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NEWSLETTER

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January 8, 2016

**ROAD TO MEMBERSHIP:** Are you considering making First CRC your Church home? If so, the next membership class will be held on the Sunday afternoons of January 15 & 22, 2017, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm (we are trying a new format). This is an opportunity to learn about First CRC's vision and ministry and to meet other people, including the staff of First CRC. Please sign up at <http://firstchristianreformed.org/visitors/get-connected/road-to-membership>.

Wednesday morning Coffee Break Bible study is in need of someone to help in the nursery during the 8:30-9:30 am leaders meeting. If you are able to help, contact Darcy Maas at 323-7518 or [drcyms@yahoo.com](mailto:drcyms@yahoo.com).

**ARISE UKRAINE MISSION TRIP:** The Mission Team has partnered with *Arise-Ukraine Ministries* (Paul Logan) to lead an English Day Camp for non-churched youth aged 13-16 in Kiev, Ukraine. The anticipated dates of the trip are June 7/8 through 21/22 (two weeks). The primary emphasis of the camp is to teach English, with specific focus on teaching Bible stories, Christian prayer and songs. Team members must be willing to present the gospel and invite the youth to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Members are also to be mature and committed to helping others meet Christ through humble, servant-like and verbal witness to Jesus Christ. *Arise-Ukraine* requests that First CRC's ministry team consist primarily of those who will be entering their Senior-year of high school, entering college or currently enrolled in college. The Ministry Team will be led by Pastor Calvin Hoogendoorn. If you are interested in serving, please contact him at: [calvin@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:calvin@firstchristianreformed.org).

**POVERTY SIMULATION:** If you missed the opportunity to participate in the poverty simulation training that we held during the fall with our Care Groups, consider joining us Thursday night, January 12 at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center. We will be hosting a poverty simulation training for Safe Families for Children volunteers and you are welcome to join us. Also, consider this a **volunteer opportunity**. If you have already participated and would be available to help, we could use several people to be our "agency representatives" during the simulation. All instructions will be provided. We could also use 4-5 people to help with childcare in the nursery during the training. Please contact Kari Davelaar [kari@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:kari@firstchristianreformed.org) to RSVP or volunteer, or stop by the table in the Activity Center on Sunday.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** The Elders received the following transfer of memberships into First CRC: Katie Adams (Professing from Oostburg CRC, Oostburg WI); Katie Heynen (Professing from First CRC, Sheldon, IA); Paige Harmsen (Baptized from New Holland CRC, New Holland, SD); Zach Mulder (Professing from Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, IA); Bob & Norma Santema (Professing from First RCA, Sioux Falls, SD); Kevin Mettler (Professing from Peace CRC, Menno, SD).

**SENIOR AND FRIENDS:** Thursday, January 19, 6:30 pm at 10th Street Pizza Ranch. A banquet room is reserved for dinner and table games. All Shalom and First seniors are invited. No reservations needed. Bring your appetite and favorite games. Questions? Call Dee (334-2579) or Dorothy (372-4576).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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**HSM WINTER RETREAT:** Winter Retreat is being held at Camp Lebanon over the weekend of February 17-19, 2017. The cost for the weekend is \$100 and you can register online <http://firstchristianreformed.org/ministries/youth-ministries/senior-high/winter-retreat-2017>. Registration forms are due on January 25.

**JHM:** Meets this Monday from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Activity Center.

**HSM:** HSM Sunday Night - Large Group. Meet at church at 6:30 pm. We've got some fun activities planned for the night so join us for some interesting competition!

**INTERGENERATIONAL CATECHISM:** Will resume this Wednesday, January 11 and we will begin a study on the Lord's Prayer. Intergenerational Catechism is for anyone High School age and above and we encourage anyone to join us. We will meet at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.



## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

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Check out all the small group opportunities at [www.firstchristianreformed.org](http://www.firstchristianreformed.org). If you have any questions contact [melissa@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:melissa@firstchristianreformed.org).

**PRISCILLA SHIRER:** **Recognize Your Weakness To Experience God's Strength In Your Life.** Gideon is a Seven session Bible study that begins Wednesday, February 1, 8:30 am and 6:30 pm through March 15. When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or a fleece spread beneath the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that. This is a story about God and His people—His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of, even through, their weakness. Sign up at [www.firstchristianreformed.org](http://www.firstchristianreformed.org) or at the Welcome Center.

**EVENING COFFEE BREAK:** Will not meet on January 9th, but will resume on January 16th with Lesson 2 of Isaiah.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School resumes on January 8th.

We are still looking for someone to lead singing at the 10:30am for Sunday School. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact Katy Oppold at [katy@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:katy@firstchristianreformed.org).

**2017 INTERNATIONAL CADET CAMPOREE:** If there are any former Cadet counselors that are interested in helping with the camporee this summer in the Black Hills, please contact Kris Anderson by December, 31<sup>st</sup> for more information.

# DEACON'S MINISTRY

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## January 1, 2017

OFFERING AMOUNT

General Fund	18,309.27
Building Fund	625.00
Faith Promise	475.00
Ministry Shares	1,280.00
Tuition Support	1,015.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,704.27</b>

January 8: Offering of the Day is for Ministry Shares. Ministry Shares proves the power of shared resources by helping the Christian Reformed Church's individual congregations participate in regional and global ministries.

January 15: The Offering of the Day is for Tuition Assistance Fund. Tuition assistance provides financial support for families who are in need of help with the cost of Christian school tuition.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Jan 8-14, 2017

**SUNDAY:** 8:30/10:00 am Worship/Children's Church/  
Sunday School  
9:30 am Choir  
5:00 pm Worship  
6:30 pm HSM

**MONDAY:** 10:30 am Senior Circuit  
7:00 pm JHM  
7:00 pm Dordt College Concert

**TUESDAY:** 10:30 am Senior Circuit  
2:00 pm Women's 55+ Bible Study  
6:30 pm NAMI  
6:30 pm Pickleball

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:15 am Men of Integrity  
9:30 am Center of Hope/Men's Life  
9:45 am Coffee Break  
6:30 pm GEMS  
6:30 pm Library Work Night  
7:00 pm Catechism

**THURSDAY:** 9:00 am MOPS Steering Meeting  
7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

**FRIDAY:** 10:30 am Senior Circuit

**SATURDAY:** 7:30 am Men of Integrity  
9:00-12:00 am Pinewood Derby Car building

# BULLETIN BOARD

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1st CRC Newsletter announcements may be sent to [office@firstchristianreformed.org](mailto:office@firstchristianreformed.org). These are due by noon on Wednesday.

**CHURCH MAILBOXES:** If you have an item for someone that does not fit into their mailbox, do NOT place it on top of the mailboxes, but instead put it in the cabinet labeled “oversized items”. Please take one the attached notes from the cabinet and put it into their mailbox to alert them of the item.

**DORDT COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR:** The Dordt College Concert Choir invites you to a concert at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 9 here at First. The concert is part of a winter tour under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Kornelis and will consist of a wide variety of choral music. The concert is free with a freewill offering received to help defray tour costs.

**DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** A day to inspire, encourage, and equip God’s people for ministry, Day of Encouragement will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Dordt College. This year’s keynote speaker is Ed Stetzer, a prolific author and well-known conference and seminar leader. Day of Encouragement also offers a variety of breakout sessions throughout the day focusing on family, worship, youth, tech media, preaching, and shepherding. Early bird registration is available at [www.dordt.edu/doe](http://www.dordt.edu/doe) until January 24 for individuals and groups of 10 or more. Late registration will be available through February 4.

**BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS:** Big Soo Coupon Books have been discounted to **\$35.00!** The Youth Group still keeps \$10 for every book sold. There are coupons for 76 different restaurants in and around Sioux Falls, Golf Courses, Great Bear, Great Plains Zoo, Thunder Road, Wild Water West, car washes, oil changes, and many other household and auto goods and services. Please pick your Big Soo Book at the church office!

**CONCERT:** The Hull Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome The Blessed & Unbreakable Tour, featuring SELAH & speaker, Missy Robertson to HULL, IOWA, Saturday, February 18, 7:00pm at the Western Christian High School Events Center. Tickets are on sale now and selling FAST!! Purchase your tickets for RESERVED SEATING online at <http://www.itickets.com/events/371249.html>.

