

The Lifeline

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From the Minister's Desk

The day was cold...which meant that the sanctuary was chilly as well. Cold? No, but definitely chilly. So when the kids of the nursery school came in to chat with me, I ended up doing something spur of the moment that could have completely backfired: I had them stand up. And not only stand up, but then put their hands way up in the air (waving them around like they just didn't care!), before scrunching back down, only to have them fully extend again. Back and forth and back again, trying to get the blood flowing a little bit faster in that chilly space.

They loved that...a lot.

By the second time their hands shot up they began to see it as a game...which got them excited...which got them yelling...just a little bit! When I finally had them sit back down, I was wondering if I would be able to hear any of what I was going to try and say next.

But somehow, not only did the movement start to warm them up physically (even just a little bit), it actually seemed to help them focus on what we talked about next.

I don't know about you, but that example rang so true to me in regard to how we experience God: we need to warm up in order to get ready for what's next. Even when we aren't sure what that next thing may be, the willingness to get (even just a little bit) ready can be the difference between recognizing God's presence...or just moving through the day unaware. God doesn't want us to be unaware: God longs for us to be open. How you prepare to be open to the presence of God will be unique to you (shockingly, walking in faith is NOT a one size fits all proposition)...but you still prepare, you need to warm up. So whether it's being in quietness or singing at the top of your lungs, reading or listening, moving around or being still, seek out those ways that help you to warm up to God so that you are prepared, even just a little bit, to recognize His presence in your life!

With Love in Christ,

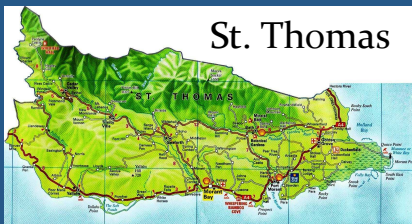
Pastor Ryan

Family Promise

Have you noticed the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall? Many of the same people volunteer each time we are scheduled. Why? Because, it is a fantastic way to serve our God right here in our community. The guests are warm and friendly, the time flies by, and it turns out to be a most rewarding evening.

We have a few opportunities to serve:

- In February -Thursday, 2-7-19 and Friday, 2-8-19.
- In March-Wednesday, 3-27-19 and



Pray for the members of the St. Thomas Mission team who will be in St. Thomas from January 26th to February 2nd.

Dirk Beisner, Amanda and Eric Danner, Malcolm and Sheila Hallam, Emily Heitkamp, Stefanie Hutchins, Edmund Knowles, Brian and Renee McFadden, Ryan Nace, Jackie and Linda Santa Lucia, Tasha Scruggs, Joe Souto, Ed and Sarah Thornton, Barbara Wisniewski

Stewardship and Finance

All 2018 Year End Offering Statements have been mailed out to the congregation. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement, please contact Rob Benton at RBLBHOME@mac.com.

We have updated our 2019 Offering Envelopes this year and you may see a change to your Offering number. You will also see a quarterly Classis Assessment envelope in the 2019 Envelopes, which we highlighted in last month's Lifeline. The Classis Assessment for 2019 is \$90.67 (\$22.67 each quarter) per member and appreciate your offering support for this. Finally, you will see the monthly Communion envelope. As communicated previously, contributions submitted through Communion envelopes now go to our General Fund to support our service committees, in areas such as missions, the nursery school, and buildings and grounds to name a few. On behalf of our committees, thank you for the offerings you have made and are making to Three Bridges Reformed Church. Your offerings of your time, your God-given talents, and your money, help support all that we do at TBRC.

Nursery School News

By Kelly Loony, Nursery School Director

Happy New Year!!

Preschool is back to our schedule and routines. We were blessed to start our New Year with 2 new friends in our 3 Day Class. They have joined in with smiles and enthusiasm. It feels like they were a part of our group all year. We have been busy since school started. The fun and learning does not take breaks...thank goodness! We go into this part of our school year with thoughts of what we have ahead. Our 1st Open House for our 2019/2020 School Year is at the end of January, we look forward to PJ/Pancake Day in February along with our Saturday Breakfast Buddies (formerly Donuts with Dad) and Valentine's Day. I have to mention our Christmas Program ...those kids did such a fantastic job. They acted out the story of the Birth of Jesus and sang so many fun songs. It was a packed house and the families shared such nice compliments and love for the school and the show. But of course, it can be nothing but magical when children get up on stage in costume reminding us the reason for the season.

The start of our 2019/2020 Registration will begin on February 1st for our current families and alumni. Spread the word to come by and see what we have going here at TBCNS. We have a wonderful academic program, great families and a super talented and caring staff. It is in these formative years that form the foundations of success. We look forward to a new year with new adventures!

Worship Responsibilities

First Sunday, February 3rd

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Ed Drenkhahn,
Eric Christensen,
Fiona Bradshaw, Gerry Rihl

Flowers
Fellowship
Nursery Melanie Kosinski
Tech Eric Rasch

Second Sunday, February 10th

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Richard and Linda Kacvinski,
Scott Beers, Malcolm Hallam
Flowers Dave Boelhouwer in memory
of Elaine Boelhouwer

Fellowship Time
Nursery Michael Beisner
Tech Edmund Knowles

Third Sunday, February 17th

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Barbara and Pete
Wisniewski
Wendy Rochelle,
Ken Moser
Flowers Joanne Hoffman in
memory of Bruce Hoffman

Fellowship
Nursery Tasha Scruggs
Tech Greg Mead

Fourth Sunday, February 24th

Keyboardist Kate Lim
Ushers Rob Benton, Dick Stothoff,
Keith Snyder

Fellowship Time
Nursery Barbara Wisniewski
Tech Dirk Beisner



There is a lot happening on Sunday mornings...

Above are pictures of Rachel Moser signing, Pastor Ryan talking to the kids during worship, Sue Newborn speaking to the congregation about Missions and Wendy Beisner and Karen Kurt praising God through Song.

There is a lot happening , not just Sunday mornings...

- ◆ **Men's Bible Study Group Thursday, 6:30 am** in the lounge - "Gospel of John"
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study Group Tuesday, 7:30 am** at Country Griddle If you would like a book, please contact the church office or Sue Newborn 908-528-1028.
- ◆ **Gentle Senior Exercise Wednesday's 2:00 - 3:00 pm**
- ◆ **Fiber Artists meet in the Lounge Wednesday's 2 - 4:00 pm.** If you knit, spin, crochet, weave, or create using fiber - drop in, bring your work and chat while you craft.
- ◆ **Ladies Book Discussion Group - Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 pm.**

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Please join us for a Pancake Supper at 6 pm prior to the 7:30 pm worship.

Prayer Concerns

Please include these people in your prayers this month. In addition, they may really appreciate an occasional card.

Short Term: Ken Folta (*Kim Beer's father*) Bryan Sindorf (*Debbie Bulik, family friend*), Frank DeStefano (*John Norkevich's cousin*), Jamie (*Tasha Scruggs friend*), Christine (*Manny Scruggs, Grandma*), Joanne Snyder, Jenny (*Haldri Ann, friend*), Timothy (*Erik and Cory Christensen*), Bannister Family (*Rachel Moser*)

Continued Prayer: Duane Van Wyhe (*Melanie Kosinski's father*), David Miller (*Barbara Livingston, Nephew*), Rich Petersen (*Marlyn Reuter*), Michelle Kelly (*family friend, Newborns*), Leah and Chuck (*Friends of Nace's*) Chantel (*wife of Joseph, Haiti*), Brittany, Jared Lozier and family (*Kim Kacvinski*), Janny van Vliet (*Dirk Beisner, family*) Bruno Eisner (*Renee McFadden, friend*), Kyler Martin (*Kacvinski, Grandson*), Luke Burtch (*Kaitlyn Corsentino's husband*), Kathy Brandt (*Peggy Corsentino*), Gerdus Korb (*Karin Erwee, Nephew*), Donna Traynor (*Kathy Traynor, daughter*), Connie Sanfilippo (*Lisa Thornton's Aunt*), Jeff Lageman's mother (*Rachel Moser's friend's husband*), Helen Chin, Alexa (*Lucinda Snyder*), Michael Heater (*Sue Newborn*), Duan VanWylie (*Melanie Kosinski, father*), Aileen D'Agostino's Mother, Liz (*Jean Mallows' daughter; Tasha Scruggs' mom*), AJ Celeste (*Friend, Rachel Moser*), Megan Wheeler & her child (*niece, Lacinda Snyder*), Scott Darden (*Dirk Beisner*), Alex Vining, Betsy Taylor, Andrea Shadel (*friends, Sally Markert*), Jen Watkins (*Friend of Sarah Milhiem*), Ashley Hayes (*granddaughter, Jean Mallows & sister, Tasha Scruggs*), Jim Crooke (*family friend of Laurie Riebe*), Justin (Zippy) Cimino (*Renee McFadden*) Janet Murphy (*Cory Christensen*), Joanna (*LeighAnn Koch's friend's mother*), Emma Banker (*Adella Kline's friend*), Donna (*Barbara Marino's Co-Worker*) Dawn (*Renee McFadden*), Calyssa (*Luke and Zina Kirby's Niece*), Peggy McKibben (*Dirk Beisner's Cousin*), Mrs. Ondina Neves (*Dirk Beisner; co-workers mother*), Deborah Joy Quinn (*Rachel Moser; cousin*), Lori Wilcox; Mark Wilcox (*Peggy and Bill's daughter and son*); Matt, Mike Maranon (*Renee McFadden*) Cole Bachman (*Lynda Benton, Friend of parents*), Donna Stefanick (*Lois Hanna*), Elise Henkelman (*Debbie Bulik's friend*), Margaret Marone (*family friend of Koch's*), Mary Hilligas (*Michael Reuter's Mother-in-Law*) Ron Sparvero (*Kathy Moser, friend*), Cheryl Agans (*Kathy Moser, friend*), Duncan (*Herb Wood*), Joan Reilly and Matthew Harms (*friends of the Mead's*), Ray and Edie Schmidt (*Adella Kline*), Bobbie MacGregor (*friend of Suanne Presser*), Katherine Emerson Higgins (*Courtenay Gayeski; grandmother*), Joan (*sister of Barbara Marino*), Paula (*friend, Patti and Sarah Thornton*), George Bartlett (*friend of Audrey Spies*), Kory Wiita (*Renee McFadden girlfriend's cousin*), Thomas Forsythe and Family, Elaine Tublin (*friends of Peggy Corsentino*), Brian Walsh (*friend of McFadden's*), Jessie Lenah-Glue (*friend of Shelly Lyman*), Bridget Gum (*child— friend of Pam DeStefano*), Sue McCarthy (*friend of Renee McFadden*), Ian Bradshaw

On-Going Church Members: Jean Mallows, Peggy and Bill Wilcox, Lois Hanna, Meredith Taylor, Suanne Presser, Agnes Pesce, Austin Nace, Casey Jack Reilly, Carter Bulik, Logan Hutchins, Kate Lim, Herb Wood,

Our Missionaries: Jeremy and Susan Beebout, Republic of Niger www.rca.org/jeremy-susan-beebout

Church Classis: Rev. Becky Pratt, (Stanton Reformed Church), Jan Miller (Steve Miller's wife),

Our Haiti Sponsored Children: Stevenley, Jeph, Micheleine, Yamiley, Robenson, Chrislove, Widson, Rosebenita, Renalson Frizline and Adlinda

Additional Haiti Children supported by individuals :

Andrise, Nana, Coby Jean, Edwine (Ed), Michel-Lynn, Rose Carline, Angeline, Westerson, Slaend, Kenelson, Milenska Rose, Robinson, Madeline, Sedeline, Jennica

Military Service:

Ben Danner, Marines (Sharyn Danner, son)
Carlos Hermosa, Marines (Renee McFadden, friend),
Joel Sparvero, Army/ Fort Bragg (Roxanne Alpaugh, son-in-Law)
Airman Nickolas Heitkamp; US Air National Guard (Daniel Heitkamp, brother)
Evan Toyberg, Marines (Peggy Ferrone, Grandson; Dirk & Wendy Beisner, nephew)
Seppe Heitkamp, Marines (Daniel Heitkamp, brother)
A1C Kenneth Wayne Pine, Air Force, (Wayne & Gail Jones, nephew)
Tanner McLaughlin, Army/Fort Bragg, (Latasha Scruggs, nephew)

Condolences to: Gerry Rihl and family in the death of his father

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Three Bridges Reformed Church

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The Three Bridges Reformed Church has served Christ in this community since 1873. It is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, the oldest Protestant Church in America, established in New York in 1628. The name "Reformed" is taken from the great body of Churches who in the 16th Century Reformation sought to reform the church according to the Word of God. Our church is part of the Presbyterian family of Churches, sharing the same kind of belief and government, confessing Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of the World. We are also a community of faith with many traditions represented in our Membership. We welcome you to our fellowship.



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