



We joyfully greet our members and visitors!  
 We have come to praise the living God who makes all things new.  
 Paul reminds us that it is God who enables us to  
 “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).  
 Let us glorify God with that reality in mind.

*Join us for refreshments, between the services,  
 in our fellowship hall.*

**January 15, 2012**

**OFFERING TODAY—** Benevolence Fund

**Next Sunday —** Christian Education Fund

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS—**We'll be continuing Ray VanderLaan's *Faith Lessons* series today at 10:20am in room 3, next to the library. Please join us for an interesting discussion!

**TAKE NOTE! JANUARY 29TH WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE AT 10:00AM.**

**VISUAL ARTS—**Abraham: Living between Promise and Reality. Living between promise and reality is represented on stage with a green tent. Green is the liturgical color of what is called 'Ordinary Time', the time between Epiphany and Lent. The tent reminds us that we are on a journey of faith, and this is our temporary home. We use maps and compasses to give us direction as we travel. In the same way, we use the Bible to give us direction in following God.

**W.O.W.—** In the past weeks, we have been considering God's leading of our lives in light of his purposes for us. We have been looking at answers to the question: why am I here? This week, we will consider the same question for Grace Community and the role WOW can play in that purpose. Come for a discussion of where God is leading us in ministry. Coffee and dessert begin at 6:30pm, discussion group starts at 7:00pm.

**PRAYER PARTNER UPDATE—**Our Prayer Partners have been supporting the children of our congregation, as well as those who attend REACH and GEMS, with prayers and encouragement over the past year. We are very grateful for your participation in this vital ministry. We are now in the process of updating our lists for this year. If you are currently a Prayer Partner, you don't need to do a thing. We will assign you a new child and let you know as soon as our lists are complete (sometime after the first of the year). If you would like to keep the child you have, or if for some reason you are not able to continue in this ministry, please let Tom Huisenga know as soon as possible. If you are not currently a Prayer Partner, but would like to participate in this ministry, contact Tom Huisenga at 708-499-3538 or at [huisengatd@comcast.net](mailto:huisengatd@comcast.net). *Thank you for holding up our young people in your prayers!*

Our church newsletter, *Reflections of Grace*, is currently undergoing a change in staff as well as format. The next issue of the newsletter you see will be an abbreviated version. If you have anything to submit for the newsletter, please either email it to [church@gccrc.org](mailto:church@gccrc.org), or give a hard copy to the office. If anyone is interested in being a part of working on the newsletter, please contact the office or Gordon Vander Meulen.

**GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP—**On Feb. 18, LeAnn Kooyenga will once again be going to Guatemala. Your prayers for the preparations will be appreciated. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase medications to take with as we visit the villages in the jungles of Guatemala. Checks can be made out to Maranatha Chapel, the organizers of this trip. If you have any questions, feel free to call LeAnn at 708.275.6250. *Thank you!*

*Congratulations to* Brittany Lisak and Alex Beaver who were united in marriage this past week.  
 We pray for God's grace and blessing on this new marriage.



—**Ange Dykstra** was at Christ Hospital to remove a pulmonary abscess from her lung. We thank God for answering prayers for Ange and Ben and pray that Ange may quickly heal and recover.

—**Jennie Beenes** was released from Palos Hospital and is now in Providence Rehab, Palos Hts. We pray for God’s strength for Jennie as she rests in Christ.

—**Ryan Soucek** was in Hope Children’s Hospital over last weekend for treatment of bronchitis. We thank God for healing and pray he will continue to hold Ryan in his hands of mercy.

—**WE REMEMBER** those who are serving in the military, that the Lord may watch over them and their families: Stephen & Dan Brucken, Elizabeth Boldt, Ernest Soderlund, and Thomas Tate.

—**WE ALSO REMEMBER** those who are in continuing care or homebound, including: Lorraine Bakker, Jennie Beenes, Millie De Vries, Florence De Wit, Jeannette Fischer, Grace Ozinga, Rose Pels, Nell Ridderhoff, Julius Sias, Elsie Sluis, Jacob (Bud) Stoit, Tina Stovall, Theresa Ter Maat, Bill Van Wyk, Jeanette Veen, Angeline Vloedman, Evelyn Vloedman, Harold & Janet Wierenga, and Marian Weidenaar.



# Mission News

**HAROLD KALLEMEYN** reports that he spent a week in Tunisia, a country in North Africa on the southern Mediterranean coast. There he conducted training for area church leaders. Recent elections in that part of the world have created hopes that newly formed governments, free from dictators, will provide religious freedom for Christians. Please continue to pray for the Kallemeyns and the believers in Northern Africa.



**MOVED TO COMPASSION** — The Scripture tells us Jesus was moved to compassion for the crowd—for those who were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. *He still is.* We live among people who live “without a shepherd”. Beginning today, and for the following three weeks (for a total of 4), a card about Lord of the Harvest will be placed in your church mail slot. Use this card as a reminder to continue to pray Jesus’ Prayer Request: “Lord of the Harvest, send workers out into your harvest field! Lord of the Harvest is a joint effort of Home Missions and World Missions.



**The GEMS Girls** are continuing to sell assorted **World's Finest chocolate bars for \$1 each!** This fundraiser will help to cover the cost of our end-of-year campout at Camp Tecumseh. Thank you for your continued support!

**SENIORS**—It’s time for a winter potluck! Let’s change the date to January 26th. After a great lunch, Bill Weidenaar will show us a film and discuss the mining practices in West

**BOOK CLUB**—Join us Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7pm at the EP campus (3450 W. Maple), for a discussion of the book, “The Book Thief”, by Markus Zusak.

## Serving with a Glad Heart...

**GREETERS TODAY:**  
(No. entrance)  
Vince & Nancy Sommer  
(Sanctuary)  
Pete & Yvonne Deckinga

**USHERS TODAY:**  
Ben Dykstra—Rich Knudsen  
Dean Unger

**LIBRARY TODAY:**  
Clareen Sluis & Annette James

**INFANT-TODDLER NURSERY TODAY:**  
1<sup>st</sup>—Barb Wassenaar  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Bonnie Vloedman

**PROJECTION TODAY:**  
1<sup>st</sup>—Ed Ritzema  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Ed Ritzema

**SOUND TODAY:**  
1<sup>st</sup>—Sytze Nauta 2<sup>nd</sup>—Jim Kamper

**REFRESHMENTS TODAY:**  
Rich & Cherene Kooyenga  
Joann Hofstra

**REFRESHMENTS Next Week:**  
Bill & Sue Weidenaar  
Connie Dykstra

**SHARE-A-MEAL:**  
LaVerne Yff (614-1986)

# Community News

**Self-Help Jobs Program** director, Laura Vande Werken, will present a 60-minute program titled **"Reinvent Your Job Search"** at the Tinley Park Library, 7851 Timber Drive, on Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00pm. (Event will take place dependent on weather conditions.) To reach the SHJP director call 633-6580 or email [selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:selfhelpjobs@sbcglobal.net).

**Self-Help Jobs** is seeking new board members. Requirements: a love for and belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and a loving concern for the welfare of his people. The board provides guidance for the director/set ministry goals/assures financing and meets 6 times per year (very flexible on time/location). Is God calling you to help people with employment? To express an interest/attend a meeting before deciding to be a board member, call Laura Vande Werken, Director, at 633-6580.

**Southwest Chgo. Christian Schools** has begun planning for the 2012/2013 school year! The following informational meetings will be held: Thursday, January 19, 7 pm—Oak Lawn campus (101st & Central)

*Prospective kindergarteners and their parents*

Thursday, January 19, 7 pm—Tinley Park campus (17171—84th Ave.)

*Prospective kindergarten parents*

If you have a child who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2012, we invite you to attend. Application materials will be available that evening or by calling the Association Office at (708) 388-7656.

Please join us for the **10TH SEMI-ANNUAL SCRAPBOOK AND CARD MAKING EVENT AT TRINITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE** on Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Jan. 21. The Women's Guild is excited to have all of you come for a wonderful time of Christian fellowship while reminiscing about the "good old days" even if you are working on pictures from last week. Please download the application off of the Trinity College website, under "Student Life" and then "The Women's Guild", or contact the school at 708-597-3000 for an application to be mailed. We look forward to seeing you! Trinity Christian College is located at 6601 College Drive in Palos Heights, IL.

**SOUTHWEST CHGO. CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held on Sat., Feb. 4, at the Tinley Park campus, from 7:30-10:30am. The proceeds go to help teachers purchase items for their classrooms. The food will be great, and it is always a great community building time. In addition, the PTL will be sponsoring a Book Fair. The proceeds from the book sale benefit the libraries at the Oak Lawn and Tinley Park campuses. Mark your calendars and come out to support your schools!

**SOUTHWEST CHGO. CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' PARENTS CLUB WILL BE SPONSORING A SCRAPBOOKING EVENT** on Sat., Feb. 25, from 9am-8pm at the Oak Lawn campus (101st & Central). If you are interested in attending, you can pick up a registration form at the Oak Lawn campus, print one online at the Oak Lawn News webpage, or contact Debbie at [caliwal@aol.com](mailto:caliwal@aol.com) and a form will be emailed to you.

**SUFFERING FROM THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?** Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, offers two support programs for those grieving the loss of a loved one through death. For adults: "Living: When a Loved One has Died" will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 29, 2012, from 7:30-9:30pm. Support groups formed specific to loss and age of participant. Registration is required. For children: "The Heart Connection" will be held on 8 consecutive Mondays, beginning, March 12, 2012, from 6-7:30pm. The program is for children ages 5-18 years old who have lost a loved one through death. Early registration is required. For further information or registration, please call the Pastoral Care Department, 708-229-5484, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm.

**MINISTRY WEBINARS**—Too busy to attend a training event? Join others across the CRC for "Webinar Wednesdays"—one-hour, live workshops you can attend from your home, office, or church. All you need is a computer. Get the full schedule and free registration at: [www.crcna.org/webinars](http://www.crcna.org/webinars). If you are unable to participate at the specified time, the webinars will be archived on the site for later viewing.

# The Week Ahead...

Sun-Jan 15	9:00 am	Worship Service —Abraham: Got to Get Back to the Garden? Genesis 13:1-18 Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between the services <i>Gary Schutt &amp; Tom Huisenga</i> will be available, after the service, in the Prayer Room (located in the hall by the mail slots), to have a time of prayer or reflection with anyone who wishes to join them.
	10:20 am	Adult Sunday School class
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	12 noon	Worship Symposium meeting & luncheon
Mon-Jan 16	9:15 am	JAZZercise
Tue-Jan 17	9:15 am	Coffee Break
	9:30 am	Men's Life / Ruth Fellowship
	1:00 pm	Knit / Crochet Group
Wed-Jan 18	9:15 am	JAZZercise
	9:30 am	Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	Coffee/Dessert before W.O.W.
	7:00 pm	W.O.W.
Thu-Jan 19	7:00 pm	Friendship Club
	7:30 pm	Praise Team rehearsal
Fri-Jan 20	9:15 am	JAZZercise
	7:00pm	GEMS Girls Club
Sat-Jan 21	8:00 am	Mission Team meeting



## *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*

Sun-Jan 22	9:00 am	Worship Service — Rev. Mark Brouwer Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between the services <i>Bill Weidenaar &amp; Jestine Ivy</i> will be available, after the service, in the Prayer Room (located in the hall by the mail slots), to have a time of prayer or reflection with anyone who wishes to join them.
	10:20 am	Adult Sunday School class
	10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service—Rev. Mark Brouwer
	6-9:00 pm	REACH Youth Ministry



SUNDAY SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE IN AN AUDIO VERSION ON OUR WEBSITE at [www.gccrc.org](http://www.gccrc.org)!  
Go to: [www.gccrc.org/weekly\\_bulletin\\_\\_\\_audio\\_sermons](http://www.gccrc.org/weekly_bulletin___audio_sermons) and check it out!