

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY May 20, 2018



Welcome...

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem. Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send “another counselor”; celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel.

PENTECOST SUNDAY Sunday, May 20, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship

#9 *“Sing Praise to the Father”*

“God the Uncreated One”

#10 *“Glorify Your Name”*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

“Speak, O Lord”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

“When God Breathes...”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Matt Waterstone

Offering

“Joys Are Flowing Like a River”

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Matt Waterstone

*Sending in Grace

#297 *“Spirit of the Living God”* (vs. 2)

*Postlude

“Revive Us Again”

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship
for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

OUR GIFTS...

Online Giving May 7 thru May 13

Current Expense – \$1,165.00; Special Projects - \$20.00

Sunday, May 13

Current Expense – \$5,820.00; Benevolent – \$245.00

Missions – \$245.00; Building – \$250.00

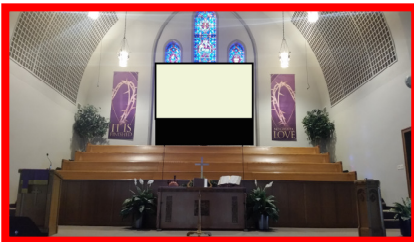
TOTAL – \$6,590.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$ 900.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$62,643.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors will be removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged. Approximately \$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for this project has already

been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

CARE...

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Mulder, 15660 South Park Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

Tom Peterson had successful colon surgery on Wednesday in Georgia. Please pray for his continued recovery.

Rich Riddering is home and recuperating from a severe kidney infection.

Ralph Knopf has three new cancer spots on his liver and has started chemo treatments.

Kathryn Vinke is in Hospice Care at Arden Court.

Arlene Anker is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Ken Gardiner has been released from the hospital.

Claude Brooks had a successful outpatient eye procedure done on Wednesday. Pray for his healing as he awaits an eye transplant.

Weston Paarlberg has changed his medication in hopes of preventing another seizure.

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for the lovely cards and all the congratulations on our recent 60th anniversary. We are blessed to be part of this church family.
– Clarence and Judy Brouwers

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those who donated for the EXODUS PROJECTS cleaning drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
– Pastor Corey

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Tuesday, May 8 the following members were elected to office: Elders: David Besser, Don DeGraff, Russ Paarlberg, and Don VanBaren. Deacons: Griff Decker, Brad Housman, Ray Ondrejka, and Clint Verhagen. Trustees: Charles Dix, Ron Scheffers, and Rich Zimmerman. The Consistory and congregation take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the leading of these individuals to service in our church. We pray for God’s blessings on each of them as they will take important leadership positions in 2018-2019. We also bless God for the humble leadership and tireless service of Andy DeBoer, Dan Dieck, Barb Grevengoed, James Kuyper, Paul Paarlberg, Tiffany Surrel, Rich Thornton, and Robert Wooley who are outgoing members of the Consistory.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH SERVICE DAY - Monday, June 25: This is the first of FOUR one-day mission trips we are doing as a church this summer. We are looking to get groups together to serve CPO at their school and in the Cook County Jail. There are three service teams: painting/flooring, landscaping/cleaning, and service at the jail. We will meet at church at 9:00 for breakfast and worship before serving and we'll come back to church at 4:00 for a time of sharing experiences and pizza. Will you consider using your gifts to serve in this way? There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, contact Sara Jabaay at sara.jabaay@gmail.com or (708)302-2612.

THE CHAPEL is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

PASTOR MATT has published a devotional book of his Friday Letters titled "Dear Church." If you would like a devotional book, a signup sheet is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at the Welcome Center. Books are available for \$15 each and all proceeds go to the Church.

BOOK CLUB meets **Tuesday, September 11** at 9:30am in the Library. We are reading “Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers” by Sara Ackerman. Questions? Call Ann Koval @ 331-4338.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 1**, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Day Care Program.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20

GREETERS: Craig & Jan Nelson and Rich Zimmerman
COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams and Faye Gowens
NURSERY: Ramelle DeVries and Kaylee Kuyper
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: John DeVries
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
PROJECTION: Tiffany Surrel
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Daniel Day, and Abby Veldboom
PRAYER ROOM: Roger Hommes
WELCOME CENTER: James Kuyper
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Tiffany Surrel; First Response: Rick Furst
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Decker, Diana Abernathy, Rhonda DeBok and Arleta Hommes
OASIS: Meets from 6:00-7:30pm in the Loft

MONDAY, MAY 21

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 27

GREETERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Russ & Sherry Gouwens
NURSERY: Brittany Paarlberg and Isabella Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
VIDEO: Mike Decker
PROJECTION: Trina Taylor
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Dave Besser, Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley
PRAYER ROOM: Ron & Diana Abernathy; **WELCOME CENTER:** Clair Hoeksema
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COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Celeste DeBoer, Joanne Hoeksema and Alice Kats



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STAFF...

Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Gerri Van Baren <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Pastor Corey Buchanan <i>Director of Mercy & Justice Ministries</i>	Toni Smith <i>Director of Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care</i>
Anthony Bolkema <i>Director of Worship & Student Life</i>	Ben Plascencia <i>Church Custodian</i>
Rev. Mel De Vries <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	Darcy Daly <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>
Nyla De Graff <i>Church Administrator</i>	Jane Ackerman <i>Church Accountant</i>

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