

First Reformed Church
December 15, 2024

Cookies will be served this week along with our coffee fellowship following the morning service. If you are willing to bring cookies, please sign up on the Opportunities Table. We will not begin baking cookies until the kitchen is complete, until then, we are asking for volunteers to bring them. We will have 5 people bring 3 dozen each!

Each consistory member needs to bring 2 doz. Christmas treats/cookies on Dec. 15th for after the Christmas Program Fellowship. Please put them on the table by the kitchen. Thanks!

First Reformed oversees Meals on Wheels the week of December 16! Please sign up on the Opportunities Table!

We are looking for 1 more person to help with overseeing the nursery for 2025. Your responsibilities would include keeping a snack of some kind stocked, disinfecting toys a couple of times a year. Please contact Sheri at 470-4703 if you are willing to serve in this position.

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!

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.

Community Health Partners, along with all Sioux County healthcare systems, are partnering to conduct a Community Health Assessment survey from now until January 31, 2025. Take the survey at <https://siouxcountychp.org/>.

Single Mom's Retreat, Jan.31 – Feb. 2 at Inspiration Hills ~ Deadline to register is Jan. 17. Register online at inspirationhills.org/smretreat. This retreat has been an empowering, rejuvenating, encouraging, and deeply moving weekend for single mothers. The weekend includes speakers, worship, breakout sessions, and prayer. It will also include times for breakout sessions with relaxing or engaging activities like pampering and art. The cost varies from \$15-\$50 per person!