

First Reformed Church
December 1, 2024

December birthday pages are on the Opportunities Table. We are not receiving regular updates from missionaries or other outside missions. Once they start coming monthly again, we will have a monthly FOCUS instead of a random one now and then. Thanks!

The following members have been elected to serve on the Consistory starting January 1, 2025: *Dave Bliet* will serve the 2-year term as Elder; *Daryl Scholten & Rod Netten* will fill the 3-year terms. *Brandon Van Middendorp and D. J. Van't Hul* will fill the deacon positions.

By an overwhelming vote, the congregation has voted to move forward with the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC). There will be more information coming!

Everything that we have used in the past years for the Christmas program was lost in the flood. The manager, the stable, the costumes and all the props. Here is a link to purchase things for our program Christmas Program 2024 - Amazon Gift List - <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/F983EHK0EDXD>

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: *Adriana Dykstra, Faye Gort, Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel, Gerri Reinke*. Pleasant Acres, Hull: *Ann Jansen, Duane Ver Mulm*; Fellowship Village, Inwood: *Jeanette Van Beek*; RiverView Ridge: *Tillie Rook, Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout, Marv & Ella Hoogendoorn, Wayne & Judy Groeneweg, Ruth Vande Stroet, Wilma Schneider*. Friendly Horizons, Sioux Center: *Rich Wissink*

CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort in AK; *Amy and Seung Kim* in Bangladesh; *Brian and Donna Renes* in Sioux Center; *Dr. Yohannes Bekele* in Ethiopia; *Josh & Alison Perkins* in United Arab Emirates.

Community Announcements

RV Christian School is inviting anyone affected by the flood to a "Drive-through Christmas Event." Come by the west side of school (1405 17th St.) on December 16 from 11:30am – 1:00pm or 3pm – 4:30pm to receive your family Christmas Gift Bag! May you experience the JOY, PEACE, and HOPE of Jesus' birth throughout this difficult holiday season.