



Middleburgh Reformed Church

News & Announcements

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March 2014

Congregational Meeting & Brunch, March 9th. Join us to hear committee reports, elect Elders and Deacons, pray together, and eat together after worship.

Discussion Group: Mondays, beginning March 3rd, 7-8:30 pm. for the next little bit we'll look at fostering our relationship with God by practicing *spiritual disciplines*, which are intentional actions put us in a posture to hear God's word. We'll be reading the book: Spiritual Disciplines by Richard Foster. Copies of the first couple of chapters will be available in the foyer (if Pastor Jeff can find his copy). No expertise expected, no mastery required, amateurs only.

Sunday Parable Discussion- jr. & sr. high student conversation w/Pastor Jeff on the parables of Jesus 9:55-10:45 a.m. beginning March 2nd.

Choir for the Community Good Friday Service will be rehearsing March 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Operation Christmas Child

A new report informs us that the destination of some of our shoe box gifts is the Republic of Congo. We already knew about some of our gifts going to Ukraine and the Philippines. How blessed we are to be able to reach out to the children of these countries!

Preparations for our 2014 packing party are off to a good start. Thank you to everyone who purchased toothbrushes or made a donation toward a bulk purchase of toothbrushes. You are asked to consider buying washcloths during the month of March. Please keep your eyes open for bargain stuffed animals, small toys, and clothing all year 'round!

Please keep Operation Christmas Child in your prayers. Pray for:

- children who are the recipients of shoe box gifts and their families
- national leadership teams of OCC in countries of shoe box

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5th: Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins
6th: Consistory Meeting, 7 pm
9th: First Sunday in Lent, Congregational Meeting and Brunch
11th: Elders Meeting, 4 pm
15th: Classis Meeting, here.

- The Greatest Journey
students and teachers
- U.S. OCC teams as they
prepare for the 2014 collection
season

PlayGroup, Thursdays 10
am-11:30 am for children and
their parents in the nursery.

Bible Studies

Tuesdays at 1 pm- we meet at the
Spencer's house. We read and
discuss the text for the coming Sunday's worship. And there is coffee.
Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Upper Room reading at Marian Bouck's house.

Neighbors Eating Together
Every February Wednesday, 5-6:30 pm.
March
5th: Reformed Church
12th: Church Our Lady of the
Valley Parish
19th: Middleburgh Methodist
26th: St. Mark's Lutheran

Consistory

Elders: Jim Spencer (VP), Sarah Bramer, Joan Youmans, *vacant*
Deacons: Brian DeFeo, Leslie Hooper, Karen Miller, *vacant*

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Upcoming Sermons
3/2 the Transfiguration, Mark 9:2-13: *True Sight*

During Lent: The Way of the Cross in the Gospel of Mark
3/9: Mark 9:30-41; *The Cross Shaped Life*
3/16: Mark 9:14-29
3/23: Mark 10:1-16
3/30: Mark 10:35-45