessica with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Next week we will have a retreat with all of the secondary students. Please pray for that time to be one of relationship building, especially with students who don't know Christ.

Jessica has also started taking morning Czech classes at a language program here in Prague. It has been challenging but it is a great way to learn the language. Our church has also been growing and doing well. It has officially been a year ago since it started. We have been able to get involved in the worship and welcome teams there and have been a part of a Wednesday night study that has been very encouraging.

Please pray for our school as we are getting bigger and sometimes feel like we are bumping elbows with everyone. And for the students who don't know Christ. That we would be able to show them who He is, and that they would come to know Him.

Thank you all for your prayers and support!

***Calvin and Jessica***





## Steve and Frankie Wunderink

Have you ever wondered how things are going to work, why they work, or if they will work? Have you ever wondered how mismatched things can work together perfectly? That is what happened with my sewing machine. And us! Everyone needs a sewing machine, even if it is just for mending. I needed one because I smock. After smocking I sew the piece into kid's clothing. This has been a really good way for me to share with others in Egypt. When my portable, lightweight, 110 volt sewing machine said, "Enough!" after I used it for a room of curtains and an awning, I could only find an ancient sewing machine – one step above pedal. It only goes forward and backward. For those of you who sew, it means you can't make button holes on kid's clothes. I was complaining about it while in the States. My mom remembered she had an old attachment to make button holes from another machine of a different brand. After a long search she found it, but would it fit my machine? After arriving in Cairo, I took out my machine with anticipation and tried the buttonhole attachment. It worked! The mismatch was a perfect match. I was so excited. That is how we sometimes feel here. We are a mismatch – an attachment from a different brand; different country, closer to ancient than not, different language, different people, different culture. How would we fit? The excitement is that somehow, we do fit. The longer we are here the more we see God has retro-fitted us for here. We are thankful for that because by the world's standards this doesn't make sense, but God's logic is different. We see that all through the Bible and history too. God's logic is different than man's logic – Abraham moving to a new land, Isaac as a sacrifice, Joseph being sold, David and Goliath, Mary and Jesus and the cross to name a few. In my last Arabic class, I learned the words for God's Logic – (هللا المنطق) *el montech allah*) vs man's logic – (النس المنطق) *el montech el nas*). We need to trust the logic of God, not our own. We are praying that our soon to arrive team members will also feel that same excitement for the logic of God. We are praying that new believers are awed by the logic of God. We are praying that those who live under oppression here will gain hope from the logic of God. We are praying you will see the illogical logic of God in your life too. **Steve and Frankie**



**38 years of marriage and 3 years in the Middle East**

### Prayer Requests

- One team member arrived in August. He is doing well teaching.
- Five team member come in this week. Two of them are new short term-ers.
- We begin our country orientation this week with all our team member. Pray for the team to adjust quickly. Pray for vision for their service. Pray for the team to bond.
- Another couple arrives the end of October. Pray for them as they finish up the last of their preparation.
- Pray for us as we get back to our local team. Pray for good bonding, spiritual growth and wisdom as we pray about who to ask to join us.
- Pray for good networks, especially with Synod committees and projects.
- CREW begins in a week.
- We have a very busy fall. Pray for strength, energy, joy and fruit.
- Frankie will be leading the women's retreat the end of Oct.
- Pray for the new director of a media team that Steve will be working with.
- Pray for future conferences to support pastors and Steve will put together a great team for it.

### Praise Requests

- We are here and we got our visa renewed so we are good until December.
- We are excited for more team!
- There has been some good relationship building and planning with various Synod committees.
- Our Son and his family are now in Michigan and adjusting there. Had a little extra Arabic this month.
- A proposal for a cohort of young adults was accepted. Pray God will us this project for kingdom building.
- God is opening doors for Frankie's Arabic tutor to quit teaching the end of December. Pray for protection and great fruit for him.

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## Beckrich Family News



### Great Start to the Semester!

We are three weeks into the semester and it is off to a great start! Our staff and the students involved in our ministry have been meeting and building relationships with students in hopes of sharing the Gospel with them. It is amazing to see how the Lord has been answering our prayers and orchestrating these friendships. Thank you for partnering with Jenn and I to help make this happen!

*Below are some highlights from the past couple weeks of events we put on in order to meet students. The capture the flag game, women's spa night, and men's Sky Zone night had a total of 325 students in attendance. These all led up to the first Encore, our weekly meeting. Last night we had 250 students in attendance, the vast majority of which do not have a relationship with God. Over 125 students said they were interested in joining an investigative Bible Study!*

Students at our first weekly meeting, Encore, were challenged to step back and ask life's big questions - what is my purpose in life and what was I created for?

### Please be Praying for...

- **Fall Conference (October 12-14):** Please be praying for students to sign up and for God to be preparing their hearts to hear the Gospel!
- **Students:** That God would continue to work in the hearts of students at USI and that He would use these Bible studies to bring many to Himself.
- **Our Staff Team:** We would be finding our joy in Christ and be empowered by him to minister to students.

Thank you for your support and partnership in the Gospel!

**Kyle, Jenn, and Cora**





### PRAYER FOR THE WORLD



Please pray for each country during the days listed (most information from Operation World 2011):

1. October 1-6 **MARTINIQUE** 95.80% (about 388,949 people) Christian.  
 Praises: praise God for everything He is doing here.  
 Challenges: this can be a dangerous place with natural disasters. Pray the people may see their basic instability and be shaken out of their carelessness about the things of God; for reconciliation, equity, and justice as the legacy of slavery remains; pray for churches to be grounded in the Word; for Antilleans living in France; young people; President Marie-Jeanne.
2. October 7-12 **COOK ISLANDS** 96.20% (about 19,176 people) Christian.  
 Praises: commitment to root out evil practices such as money-laundering; Gospels in Tokelau.  
 Challenges: pray just and wholesome living and for the Scriptures in Tokelau to impact the people here; for a reversal of nominalism and the decrease of Mormons and Jehovah's witnesses; for new churches to be planted on every island; the diaspora in New Zealand.
3. October 13-18 **FRENCH POLYNESIA** 92.25% (about 251,283 people) Christian.  
 Praises: praise God for everything He is doing here.  
 Challenges: pray for Tahiti with increasing vice and immorality; for spiritual revolution to take place among the nominal Catholic and Protestant Christians here; revival in the Ma'ohi Church; the less-evangelized, such as the Chinese, French, and Jewish communities, and outer islands.
4. October 19-24 **SEYCHELLES** 96.09% (about 81,292 people) Christian.  
 Praises: praise God for everything He is doing here.  
 Challenges: pray for new life of the Holy Spirit here, instead of syncretism with African spiritism; unity across all denominations; the growing evangelical vision of church planting to have a powerful impact; the less-reached; the Seselwa New Testament; President Danny Faure.
5. October 25-31 **SAMOA** 96.60% (about 172,859 people) Christian.  
 Praises: praise God for everything He is doing here, such as the growth of evangelicals.  
 Challenges: pray for revival and unity in the Church instead of nominalism and rivalry; Samoan missionaries; pray for Mormons and for all seeking to win Mormons to Jesus; PM Malielegaoi.

**PRAY FOR INDONESIA** (earthquakes), **USA** (Hurricane Florence), **SYRIA** ongoing civil war crisis





## October Anniversaries

Pete & Beth Bakker	October 2
Wayne & Marjie Walstra	October 2
Garry & Walita VanBaren	October 4
Randy & Sandy Pierce	October 6
Andy & Rachael Eriks	October 13
David & Judith Stine	October 13
Miguel & Tammie Ruvalcaba	October 15
Steve & Jennifer Vincent	October 16
Michael & Pam VanSchouwen	October 18
Matt & Racheal VanVlymen	October 19
Bill & Ann White	October 19
Steve & Jeanell Bos	October 20
Lee & Debbie Eades	October 20
Dan & Chris Sipkema	October 20
Chris & Lexi Hubers	October 21
Shawn & Jessica Kuiper	October 23
Mike & Debbie Rossiter	October 26

Ezra Schakel	October 9
Scott Sipkema	October 9
Hannah Vanderzee	October 10
Alec Stine	October 11
Diane Szczepanski	October 11
Garry VanBaren	October 11
Joe Zandstra	October 11
Paul Zeilenga	October 11
Ron Gann	October 14
Ann White	October 14
Sarah Uffelman	October 15
MaryBeth Bos	October 16
Erin Leyshon	October 16
Bob Swanson	October 16
Nolan Peterson	October 17
Fred Schakel	October 18
Elizabeth Chubb	October 20
Debbie Coffey	October 20
Elise Eriks	October 20
Bob Gabrielse	October 20
Abigail VanBaren	October 20
Brooklyn Houtsma	October 22
Art VanKley	October 22
Jodie Riehm	October 23
Dave Bykerk	October 24
Randy Peterson	October 24
Dave VanKeppel	October 27
Trisha Belstra	October 29
Joni Vanderwoude	October 29
Randy Bass	October 30
Josh Betz	October 30
Butch Zandstra	October 30
Kathy Chubb	October 31
Brooke VanKley	October 31



## October Birthdays

Aaron Klawitter	October 1
Tammi Klawitter	October 1
Jamie Pinkerton	October 1
Durk Reinsma	October 1
Natalie Cohen	October 2
Tara Hilarides	October 2
Asher Perkins	October 3
Russell Lakin	October 5
Zachary McWilliams	October 6
Gordon VanBaren	October 6
Ryan Belstra	October 7
Melissa Meadows	October 7
Kim Gonzalez	October 8
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### October Calendar

#### Sunday Mornings

Kids church for ages 3 years to 2nd grade during 9:30 service  
Community Kids and Education Hour begins after worship from 10:45 - 11:30  
Community Kids (pre-K to 5th), Junior High and High School

Profession of Faith & Baptism Sunday, October 14th  
Communion Sunday, October 21st

#### Women's Bible Studies

Mondays, Coffee Break Bible Study on Forgiveness - 9:15 AM  
Tuesdays, Bloom Bible Study at Jo Vanderzee's - 7:00 PM  
Wednesdays, Bloom (Bible Study) and Sprouts (PreK) - 8:45 AM

**October 3rd & 17th - Breakaway Nights!** Dinner 5:00 - 6:30  
GEMS, Cadets, Detonate, 6:30 PM  
Thrive (Seamless Bible Study) at 6:15 at the Generations Center  
and a small group (Five Love Languages) at 6:30 at church

#### Connections I Class - October 4th, 6:30 PM

**Detonate Meeting Nights** - October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st

**REACH** October 17th - Breakaway Night with a REACH event  
**REACH** October 27th - Hayride, Games, and Bonfire at Church, 5:00 to 7:30 PM

**Friendship Club** - October 12th and 26th, noon to 1:30 PM

**Food Pantry** - October 13th, 9:00 - Noon

**Wood Splitting Day** - October 27th, 7:00 AM to Noon

**Café Conversations Discussion** Sunday October 21st at 4:00 PM.  
Topic: Women serving as church Elders and Deacons.

Sunday, October 21st - Men of Accord, 6:00 PM

#### October 31st - 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Bring your kids by the church for a treat stop - hot dog dinner and trick or treat candy!

Phil's Friends every Tuesday 10 to 4

