

SLCRC MIDWEEK

August 14, 2019

Reading Obadiah

How many times have you read the book of Obadiah? Never, you say? I'm sure there are millions of Christians who would return a blank stare to the question. "What's Obadiah all about?" Obadiah has a message. Historically, it's a warning to the country of Edom, the country founded by Jacob's brother Esau. But for today it reiterates the proverb: "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18) It reminds us that God is in control. We may think that we are in control, that we have prestige or power or success. We may hobnob with people who are "someone" and soar through life feeling high enough and good enough to touch the stars. But Obadiah reminds us that we are not in control - God is. And if our pride gets in the way, God's warning is to us as it was to Edom. "I will bring you down."

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18 – AUGUST 24, 2019

Sunday, August 18: 9:30 am – Worship;

Sunday, August 18: 10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday, August 21: 4:00 pm – Properties Meeting at Take a Label

PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember the following friends and members who have health issues, are in a nursing home, are homebound, or experiencing personal cares and concerns:

Rhea Teunis is at The Hume House at 1244 W. Southern Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441

Henrietta Laning is Homebound

George Wierenga is now at Heartwood Lodge under hospice care.

Ruth Wierenga is at Heartwood Lodge under hospice care.

Cheryl Rasinske is at Harbor House in Jenison

Marshall Teunis is now living at Heartwood Lodge in the yellow section.

Henry & Amy Sterenberg are living at Lake Woods, 1684 Vulcan, Muskegon, MI 49442

Donna Wierenga is at Grand Pines Assisted Living

Howard De Gloppe is under Faith Hospice Care and is at American House, Pebblebrook

Donna Gelderman is receiving kidney dialysis and experiencing some pain

Dottie De Gloppe is at American House for a month for recovery following knee surgery.

DISH CLOTHES

Home-made dish cloths are needed for the Household Distribution in September.

BEHIND THE SCENES

In the next several issues of the Midweek Bulletin, acknowledgements will be noted about those who are responsible for leading classes, volunteering to be on committees, council members and more. This week we thank The Faith Nurture Committee. This committee is responsible for shaping the education policy of the church. They assist each educational unit in selecting study materials. They promote educational programs including Connect for the congregation and community. Selection and recruitment of teachers and leaders is also part of the Faith Nurture Committee's duties. Members of this committee are Mark Brondyke, Paul Foulkes, Dan Grable, Evelyn Holtrop, Joy Van Beek.

OPPORTUNITIES

As you read about all the behind the scene ministries and one of them sparks your interest, please do not wait to be asked to serve on one of them. See Joyce Van Beek to discuss and learn more about the one you would be willing to serve on. These committees need and are interested in adding new members.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, August 18, we welcome the Holland Windmill Chorus of which Joe Lyons is part of. They will be participating in our worship service.

CALLING ALL 3RD AND 4TH GRADE BOYS:

Would you like to go camping, learn woodworking, and many other activities with other boys? We do all those things in Cadets. Come with your parents to an introductory meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 7:30 pm at First CRC (corner of Waverly and Ferry in Grand Haven) to find out more about Cadeting. The Grand Haven Cadet Club is a joint program of 1st, 2nd, Ferrysburg, Spring Lake CRC, 2nd Reformed Church, and Covenant Life, but membership in the club is not limited to boys from these Churches. In fact, all boys are welcome to join the Club. Bring a friend to the meeting.

FROM LEE BAAS

A day after Carolyn and I returned from the Philippines, we went to Missouri for a 3 day visit with some friends. We had gone for a nice boat ride when we got hit with a huge wake. Carolyn was thrown from her seat and when she came down, she caught the end of her seat before hitting the floor of the boat. She was in intense pain, with a burst fracture of her L2 vertebrae. After spending time at the University of Missouri Hospital and in a Rehab facility, we are now back home in Grand Haven.

Thanks to all of you for your notes, prayers and concerns for Carolyn. You continue to be a big encouragement to us. Our visit with the Doctor on Friday, August 9 was positive. There is improvement and there does not seem to be any need for surgery if healing continues without problems. Carolyn is using her walker with someone watching her. Right now, one the biggest things is pain management. We have to keep working on that. By God's grace we are looking for complete healing. Our family has come from Texas, Illinois and locally, to help with the care of their mother. I could not have given Carolyn the help she needed without all their support. Thank you and keep on praying.

FROM PASTOR RICH HAMSTRA

Several people have asked how Pastor Rich Hamstra, former pastor of 1st CRC in Grand Haven, is doing since diagnosed with cancer. There is an email from him on the Information Table in the Fellowship Hall about his journey with this illness.

WORSHIP ON THE WATERFRONT (WOW)

Waters Edge Worship will be at Worship at the Waterfront this Sunday, August 11, 7:00 pm.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Obadiah prophesies judgment against Edom for her violence against Israel, promising that God will restore his people. As you read this book, remember that no one can fight against God's people and hope to win in the end. The final victory belongs to Christ and his church.