

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — MAY 12, 2019

### OFFERING TODAY: Mission Fund

Your donation will help support 6 missionaries around the world and here in the U.S. that our church has chosen to sponsor: Alan Breems-Evangelist Training Program, Moreno Valley, CA; John Hoekwater-Church Planting, Rogers Park, IL; Jerry An-BTGMI, Chinese Broadcasting; Sergei Sosedkin-BTGMI, Russian Broadcasting; Steve Michmerhuizen, CR World Missions, Romania; and Evy Smith-CR World Missions, Mali, Africa.

### OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY: Benevolence Fund

This fund gives the deacons of our church the opportunity to show our loving care and support of those in our church family and surrounding community who may be in need of assistance while facing a hardship.

**Today,** we give thanks to God for the gift of music that helps express our praise, thanksgiving, confession, hope and dedication to God as we mark **Catherine Solle's retirement as organist.** Catherine has helped lead worship on the organ for the past 74 years. For this morning's worship, Catherine has chosen a few meaningful, well-loved hymns. After worship, everyone is invited to celebrate over cake and refreshments where you may personally express your thanks to Catherine for her service.



**Coffee Fellowship:** The MAST team is trying out something new for the month of May: coffee pots on the tables! You can pick up your cookies (and juice if you prefer) and go directly to your table. We'd like to make the process of getting your coffee easier and cut down on Styrofoam cup usage. Styrofoam doesn't breakdown in landfills and is very costly to recycle. If you'd like to bring your own coffee cups, that would help even more. The MAST Team (Darlene Huisenga, Michael Kooy, Eleanor Lamsma, and Marilyn VandenBout) would like to hear your reactions.

**Book Club:** Tomorrow, May 13 @ 7pm. We'll be talking about "Educated" by Tara Westover.

A **Council Communiqué'** summarizing the Council's last meeting is available for you in the mailboxes and the entryway table next to the office.

**Thank you!** to those who have dropped off hangers for our visual arts fabric!  
We have plenty to work with now.

**Visual Arts:** The Visual Arts team would like your help in coloring posters to be used in the sanctuary for the summer months. Following the worship services on May 19 & 26, join us at tables in the gym to color. All ages are encouraged to help. (Parents: please supervise your children.) Also, please have your refreshments before helping us out—we don't want any spills on the posters. Thanks for your help!

**Art Connect: Saturday, May 18, 1-2:30pm:** Everyone is invited to this last meeting of the season. Barb Thompson will lead a paper collage project.



Our fleece blanket supply is getting depleted again—which is a wonderful thing! These blankets are a blessing to so many people. Plan now to join the Tuesday Coffee Break group in making more blankets on Tuesday, May 21 from 9:30-11:30am. Fleece donations are always gladly accepted. For more information, talk to Diane Ritzema, Eleanor Lamsma or Ruth Kuipers. Thanks for your help!

**Communion—June 2:** Our next Lord's Supper celebration will be on June 2. Normally, we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month, however, in light of our Easter communion celebration last week, we will celebrate our next Lord's Supper in June.



**Congratulations** to Jim & Barb Wassenaar in the healthy birth of a granddaughter, Rowan Vivian Menzies, born Wednesday, May 8 to Michelle & Ian (and sister Claire!). Rowan was 8 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. and 19.5" long. We thank God for this blessing!

**Graduation time is fast approaching...**if you have children, or other family members graduating, why not include them in our June newsletter on a special graduation page? We would need their name, relationship to you, grade of completion, school and/or degree information. And you can include a picture! Information can be placed in the newsletter mailbox outside the church office. If submitting a picture, please be sure to label it so it can be returned to you. *Thank you!*

**A BIG Thank You** for all the new books donated to our church library! I need to ask, however, that no more books be donated for awhile so that more room can be made on library shelves. I'll need to weed out those books that have not been checked out in a long time, so please remember to fill out the cards when you borrow! Thanks!



**—WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military & their families, and those in continuing care or homebound, including: Carol Breems, Dorothy Brink-Schutt, Helena Creaney, Marv DeVries, Jay Dorn, Ben Dykstra, Connie Dykstra, Rich Knudsen, Char Kros, John Langeland, Pauline Meekma, Mason Patterson, Ray Peterson Jr., John Roos, and Jeannette Vein.

**Missionary Update: Evy Smith, Mali, West Africa.** Over the past year, many people have fled their villages in northern Mali because of violence. Many are internally displaced, moving to the south near the capital city, near Evy and her team. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Evy and her team as they seek ways to help. Pray that they might show the way of the Prince of Peace.

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## Community News

**Southwest Chgo. Christian Schools** will hold its annual **Association Meeting on Tues., May 28 @ 7pm** in the CCHS auditorium. As members of Grace Church, a supporting church, you are invited to attend. Following the meeting we'll celebrate our staff milestones and retirees. If you are unable to attend, please request an absentee ballot from Monica Adewale at [MAdevale@SWChristian.org](mailto:MAdevale@SWChristian.org). All ballots must be in by May 22. Hope to see you all there!

You are invited to participate in the **Roseland Christian Ministries 2nd Annual Van Zanten Golf Outing on Sat., June 1** at Harborside International Golf Club. You're welcome to form a team of up to 4 to join you for a super fun morning to raise funds for the Women & Children's Shelter at RCM. Your support helps provide a place of safety and belonging. For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to: [www.roselandchristianministries.com](http://www.roselandchristianministries.com).

**Cedar Lake Ministries** invites you to their **Picnic at the Lake on June 1<sup>st</sup>**! Come and join us for a fun-filled day as we kick off our Summer Camp! We'll have an exciting day for families to enjoy carnival games and camp activities, like our climbing wall, laser combat and bounce houses. Plus, you'll hear a passionate and exciting concert from Iron Bell Music! Bring your appetite and prepare to set your taste buds ablaze with an extravaganza of food! We'll also be auctioning off some exciting items for the family and will feature a 50/50 split the pot raffle. Tickets: standard-\$5 per person; kids 5 and under FREE with an adult. Tickets include the concert, but not food purchases. Purchase your tickets today!

**Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs (PASS)** would like to invite you to "save the date" of **Sat., June 8** for their annual **Hike4Life** fundraising event! As in previous years, the event will be held on the grounds of Peace Community Church in Frankfort, IL from 7am-1pm. We'll have an untimed 5K "Candy Fun Run" at 8am and a Hike at 9am. Run or hike with your family! There will be many activities for kids and youth! For more information, please go to our website: [www.helppass.org](http://www.helppass.org) or contact Allison Alons, Advancement Manager at PASS (708-614-9777 x121).

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