

Elder Assignments and Districts

Pas̄tor Vern Swieringa - President

Lloyd Zoerhof	2020	Missions & Evangelism Liaison.....	A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Ken Hulst	2021	Youth Ministries Liaison.....	M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Bob Dozeman	2019	Recording Clerk, Search Committee.....	T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
Jim Vellenga	2019	Vice President, Adult Ministries Liaison.....	G Hulst – M. Myaard
Dennis Bosch	2021	Worship Liaison, Pulpit Supply.....	J. Nyhof – P. Van Dam
Tim Bauman	2020	Membership & Visitation Clerk, Fellowship & Service.....	W. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

Deacon Assignments and Districts

	2020	Assistant to the Treasurer.....	A. Arendsen – L. Brower
Dave Duimstra	2021	Building & Grounds Liaison, Covenant Giving Plan.....	M. Brower – G. Duimstra
Ryan Kruithof	2019	Chairman of Deacons/ Kingdom Ministries.....	T. Dykstra – D. Hulst
Matt Brower	2019	General / Building Treasurer.....	G. Hulst – M. Myaard
Ryan Bosch	2021	Missions / Mercy Treasurer.....	J. Nyhof – P. Van Dam
Curt Schout	2020	Zeeland Diaconal / Foods Resource Bank.....	W. Van Dam – T. Zoerhof

Ministries, Contact Persons, Schedules

Sunday Men’s Group	Dan Bosch.....	1 st and 3 rd Sundays at 7:30 AM
Children in Worship	Katie Baker.....	Sundays at 9:50 AM
Sunday School	Jordan Redder, Ken Hulst, Liaison, 3 yrs. – 5 th Grade.....	Sundays at 10:40 AM
Catechism	Ken Hulst, Liaison, 6 th – 12 th Grade.....	Sundays at 10:45 AM
Adult Sunday School	Janice VerMerris.....	Sundays at 10:55 AM
Voices of Praise	Beth DeYoung, Dawn Van Dam.....	Sundays at 4:30 PM
Open Bible Study	Mike and Marcia Ver Beek.....	1 st Sunday at 7:15 PM
Fellowship Bible Study	Dick and Mary Hilbink.....	3 rd Sunday at 7:15 PM
Family Life Ministries	Allison Kruithof, Krista Schout.....	Sundays at 10:45 AM
Thrive	Tom and Brenda Flokstra, John and Heidi Dozeman.....	2 nd & 4 th Sundays at 5:45 PM
Ladies’ Bible Study	Rhonda Bosman.....	1 st and 3 rd Mondays at 7:00 PM
Office Bearers	Elders, Deacons, Council.....	2 nd Monday respectively at 6:30, 7:00 and 8:30 PM
Ladies’ Project Day	Ruth Busscher, Jody Rietsma.....	2 nd Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
Men’s Bible Study	Pastor Vern.....	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 6:45 PM
Priscilla Circle	Pastor Vern.....	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Oakland Oasis	Krista Schout.....	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
Youth Group	Stacy and Susan Jones, Dave and Tobi Hoeker.....	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Cadets	Tom Flokstra.....	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
GEMS	Shanna Arendsen.....	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Prime Timers	Judi Blauwkamp, Ruth Kruithof.....	As Announced
Power Point	Jordan Redder	
Sound	Ken Hibma	

General Information

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated the second Sunday of Feb., June, Sept., and Dec. and on Good Friday.
The sacrament of baptism is administered upon request. Contact the Elders.



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Morning Worship 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:40 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Missionaries Supported by the Oakland Christian Reformed Church

<p>Dr. Mike Johnson Ascending Leaders 3947 Field Crossing Sugar Land, TX 77498</p>	<p>Tom Post World Renew / Asia Team Leader 2850 Kalamazoo Ave. S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49560</p>	<p>Rev. Troy Bierma Resonate Global Missions 3233 Burton S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546</p>
<p>Navy Chann-Chhay & Ly Chhay #C46 Street 42TB Boeung Tompon Khan Meanchey Phnom Penh Cambodia</p>	<p>Steve Holtrop Resonate Global Missions APDO Postal 1076 Managua, Nicaragua Central America</p>	<p>Sandi Nyboer Teen Life on Campus 4275 132nd Avenue Hamilton, MI 49419</p>
<p>Scott and Marcia Geurink 11195 Rich Street West Olive, MI 49460</p>		<p>Rev. Guillermo Serrano Back to God Ministries International 211 S. Michigan Villa Park, IL 60181</p>

Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, May 26, 2019

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

-John 15:13

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	6:00 PM	Combined Evening Worship @ Oakland CRC
Thursday	7:00 PM	Ascension Day Service @ Drenthe CRC

Preaching Pastors

May 26	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa
June 2	AM – Rev. Vern Swieringa	PM – Rev. Vern Swieringa

Offerings

May 26

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Growing Hope Globally
Evening	Special Education Ministry of Zeeland

June 2

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Building Fund
Evening	Bible League International

May Ushers

Morning	Andrew Bosch, Mike Arendsen, Nick Zoerhof
Evening	Steve Bosman, Dick Hilbink, Mike Ver Beek
Substitute	Pres Heyboer

June Ushers

Morning	Ross Schreur, Chase Van Dam, Paul Van Dam
Evening	Mark Busscher, Ruth Busscher, Gord Duimstra
Substitute	Andy Krommendyk

Coffee Servers

May 26	Dale and Isla Compagner
May 26	Judi Blauwkamp and Ruth Kruithof (Combined Memorial Day Service)
June 2	Ruth Busscher

Volunteer Opportunities Continued

Transportation Volunteers

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are willing to assist with transportation for the Shindano family, we would appreciate you signing up on the schedule by the bulletin board in the narthex. The needs are as follows: Sunday mornings before church, Sunday morning after church, Sunday morning after Sunday school. We also need people willing to assist with transporting the young boys to Cadets and the older boys to Youth Group activities. We also need assistance with transporting family members to appointments. If you are willing to assist on a Sunday, please sign up for the specific Sunday you can help. If you are willing to add your name to assist with Youth Group, Cadets or appointments, please give your name and phone number and we will reach out to you on a periodic basis to see if you are available. Thank you so much for volunteering to help!

Community Announcements

Advance Notice

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Drenthe CRC on Monday, June 3 from 1-6:45 PM. Walk-ins are always welcome, but if you prefer to sign up for a specific time, please call 1-800-733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Drenthe) to schedule an appointment or for more information. We need your donations to help provide the 2,000 blood products used in Michigan every day. Each pint can save three hospital patients. Everyone is urgently needed. Please consider being a FIRST TIME DONOR and start a great new tradition!

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

The annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be held at Hamilton CRC on Monday, May 26. A breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and juice will be served from 7 - 9 AM in the church fellowship hall. Proceeds from the breakfast will be for World Renew and the Teen Life on Campus Ministry. The breakfast is held rain or shine. Hamilton’s 91st Memorial Day Parade will follow at 9 AM.

City on a Hill

City on a Hill has an opening for the position of Director of its ATLAS program. It is a salaried position; expected hours per week are 30-35. This person must be an excellent communicator and a committed Christian whose life gives evidence of this. He/she must relate well to others and have experience with supervision of others. This person must be a good listener. He/she must possess knowledge of, and connections to, community resources. Experience with fund raising will be an asset for this person. Benefits include paid vacation; paid holidays and employer match to employee IRA contributions. Interested persons should submit a resume to Gary Ellens, COAH Executive Director at gary@coahm.org.

Group Announcements

Prime Timers – Shipshewana

On June 21 we will be going to Shipshewana to see the play “A Simple Sanctuary”. We will be leaving church promptly at 9:00 AM so please arrive **no later than 8:45**. We will have a luncheon buffet at Blue Gate at 11:30 AM with the play beginning at 1:00 PM. We will be back to church early evening. The cost is \$25/person and there are only 31 spots open for this trip so sign up early on the sheet located in the narthex! **Sign up no later than Sunday, June 2nd. Payment is due no later than June 9th!** If you have any questions you may see Judi or Ruthie.

Thrive Serve Week 2019

Thrive Serve week will be July 29, 30, 31 and August 1st. All incoming 6th graders are welcome to join us!

Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Group

We are looking into the 2019/2020 Youth Group year and are looking for another couple to join us in planning and leading the wonderful students that we are blessed with. Our goal is to work with the new couple and teach them how Youth Group goes and eventually pass it on to them for the next school year (2020/2021). Any questions or if you are interested please see Stacy and Susan Jones or Ken Hulst.

Oasis Co-Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to help with coordinating Oasis beginning next year. If you are interested in this or have any questions please see Krista Schout.

Sunday School Song Leader

We are looking for someone that would be willing to lead the children next year during their singing time for Sunday school. Age doesn't matter! If you would be interested please see Todd Zoerhof or Ken Hulst. Thank you!

Custodians

Monday – Friday Randy and Barb Ver Beek – 616-218-9956
May 25/26 Greg and Tanya Van Dyke
June 1/2 Ross and Kelli Kruithof

Greeters

May 26 Dick and Mary Hilbink
June 2 Bill and Ginger Hill

Safety Team Volunteer

May 26 Ryan Bosch
June 2 Ken Hulst

Nursery

May 26

Morning Bonnie Arendsen, Brenda Baker, Amelia Christiansen, Kaylee DeJonge
Evening Kris Swieringa, Tanya Van Dyke, Sarah Hibma

June 2

Morning Carrie Bosch, Jane DeJonge, Alyssa DeJonge, Sarah Hibma
Evening Barb Ver Beek, Marcia Ver Beek, Kirstyn Kruithof

Nursery Volunteers: Please make sure when you find a sub that they are 18 or older. Our abuse prevention guidelines state that there must be **2 adults** in there at all times. We've had a few instances of kids under 18 filling in for adults and want to make sure everyone is aware of the rules. Thank you!

Children in Worship

May 26 Katie Baker, Carrie Bosch, Megyn Schout

Happy Birthday

May 28 Judy Hoekstra
June 1 Mindy Hulst

Happy Anniversary

May 29 Glenn and Carol Dozeman (32)
June 1 Duane and Bonnie Arendsen (47)

Bulletin Wish List

Replace (2) Narthex Chandeliers - \$1600 each (picture located on bulletin boards in narthex)

Please Pray For

Our Missionaries: Rev. Troy Bierma, Navy Chann-Chhay & Ly Chhay, Scott Geurink, Steve Holtrop, Dr. Mike Johnson, Sandi Nyboer, Tom Post, and Rev. Guillermo Serrano

Our Home Bound Members: Carole Engelsman, Bob Lampen, Lavina Schipper, and Arlyene Wolters

College Students: Marissa Compagner, Megan Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Drew Flokstra, Jennie Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Kacie Kruithof, Brandon Schreur, and Josie Zoerhof

Continue to pray for...

Continue to pray for strength for Al Engelsman. May God work through Al's radiation treatments to bring about healing.

Pray for Lloyd Zoerhof who spent a few days in Holland Hospital with a blood infection.

Pray for all those in need of healing (physical, emotional and spiritual).

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, visits and food. Also thanks to Pastor Vern for his prayers and to Ken Hulst for his visit and prayers. We have an amazing church of which we are proud to be members and together serve the Lord. All thanks and praise to God for His care and love and gift of healing.

Jerry & Gerene Compagner

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us and sent cards after the sudden death of our brother and brother-in-law, Calvin Vander Kooi. We will be traveling to Kentucky for the burial on May 28. We are thankful to be part of a loving and caring church family.

-Alma and Larry Myaard

Congregational Announcements

Combined Service

This evening is our combined Memorial Day worship service with Drenthe and Bentheim congregations here at Oakland. We thank God for all the men and women who have paid the ultimate price to secure our freedoms!

Children in Worship

Today is the last day of Children in Worship! Please pick your child up following the service. Also, thank you to the teachers and to the helpers for your time and for making it a great year! Thank you!

-Katie

Veterans

First and foremost, thank you for your service. We as a nation and as a congregation give thanks to God for those who are willing to serve. Secondly, I have made changes to the veteran's list; if your name or the name of your loved one needs to be moved please let me know. If you are erroneously listed, my apologies. Thank you!

-Jody Rietsma

Ascension Day Service

Please join us for the Ascension Day Combined Service at Drenthe CRC this Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 PM. Rev. Bruce Persenaire will lead the service and the offering will be for Growing Hope Globally.

Save the Date – VBS 2019

VBS 2019 “The Incredible Race” will be July 29, 30, 31 & August 1st.

Lost and Found

There are 5 winter coats that are in the lost and found. They are hanging on the rack near the council room. Please check to see if one is yours, we will be donating them in the next couple of weeks if they haven't been claimed. Thank you!

You're Invited!

On Wednesday, May 29 at 7 PM the Prime Timers are inviting the congregation along with their family and friends to watch the Busscher Family give a presentation “Come Follow Me: Our Journey with Ray VanderLaan”. The presentation will be on their trip to Israel and will take place in the sanctuary at Oakland CRC. Invite your family and friends for this wonderful night! Coffee and cookies will be provided afterwards.

Profession of Faith

If you want to make Profession of Faith, please contact Pastor Vern.

Pew Cards

Parents, please make sure you are not letting your children draw on the Welcome Cards that are located in the pews. We would like them to stay blank so when a visitor comes they have a card to fill out that way we may get to know them better. Thank you!

Annual Congregational Meeting

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Consistory Nominations

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Steve Bosman
Mark Busscher
Cris Compagner
Wayne DeYoung
Tom Flokstra
Andy Helder*
Mike Hoeksema*
Gary Hulst
Brian Kruithof
Larry Kruithof
Scott Prins
Tim Rietsma
Paul Van Dam
Mike Ver Beek

Deacon

Mike Arendsen
Mitch Brouwer
Jacob Busscher
Justin DeJonge
George Engelsman
Andy Helder*
Mike Hoeksema*
Ross Kruithof
Jason Nyhof
Matt Prins
Jerry Rush
Ross Schreur
Greg Van Dyke

*Are eligible for elder or deacon. If nominated for elder, the name will be removed from the deacon slate.

At the congregational meeting, the congregation will be asked to vote for 6 elders and 6 deacons from this slate. The 6 elders and 6 deacons with the most votes will then be used for the casting of lots to choose 2 elders and 3 deacons as the new office bearers. The first name drawn for deacon will serve a 1-year term to fill the present vacancy. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact a member of the council. There are absentee ballots located in the narthex. If you are unable to make the meeting please fill one out and place in a signed envelope and give to a member of council. Thank you!

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