New Era Reformed Church

followers gathered disciples scattered

November 18, 2018

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

MON: 5:30 pm – ReNEW at NERC
TUES: 6:30 am – Men's Small Group
9:30 am - Coffee Break, Women's Bible Study
WEDS: No Flare (K-5) & Fuel (MS) due to Thanksgiving
THURS: Thanksgiving

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

WORSHIP TEAM: One Team
SOUND: Rick Sobers
COMPUTER & PROJECTION: Gary Grinwis
HEARTSHAPERS: Mary Hiddema, Lee Anne Bean, Nicole Sobers
BUZZ: Connie White, Amy Williams
GREETERS: West Door – Dan & Annie Gale
East Door – Al & Lisa Parker
FELLOWSHIP GREETERS: West Door – Vaughn & Anne, Lucas White
East Door – Connie White
USHERS: Lance, Jodi, Allyson, Aspen Corey
NURSERY: Paul, Betsy, Sawyer, Tressa Arkema
COOKIES/SERVING/CLEANUP: Chuck & Phyllis Persenaire, Duane & Linda Vannett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Christmas Tea – We will be holding the Ladies Christmas Tea on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm. If you would like to decorate a table, please contact Debbie Wolting at (231) 216-1653.

Noisy Offering – We will celebrate with a noisy offering on Sunday, December 4. The noisy offering will be in place of our Love Fund offering and will be used toward the Christmas dinner gift boxes shared with the community on December 11th at New Hope.

Christmas Worship at Newman CRC – on December 1st at 6:00 pm please come and sing, play an instrument, or just enjoy the music! If you would like to participate with the merry music making please contact Linda Dodge at (231) 861-5976. Or just stop by the corner of 132nd and M-20 for great music and fellowship.

Thank You! – (On Nov. 2nd we received the following thank you) We have been notified of the recent generous gift from the New Era Reformed Church which will benefit the Karin Medical Clinics in Gulu, Uganda. This gift will be used to provide necessary medicines at the clinics and pay salaries of our staff members. What an awesome answer to prayer! Your church has been very faithful in supporting Hope Okeny and her staff as they provide quality health care for poor villagers thousands of miles away, and we are grateful. The Lord's work is being done at these clinics. Dedicated staff members put in long hours, and don't leave the clinics until the last person waiting has been seen and treated. They are also "on call" during the evening and night hours for emergencies. We try very hard to pay them on-time so they won't leave for "greener pastures," and we trust the Lord each month to provide the necessary funds. Thank you for being a very important part of this ministry. Blessings, Rog & Joan Sikkenga (they oversee the PWW distribution of funds to Hope and the medical clinics in Uganda and are part of Hope's advisory board).

Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Thursday, November 22nd from 12:00-2:00 pm at the Shelby Optimist Club. Please consider volunteering making a pie or giving your time on this day for those that might not be able to afford their own Thanksgiving meal. Sign up and more information is on the bulletin board.

Christmas Baskets at New Hope Community Church – We need cookie bakers for December 11th. Please leave the cookies at the church on Sunday, and we will deliver the cookies the following Monday. Volunteers needed for registration and basket carriers as well. Come love on people and be blessed! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Operation Christmas Child –November 18th is the sendoff day for the boxes! Pick up, fill, and return your boxes with a donation for shipping costs on or before November 18th. Thank you for your support!

Next Honduras Mission Trip – We are planning a Honduras Mission trip January 25th - February 2nd. We will be working with Hands in Service (Wayne Merz) our project will be working at the boy's orphanage like last year. Any members considering joining the team in 2019 should contact Larry Byl. We are also asking the congregation to begin collecting children's clothing and any Spanish books for the Day Care Center. Thank you for your help as we look to improve the physical and spiritual lives of the children in the Comayagua area.

The Harbor House of Hart – is extending a special invitation to their Annual Christmas Open House Friday, November 30th 2:00-8:00 pm and Saturday, December 1st 10:00-2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the sights, sounds, and sweets of this Season of Great Joy! This is a ministry fund raiser… be a blessing and donate bake goods, holiday décor and gift items for us to sell. Contact/Questions: Eva Kostal 873-8916.

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Love INC

Thrift Store Manager Position Available: In an effort to serve our churches and community better we are creating a Full Time Thrift Store Manager position. The manager will be responsible for the operation of the Thrift Store and Donation Ministry. The position offers 40 hours/week and requires 2 Saturdays/month. For questions, or to request an application, please call 861-5619 or email our office at info@loveincoceana.org.

Could you be an Ally? One of the important ways we come alongside our participants in the reNEW program is by offering them an Ally. Allies and participants work through the material in the Faith & Finances class together, sharing ideas and experiences. After completion of the class, Allies meet one-on-one with participants for an extended time as they incorporate what they learned into everyday life. Contact the Love INC office to find out how you can become a trained Ally.

Volunteers Make Things Happen at Love! At Love INC we are made aware of needs and then we seek to mobilize the Church to meet those needs. There are so many ways we can share the love of Christ through our efforts. Here are some current ways you can get involved: **Pick-up & Delivery** – so many donations, so little time! Help us prepare the beautiful clothing that has been donated from our giving community. **Test and repair** – electronic items need to be looked over and sometimes a little TLC brings new life to an old item. There are many other volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Beth at 861-5619 or send an email to beth@loveincoceana.org.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY – If you are struggling, if you desire physical or emotional healing and if you would like to have a group pray with you, our Prayer Team will! Join us at New Era Reformed Church on Wednesday evenings in the LIFE Room.
Please contact Jean LeMahieu (873-3646) for an appointment.

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