

Announcements

Nominations for Office Bearers We are receiving nominations for elders and deacons to serve on Council. Please submit nominations (form in mailboxes) at Information Centers by January 20.

Learning Opportunity Interested in keeping teenagers and young adults in the church today? Listen to Kara Powell, director of the Fuller Youth Institute and author of *Sticky Faith* and *Growing Young*, at the January Series of Calvin College this Tuesday, January 8, 12:30-1:30pm. Attend the free lecture at the Fine Arts Center on campus or listen live from home or work at calvin.edu/january-series.

Winter Travelers To keep up with church news while out of town this winter, please notify the church office of your winter address and the dates you will be gone. The office will send the contents of your mailbox each month. You may read the bulletin online (cascadefellowship.org) or request the office mail you a printed bulletin weekly.

Thank You Thank you, church family, for the cards, prayers, and expressions of comfort in the passing of Wees' sister Marilyn. She is with her Savior and at peace. Wees & Mary W

Many thanks to all who helped shop, wrap, and sort gifts. It couldn't be done without you!
Operation Santa Claus

Community Bible Experience

Experience the Bible as a Community of Believers This February and March we read the Bible (Genesis through Kings) as a community and discuss its impact in small groups. Plan to join this life-changing 8-week experience.

Discussion Leaders needed Help lead a small group through five simple discussion questions as we read the Bible as a community and talk about it together eight weeks beginning January 27. If you are willing to help facilitate discussion in a small group, please contact Melinda H (melinda@cascadefellowship.org).

THIS WEEK at CASCADE

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
9:30am Prayer (CG #1, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)
3:30pm Middle School Youth Group
6:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday

5:15pm Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study at the Gathering Place
9:30am Women's Bible Study
6:55pm Bible Study Fellowship (Men)
7:00pm Administrative Board Meeting
7:00pm Service Deacon Board Meeting

Wednesday

6:00pm Cascade Station Meal
6:30pm Programs

Friday

6:15am Men's Bible Study

Sunday

9:00am Sunday School
9:30am Prayer (CG #2, Prayer Room, #201)
10:30am Worship (UWC & LWC)
pm Middle School & High School
Small Groups (times vary)

Looking Ahead

January 27 Community Bible Experience begins

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Cascade Fellowship

Christian Reformed Church

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Welcome

We welcome you as we remember God's faithfulness in the past and use our faith in Him to prepare for the future.

We invite guests to stop at the Information Center to find out about our ministries and activities.

Please enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Hub after the worship service.

Mission and Vision Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples wherever we go. Our vision is to see lives transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Nursery & Children's Worship

Nursery is available on the lower level for infants through two-year-olds. A nursing room is also available for mothers. Our **Children's Worship** program provides age-appropriate worship for children ages three through 1st grade. Children are dismissed from the Worship Centers early in the worship service to go to their worship rooms after check in. Parents, please pick up your children personally using the parent card after the service.

Today in Worship

Message: Ask the Question

Pastor James

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-17
Colossians 3:17

Praise: *Open Up the Heavens*
How Great Is Our God
Speak, O Lord
Be Thou My Vision

On the Other Hand

Making Wise Decisions

Featured Ministry

Today: Faith Promise Missions
Next Sunday:
Growing with the Lord
Debt Elimination Fund

Worship Notes

On the Other Hand... The beginning of a new year is a good time to ask how to make better decisions. What if there was one question you could ask yourself that would help clarify every circumstance and every decision you make? We spend three weeks exploring the life changing impact of this one question: "Is this wise?"

Focus on Missions

Want to get to know Lucas and Miia a little better before they return to C? Join them in the Youth Center after worship. A soup lunch will be available for those who stay to hear more about the d S' ministry in Europe.

Faith Promise pledges to support missions in 2019 total \$.

Adult Ministries

Sunday Evening Gathering No Gathering until March.

Sunday School *The Stories Behind the Songs We Sing.* Lynn S leads a study on the purpose and use of songs and the different types of songs we use to live and worship. Sundays in January, 9:10-10:10am, room 220.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study We resume meeting this week. All women are welcome to join us as we study the Gospel of Mark Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11am.

Wonder-full Wednesdays Women's Bible Study What are the Feasts of the Lord? How do they matter to us? If you would like to delve into this interesting biblical study, join us for an interesting 8-week study beginning January 23 at 12:30pm. Questions? Contact Carol Z.

Children & Youth Ministries

Youth Groups Middle School (3:30PM) and High School (6:00PM) youth group meet tonight! Come out for a game, nachos, and talking about forgiveness!

• **Puerto Rice Mission Trip** If you signed up for the trip this summer, watch your email this week for some important team, travel, and meeting information.

• **Middle School Event** Are you ready for some fun? Sign up for the Craig's Cruisers event Saturday, January 26. Scan this code or watch for the link in the next parent email.



Opportunities to Serve

• **Mobile Food Pantry** Join us tomorrow in our rear parking lot to serve the hungry. Registration begins at 4:30pm; volunteers, please arrive at 4:45pm. If you need food, contact your Service Deacon or the church office (949-4342) to make arrangements. All contacts are confidential.

• **Meals and More** Are you interested in being part of a ministry to college students? We're hosting a potluck meal at noon January 20 in the Cascade Room. Sign up to be a part of the fun on the bulletin board in the Hub.

• **Urgent Needs for Children's Ministry** We need 1st grade Children's Worship leaders and a GEMS Coordinator. If you can help or would like to know more, please contact Laura B (laura@cascadefellowship.org).

• **Cascade Station** this Wednesday

• **Meal 6-6:30pm.** Grab a quick meal with your family before programs start! Recommended donation: adults/teens \$3, kids (under 10) \$1 This week: ham

• **Children's Programs 6:30-8:pm**
Nursery: infants-age 2
Son Seekers: ages 3-1st grade
GEMS: girls 2nd-8th grade
Cadets: boys 2nd-8th grade

• **Adult Options 6:45-8pm**
Class: *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* a study of Philip Yancey's book; led by Pastor James, room 220

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Ask the Question

Ephesians 5:15-17

This morning we look at Paul's words from Ephesians 5, where in the midst of detailed instructions for holy living, he gives a basic call to live "not as unwise, but as wise." Pausing to ask "Is this wise?" helps expose our tendency to deceive ourselves and opens us to God's guidance by His Holy Spirit.

Things to Think About

- 1) How does asking "Is this wise?" differ from "Is this wrong?" or "Is this legal"?
- 2) Is there a regret in your life that could have been avoided by asking "Is this wise?"?
- 3) Use these three qualifying questions to help you live wisely:
 - Given my past experiences, is this wise?
 - Given my current circumstances, is this wise?
 - Given my future plans and dreams, is this wise?