

connections

November 2010

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It is Thanksgiving this month! A good friend of mine calls this her favorite holiday because it is so uniquely American. Even those who are not religious will take time on this holiday to express gratitude for the good things in their lives. Christians may call these “blessings” or “gifts” and direct their gratitude to God in their Thanksgiving celebrations as did those who first celebrated this holiday.

Some of us will begin our celebrations by attending worship, raising our hearts and voices to God. Later, we might each tell of something for which we are thankful before sharing in a feast of turkey, trimmings and pie. I hope that each of us finds joy in expressing our gratitude.

I have never written in this space before, and my filling in as a *Connections* writer is directly related to something I am grateful for this Thanksgiving: my new role here at Crossroads as Ministry Coordinator. Writing those very words still feels so strange to me because the path of my life that led to this place was neither straight nor well-marked!

So you might be wondering, “*What is a Ministry Coordinator, anyway?*” Many have asked that question, and there are moments I count myself in that number. Crossroads has never had a Ministry Coordinator before, so I, along with Pastor Mark and our ministry staff and council, am figuring out what it means and how it fits in to what we are trying to do here.

There are two main things (along with some other things!) with which I am tasked:

1. Working with the Crossroads ministry staff to develop and implement ministry plans in line with the mission and vision of Crossroads and

2. Helping members (that’s you!) identify and develop their own gifts, talents and passions for ministry. *In other words if you are already involved in a ministry or would like to be, I am here for you!*

As I have taken up this work, I am already finding myself thankful for many things. I feel so fortunate to come to work every day with other people who have a passion for ministry and who joyfully take up their tasks for God’s kingdom. We are all blessed here at Crossroads by their faithful work.

I am so thankful for many of you who have been encouraging as I try to begin answering the questions and determine how exactly I can best complete my task. I thank you for not only asking “*What is your job?*” but also asking “*How is it going?*” You are what is making Crossroads into the caring community we strive for in our vision.

I have already enjoyed meeting some new people because of being in this role. If we haven’t had a chance to talk yet – or recently – I welcome the chance to catch up with you and find out what you are thankful for this Thanksgiving season.

Mostly, I am thankful for being right where I am, even though it was unexpected, because I trust it is God’s perfect plan that led me here. This year I did a lot of waiting to find out what was going to happen next in my life, and in the waiting I found comfort in the words of Jeremiah 29:11: “*For I know the plans I have for you,*” declares the LORD, “*plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and future.*”

Although I am not waiting anymore, I find, even in this new task, that there is peace in knowing God has a plan...even when I do not know the details. (And I really like knowing the details so it is an extra measure of God’s grace that He is helping me to be patient!)

This Thanksgiving, I hope your heart easily turns to gratitude. I hope that if you participate in the tradition of sharing things you are thankful for, your list is long. Above all, I hope you are blessed with peace in knowing that God’s perfect plan includes you, too.

—**Rebecca Eigtenberg**

november church calendar

See page 4 for Life Group descriptions, meeting times and locations.

Wednesday, November 3

7:00PM Administrative Committee
Womens Book Group

Saturday, November 6

9:00AM Life Groups Service Day
5:00PM Middle School Youth

Sunday, November 7

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Pastor Mark Vermaire
Seniors Luncheon

Wednesday, November 10

7:00PM GEMS & Cadets

Thursday, November 11

9:30AM Mothers of Young Children

Friday, November 12

TBA Cadet Campout

Saturday, November 13

9:00AM Life Groups Service Day

Sunday, November 14

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
Pastor Mark Vermaire
10:45 Guitarists Rehearsal

Monday, November 15

7:00PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

7:00PM Administrative Committee
Womens Book Group

Saturday, November 20

9:00AM Middle School Youth

Sunday, November 21

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
Pastor Mark Vermaire
10:45 All Worship Team

Wednesday, November 24

7:00PM Elders Meeting

Thursday, November 25

9:30AM Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sunday, November 28

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
Pastor Mark Vermaire

We share our facilities with **Camino al Cielo**, a Spanish speaking congregation led by Pastor Jose Balderas. They use the facilities on Sundays at 12:30PM, Thursdays at 7:00PM, and Saturdays at 6:00AM.

Information from Interfaith

Interfaith currently needs donations of:

Jelly/Jam, Mac & Cheese, canned pasta meals, & canned beans (not green beans), powdered milk & diapers, precooked spiral cut ham, turkeys, & canned turkey gravy, stuffing, rolls & pies.



Mothers of Young Children Group

Are you a mother with young children at home? Do you want a place where you can go to have honest discussions about the joys and challenges of being a mother? Come to the Mothers of Young Children Group! Our meeting for November is on the 11th at 9:30AM at church. Nursery and toddler classes are provided. Talk to Dorissa Radersma and Sarah Verhoeven with any questions.

have something to share?

We welcome and encourage news from the congregation for the newsletter. All submissions are subject to approval by the office staff or the council (as needed).

Any items for the newsletter are due the 15th of each month for publication the following month.

happy birthday

Johanna Homeyer	11/03
Joshua Nelson	11/04
Barbara Lebl	11/05
Kayla Van Engen	11/07
Jerry Upham	11/08
Judy Lovette	11/10
Rebecca Ligtenberg	11/14
Erik Tostado	11/14☺
Robert de Jong	11/14☺
Christoph Lebl	11/15
Mark Jasperse	11/16☺
Frances Ayers	11/17
Cyrus Van Zante	11/17
Bryce Verhoeven	11/19
Allison West	11/21
Gable Nelson	11/26
Marjorie Arendse	11/28
Sue Orsburn	11/30
Laura te Velde	11/30
Rachael Vander Woude	11/30☺

☺ = A "Special" Birthday

happy anniversary

Gary & Anita Heading	11/10
Ned & Dorinda Vander Pol	11/11
Barry & Denise Diehl	11/25
Mike & Lois Vander Pol	11/26☺
Tony & Dicky Bons	11/27
Levi & Christina Faber	11/27

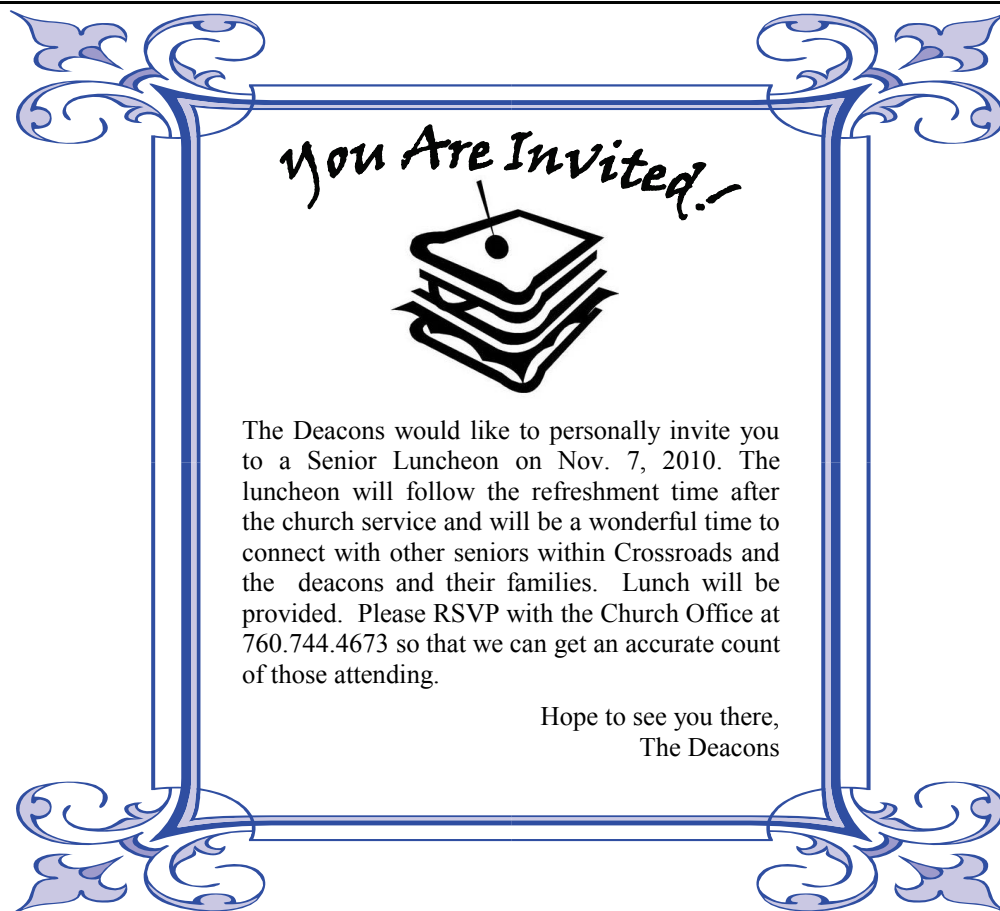
☺ = A "Special" Anniversary

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him
and praise his name.

- Psalm 100:4



november events



SAN MARCOS LIBRARY EVENTS

Lapsit Storytime

Date: Tuesdays (November 2, 9, 16, 30)

Start Time: 11:00AM

Description: Stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities for parents and infants.

Toddler/Preschool Story Time

Date: Wednesdays (November 3, 10, 17)

Start Time: 9:30/10:30AM

Description: Stories, rhymes, songs and movement for toddlers/preschoolers and an accompanying adult.

ESCONDIDO LIBRARY EVENTS

Rhymes and Reading with Mrs. Cox

Date: Mondays (November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

Start Time: 11:00AM

Description: Stories, songs, and Finger plays prepare your young children for reading.

Cowboy Charlie

Date: Thursdays (November 4, 18)

Start Time: 10:30AM

Description: Sing along with classic campfire songs!

Connect,



Grow, Serve.

Please join us on November 6 and November 13 for our Service Days with Interfaith.
We will be working on these days from 9:00am till Noon.
Contact the office for more information.

Grow

Connect

Serve

FALL 2010

1. Sunday Noon Potluck

Leader: Frank Steidl
Place: Rotating Host Locations
Time: Sundays/Noon-1:30PM

2. Sunday Night

Leaders: Rod Koelewyn & Deb Boonstra
Place: Rod Koelewyn's Home
Time: Sundays/5:00-6:30PM

3. Monday Night

Leaders: Adrian & Stephanie Voorkamp
Place: Adrian & Stephanie Voorkamp's Home
Time: Mondays/7:00-8:30PM

4. Tuesday Morning

Leader: Nettie Steenstra
Place: Nettie Steenstra's Home
Time: Tuesdays/8:45-10:15AM

5. Tuesday Night

Leader: Vicki Van Essen
Place: Vicki Van Essen's Home
Time: Tuesdays/7:00-8:30PM

6. Wednesday Night

Leader: Anita Heading
Place: Tony & Dicky Bons' Home
Time: Wednesdays/7:00-8:30PM

7. Thursday Afternoon

Leader: Pastor Mark Vermaire
Place: Crossroads
Time: Thursdays/1:00-2:30PM

8. Saturday Morning

Leader: Pat Medendorp
Place: Mikki's Restaurant 1639 E Valley Parkway Escondido
Time: Saturdays/7:30-9:00am



Information from Interfaith

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Holiday Adopt a Family by providing a donation of gifts and wrapping materials. To request wish lists and sign up for the Holiday Adopt a Family Program, contact Nina at icsadoptfamily@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets Celebrate the true meaning of Thanksgiving, by creating a wonderful feast for a family in need. Each basket will allow one family to enjoy a festive meal they may have otherwise skipped altogether. Baskets may include: gift card for a turkey, instant mashed potatoes, pre-made stuffing mix, canned vegetables, gift card for pumpkin pie or other dessert item, rolls, festive paper plates and napkins, silverware, holiday card (please refrain from using religious or political language). Contact the church office with any questions.

Comfort Food Specialist (Corinne's Cottage): Bring a comforting meal for six elderly women who have overcome homelessness. By providing a meal and a smile, you will restore hope and dignity to the lives of these wonderful individuals. At this time, sharing a meal with the residents is not permissible; however, greeting them is highly encouraged. This shelter has a fully equipped kitchen where assembled meals may be baked or cooked or pre-made meals re-heated. Fridays are covered but most other days are open (weekdays and weekends are available). Email the church office to schedule a day.

Comfort Food Specialist (Men's Shelter): Bring a comforting meal for six men who have overcome homelessness. By providing a meal and a smile, you will restore hope and dignity to the lives of these wonderful individuals. At this time, sharing a meal with the residents is not permissible; however, greeting them is highly encouraged. Fridays are already covered and most other days open. Email the church office to schedule a day.

Holiday Meal Serving spots are still open

Contact Jerry Morgan to schedule a shift jmorgan@interfaithservices.org or 760-489-6380 ext 236.

For more information about any of these opportunities please contact the Church Office at 760.744.4673 or contact the Volunteer Coordinator of Interfaith Nusrat Symons at 760.489.6380 ext. 221.

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LIFE GROUPS

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YOUTH EDITION

middle school youth

Middle School Youth Leaders:
Danae & Paul Lapka 760.432.8876

Our meetings this month will be:

November 6: 5:00-9:00PM

Fall Retreat at Henry Kraus's house. Dinner will be provided. Wear tennis shoes, and take a sweatshirt and flashlight since we will be outside. We will meet in front of the gym at Calvin Christian School to carpool to the Kraus' home. Pick-up will also be at CCS at 9:00pm ***If you can help with driving, please let Danae know.

November 20: 9:00-11:00AM

Meeting at church. Baking cookies for Interfaith at church. Bring a cooling rack if you have one.

All church service project days: November 6 & 13

high school youth

High School Youth:
Sue Wagenveld 760.738.0819

Watch the bulletin for more information!



The Middle School Youth are very thankful for their new additions to the group.

Dorinda Vander Pol and Jonathan Vermaire have been helping the Middle School Youth Group.

Pictured here is Jonathan playing a game of foot twister with the kids. We will see next month what the kids are teaching Jonathan and Dorinda next!

cadets

Cadets Boy's Club is for all boys in grades 4th-8th. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-9:00PM at Church.

Head Counselor: Lauren Jongetjes 760.761.4857

- **November 10** meeting at church.
- **November 12 & 13** Campout at Melrose Ranch (Valley Center) Field Day Prep.

Watch the weekly bulletins for more details.

gems

GEMS Girl's Club is for all girls in grade 3rd-8th. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-9:00PM at Church. Come and learn how the "Feed the Fire!"

Head Counselor: Sue Wagenveld 760.738.0819

- **November 10** meeting at church.

Watch the weekly bulletins for more details!

November & December Special Holiday Services

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 25; 9:30AM

Advent Sunday Services

December 12 & 19; 9:30AM

Gifts for the Infant King

Sunday, December 12; 6:00PM

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24; 6:00PM

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 26; 9:30AM



Happy Thanksgiving!

These are the words that American missionaries will say this month on the mission field as they celebrate God's goodness. It's also another holiday celebrated away from loved ones 'back home.'

Thank you for your prayers for strong relationships and fruitful ministry on behalf of your missionaries. Below are their addresses and emails in case you feel led to write them an encouragement

Rev. Melvin & April Jackson
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Melvin:
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Mr. Scott & Marcia Geurink
Daniel, Melissa, Karissa
PO Box 531276
San Diego, CA 92153
smgeurink@gmail.com

Rev. Bob & Patti Harris
Andrew, David
OCPO Box 12712
Ortigas Center
1605 Pasig City,
The Philippines
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Zakka & Habiba Chomock
Plot 6575 Corner
Chainama & Kasangula
Roads
Olympia Extension,
Lusaka, Zambia
zcho001@aol.com

What will you bring to the newborn King this Christmas? On December 12, our annual "Gifts for the Infant King" worship service will happen at 6:00PM. This will be a service where members from the congregation can share their gifts of music, poetry, readings, instrumental pieces, art, drama and more! All ages are welcome to bring a gift to honor the Christ Child at this service.

Start thinking now of how you will participate in this special service of worship to King Jesus.

Please contact Danae Lapka at 760.432.8876 or dlapka@hotmail.com or the Crossroads Office by Sunday, December 5 if you have a piece that you want to offer so that we can plan it into the service.

Looking around our Church

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Crossroads is a Stephen Ministry Church. Stephen Ministers are trained, Christian, lay, volunteer care givers. They are available to visit with people who are experiencing a crisis in their lives and who would like a listening ear and an encouraging voice to walk beside them for a while. Stephen Ministers do not take the place of professional care although they may help someone prepare for and accept professional care if that is most appropriate. Examples of crisis care might be in the event of a death, job loss, life change situations, loneliness, overwhelming situations, and other events. The SM will not necessarily provide the answers and solutions, but will help the care receiver work through the situation.

Stephen Ministers are now part of the prayer team after the worship service. Usually an elder and a SM will be waiting at the bottom of the steps on either side of the platform after the service. They are available to listen to concerns and pray with anyone. It may be difficult to write down a concern on the clipboard cards so the prayer team members are available to listen to the concerns and pray with the person bringing the concern. The elder or SM will only share the concern with others if permission is given to do so; the prayer concern will not automatically be added to the church e-mail prayer line.

Stephen Ministers at Crossroads are also available for situations such as visiting in the hospital or at home for extended confinements.

crossroads service group

The **Crossroads Service Group** is active every week in a variety of service and outreach ministries in our community. Feel free to join them for any of the following service opportunities this month—more volunteers are always welcome!

- **Thursday, November 4:** Serve breakfast at Interfaith
- **Thursday, November 11:** Serve dinner at Merle's Place

As always, anyone who has suggestions and/or questions for the Service Group, or would like to participate in any of the above service projects, can contact the group leader Pat Medendorp at 760.747.2257.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

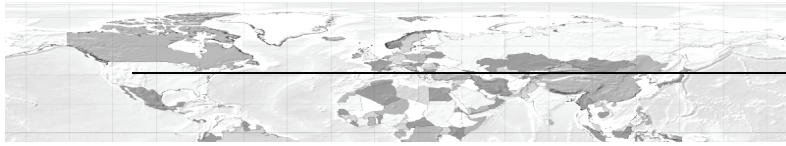
Enjoy reading? Enjoy the company and encouragement of other women? The Women's Book Group welcomes visitors or new members. We usually read novels—all kinds—classics, contemporary, children's, specifically Christian, or best sellers. We have also read some non-fiction and do a number of special activities during the year. Direct your interest or questions to Suanne Varvel or Trena Boonstra.

We plan to meet on Wednesday November 3 and 17 at Suanne's home. On November 3 we are sharing favorite children's books—either picture books or a special passage from a longer book. November 17 we are discussing *Safely Home* by Randy Alcorn.; Diane Jasa may have extra copies of this title if you would like to borrow a book. A car pool often leaves Escondido from Trena's home. Join us once or often.

library & bookstore news

Books, audio books, a few videos, and magazines are available for checkout from the Crossroads Library—check either the Library Room or the right side of the Book Cart in the foyer for check out items. Instructions are posted for self help. Check with Trena Boonstra if you need help, want to find certain books, or have suggestions for additions to the library.

The left side of the Book Cart is the Crossroads Book Store. Envelopes inside the books have instructions for purchase. Included are a number of inexpensive booklets to help in spiritual witnessing, booklets about prayer, CRC doctrines, and devotional literature.



Looking around our World



Transformation of leaders . . . Growth of churches . . .

Pastor James Ramos shares the following:

My personal growth and development really took off when I joined the One Degree Ministries Team in 2003. At the time, I was experiencing regret, denial, bitterness, and depression. Actually, I was thinking about giving up the ministry. The One Degree team of leaders gave me encouragement, moral support, and respect. Most importantly, we opened the Word of God together. Through the One Degree leaders, I began to reflect on what it means to be created in God's image and what capacity I have to flourish for God's glory. My perspective changed as I fellowshiped and studied God's Word with the One Degree team. I experienced the reality of God's Kingdom, and I witnessed God doing many things in and through my ministry. I've even grown in my skills and capacity as a leader, because the One Degree team helped me acquire some valuable technology and training that I use in my ministry. Over the past few years I've experienced a number of significant events. First, I was able to finish my high school studies through the government's Alternative Learning System. Before, I was too lazy and ashamed to do this. Serving for ten years as the Chair of our local school board, I didn't want anyone to know I hadn't graduated, but the One Degree team encouraged me on. Now, I'm working on my bachelor's degree and recently was chosen as the Best Learner in Pangasinan I. Also, this past year, our Vice Mayor asked me to design and lead his community transformation platform, which is now impacting thousands of people in our city of Binmaley. Some of you may be wondering how old I am? I am 47 years old. In the Kingdom of God we are never too old to grow. When I review all of these things, I am amazed at what God has done through the One Degree Ministries team. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." My experiences show these words are really true.

Educating for transformational growth

Recently I've been realizing the cascading effects of my teaching and learning. Building on my learning experiences through my EdD courses, I've put together some sessions on *Educating for Transformational Growth* that I shared with faculty leaders of a local Bible School (the Administrator is an ATS alumna), and Bob and I shared together with CRWM colleagues from Central/SE Asia. I will also be traveling to Budapest and Tokyo for similar events with CRWM. Fulfilling the role of *leadership developer* means I'm not only concerned about *the What* of the content and relevancy of my courses and presentations, but more importantly, that my focus is on *the Who*, as these teachers and leaders "are being transformed into Christ's likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord." (2 Cor 3:18) What a privilege to serve as an agent of transformational growth!

-Patti Harris

God's outcome: your input

As career missionaries with CRWM, Bob and I both fill positions as *leadership developers*, working with pastors and seminary students. As we pursue our yearly results-based ministry goals, our desired outcomes focus on the *transformation of leaders and growth of churches* that God is enabling.

In this newsletter, we share highlights of such transformation and growth. These stories show God at work and your valuable partnership through your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. Thank you for helping our ministry flourish!

Our support update: For the first two months of this fiscal year, July and August 2010, our support is at 8.3% of our assigned goal.



 **Christian Reformed
World Missions**
www.crwmm.org

november volunteer schedule

Worship Team [Danae Lapka]

November: All worship team meeting Sunday, November 21, from 10:45-11:30AM.
Guitarists' rehearsal Sunday, November 14, from 10:45-11:30AM [sound person needed]

November 7: Vicki Van Essen, Nichole Beutlich, Ella de Jong, Paul Lapka, Megan & Jodi Van Solkema, Anthony Bons
November 14: Anita Termaat, Danae Lapka, Tyler & Tami Schemper, Graeme Koch
November 21: Guitarists, Jacob Stout, Cindy Kroon, Rebecca Ligtenberg, Bill Stout, Jake Bons
November 25: Anita Termaat,
November 28: Vicki Van Essen, Ella de Jong, Paul & Danae Lapka, Anthony Bons

Children's Worship [Tami Schemper]

November 7: Tami Schemper, Sophie Kraus, Niels de Jong
November 14: Dorissa Radersma, Dalia Tostado, Eric Tostado
November 21: Dotti Hejka, Kara Steenstra, David Gomolka
November 28: Heidi Vermaire, Dan Stout, Luke Steenstra

Nursery/Child Care [Sarah Verhoeven & Jenny Varvel]

(*denotes person in charge)

November 7: Infant: *Serena Carlson, Sue te Velde, Luke Steenstra
Toddler: Mike Wagenveld, Kara Steenstra
November 14: Infant: *Dorinda Vander Pol, Sue Kraus, Kyleigh Fox
Toddler: Steve Katje, Emma Vander Pol
November 21: Infant: *Amy Jongetjes, Sylvia Wilgenburg, David Gomolka
Toddler: Mike Schwab, John Steenstra
November 25: Infant: *Dotti Hejka, Jenny Varvel, Jacob Stout
Toddler: Marlys Hickox, Jeremiah Stout
November 28: Infant: *Nettie Steenstra, Nichole Beutlich, Trevor Vander Pol
Toddler: Laura te Velde, Megan Van Solkema

Ushers [Mike Carlson]

November 7: Rebecca Ligtenberg (D), Josh Vermaire (D), Kevin Vos, Jim Kroon, Lyle Gorter
November 14: Luke Varvel (D), Brian Verhoeven (D), Eric de Jong, Doug Van Solkema, Gary Radersma
November 21: Levi Faber (D), Luke Varvel (D), Warren Van Dam, Mark Steenstra, Dotti Hejka
November 25: Josh Vermaire (D), Brian Verhoeven (D)
November 28: Rebecca Ligtenberg (D), Lois Vander Pol (D), Mike Carlson, Joy Jasperse, Terry Kok

Refreshments [Suanne Varvel]

November 7: (Silva) Sheri Coffee, Joy Jasperse, Lindsey Vander Pol, Coby Ton
November 14: (Anna) Sandy Geerdes, Susie Orsburn, Anita Termaat, Marjorie Arendse
November 21: (Dicky) Ineke Burrie, Dotty Van Iwaarden, Dorissa Radersma, Kathie Turner
November 28: (Suanne) Grace Vander Werf, Amy Jongetjes, Sylvia Bons

Opening/Closing [Jeff Hickox]

11/07 Jeff Hickox
11/14 Brian Duyst
11/21 Tanno Gomolka
11/25 Brian Roberson
11/28 Ned Vander Pol

Sunday Greeters [Kathy Zuidema]

November

Anita Heading
Chet & Marilyn Faber

Sound Crew [Frank Bons]

11/07 Rick De Baan
11/14 George Tostado
11/14 Guitarists' rehearsal from 10:45-11:30AM.
11/21 Randy Nagel
11/25 Frank Steidl
11/28 Frank Bons

Projection Crew [Marlys Hickox]

11/07 Linda Van Solkema
11/14 Mike Schwab
11/21 Rod Koelewyn
11/25 Rod Koelewyn
11/28 Dan Stout/Marlys Hickox

Video Crew [Danae Lapka]

11/07 Jacob Stout
11/14 Mark Bakker
11/21 Haley Voorkamp
11/25 Michael Wagenveld
11/28 David Gomolka

Prayer of God's People [Office]

11/07 Pastor Mark Vermaire
11/14 Elder Pat Medendorp
11/21 Jeff Hickox
11/25 Bill Stout
11/28 Jo Henry

Life Groups Potluck [Kim Bakker]

11/07 Dirk & Joy Jasperse
11/14 George & Jo Henry
11/21 Jeff & Marlys Hickox
11/28 Dirk & Joy Jasperse

november offering schedule

November 7:	General Fund & Calvin Christian Tuition Aid
November 14:	General Fund & CRWRC
November 21:	General Fund & Benevolence
November 25:	General Fund & Thanksgiving (Benevolence, Interfaith Community Services , Green Oak Ranch)
November 28:	General Fund & Rev. Melvin & April Jackson (CRHM)

- The morning offerings are for our **General Fund**. Moneys collected pay for our own church's operating expenses (wages, insurance, utilities, etc.) as well as our denominational Ministry Shares (The Back to God Hour, CR World & Home Missions, Calvin Seminary & College, etc.) **Our '10-11 Budget commitment requires an average weekly offering of about \$7,689.81.**
- **Calvin Christian School Tuition Aid** is used to assist families from our church who are unable to pay full tuition. Our commitment for the 2010-2011 school year is \$21,915.48. This number has increased as we have been able to help one more family this year. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this fund throughout the school year.
- **Christian Reformed World Missions** exists to glorify God by leading the CRC to respond obediently to our Lord's commission to witness to the goodness of God's Kingdom and make disciples of all nations. We are taking an offering for World Missions and to show our support for this vision of the CRC to vigorously participate in Spirit-led mission, to proclaim the gospel to more and more people who have not heard it and to advance the Kingdom of God.
- **Benevolent Fund** collections are used for those in our church or in our community who may have special needs. Please contact a Deacon if you know of a need. This information will be confidential.
- **Interfaith Community Center** is a non-profit organization meeting the needs of individuals with food, shelter and job training. Please remember this ministry in your giving.
- **Green Oak Ranch** is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Vista that began in 1950. Many people have been part of this ministry and God's redemptive work is evident! Please welcome our brothers and sisters when they worship with us at church! Also, please remember to pray for Green Oak Ranch.
- **Christian Reformed Home Missions—Rev. Melvin and April Jackson:** An offering will be received on November 28 to support the Jackson's ministry in Los Angeles at Grace Unlimited Church. We have committed to support them with \$2,000.00 per year.

from the deacons

The Deacons report the following offerings from the past month with thanks:

September '10 General Fund Offerings:	\$	27,849.96
Year To Date General Fund Offerings:	\$	139,754.46

(Fiscal Year June 2010-May 2011)

Other September Offerings

Tuition Aid	\$	1,601.69
Camino al Cielo	\$	571.05
Green Oak Ranch	\$	579.25
Home Missions	\$	25.00
Bob & Patti Harris (CRWM)	\$	634.25
Home Missions	\$	25.00

special offering

Junior High Community Nights Class Responses:

to the Story of Esther saving her people from annihilation.

Question:

How can I work for God right now, right where I am.

Their Answers:

- I could friend those who don't have friends.
- Encourage people.
- I can help my classmates or parents when they need help.
- I can help and encourage my neighbors.
- Help around the house.
- Help with my siblings.
- Make friends with people at school.
- Show up to events like this (Community Nights).
- Have devotions with God.
- Pray.
- Help the Elderly.
- Help my mom around the house.
- Encourage people spiritually.
- Honor my parents.
- I can tell people about Christianity.
- Help People.

Thank you to the Junior High Students for their special offerings of what they can do.