

CALVARY COURIER

March 2024

Members at Calvary



We've had a number of changes in where our folks are that aren't able to get out to church any longer, and wanted to give you an update. Most, if not all, of these members of Calvary would deeply appreciate a call, a card, or best, a visit. Many will say how much they miss the fellowship of being able to come to church.

Here are where our members are living:

The Cottages: Elma Beyer, Marti DeBoef, Betty Elscott, Roger Jansen, Cobie Spoelstra, Will Stallinga, Marie Van Maanen, Vern and Geneva Van Zanten, and Elva Vos,

Fairhaven East: Lucy Stravers

In their own Homes: June Slagter, Norma Van Weelden, Bill and Lil Nikkel, Jake Van Gorp, Gene and Norma Roose

Independence Village:, Dorothy Van Kooten, Terry Van Zee, & Ernie De Jong

Pella Manor: LeNora Van Weelden, Harold and Marg Sikma, Joey Bandstra, Bernie Spoelstra, Willa Branderhorst, Janet Jansen, Effie Groenendyk, Lilburn and Geneva Jansen

White Oak Estates, Oskaloosa: Nelson Roozeboom

Northern Mahaska Care Facility, Oskaloosa: Cornie Van Hal

The Homestead, Oskaloosa: Marilyn Veenstra,

Westridge, Knoxville: Joyce Nikkel

Mill Pond, Ankeny: Grace Van Ryswyk

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Cornie Van Hal would like to thank the congregation for the cards he received for his 90th birthday.

Calvary Congregation, We want to say thank you for sending us to help students in the colleges in Iowa know the love and grace of Jesus Christ. It is a great joy and privilege to serve students and live out the call we believe Christ has on our lives. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your generous financial support. We are so grateful.

God's Peace,
Joel & Rachel Watters

Congregation of Calvary CRC,
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you so very much for your generous gifts you recently gave to Rehoboth Christian School!!! Your gifts make such a positive difference in the lives of our students. We give God all the praise and glory for who He is and all He does. We thank Him for blessing Rehoboth now in our 120th school year. Thank you for being such a big part of the Rehoboth ministry and keep us in your prayers.

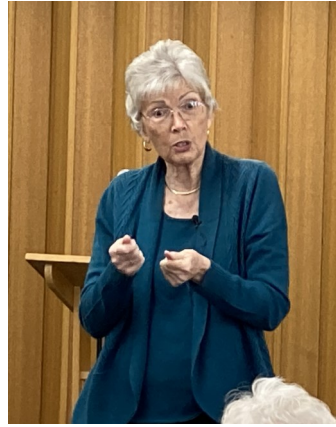
Blessings, Dave Sytsma

Recent Young At Heart Events at Calvary

On January 22, 2024, The Young At Heart Group invited Carol Van Klompenburg to speak to them about her recent book, Creative Aging. Carol explained her surprise when, at age 50, she received a complimentary copy of the "AARP Magazine" in the mail. She was upset. She was sure she wouldn't be old enough for that publication for another ten to twenty years. Even after those two decades had passed, she still thought old age was ten years in the future. After preparing for that future, she began researching aging and realized, like many of her peers, she was in massive denial. Her book is a collection of both research and personal experiences; both are informative and humorous. She explained how she had fallen in a public place but soon got up because she didn't want anyone to know that she had fallen. She then made sure that the consequences from the fall were not seen by others. She did not want to admit she was getting older. A few of the topics in her book are: "What Gets Better with Age," "How to Stay Fit and Healthy," "Maintaining a Healthy Brain," "The Importance of Balance," "Ageism and Our Youth-Oriented Culture," and "Accepting Limits." Our meeting concluded with a coffee-time and a time of fellowship.

On February 12, 2024, the First Church Theater Troupe came back to Calvary and presented their play; "How the Civil War Affected Pella." Their leader, Mary Borg, had done extensive research on this subject. The play consisted of three scenes. Scene One: "Central College is Informed of the Need for Volunteers." Many Central College students and staff members volunteered to go fight in the Civil War. After volunteering, they were told to go home and tell their parents. Some were as young as seventeen years old. Some came back, some were injured, and some were killed.

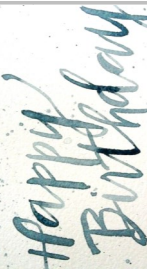



Scene Two: "Maria Scholte's Living Room." Mothers of the soldiers gathered on a weekly basis to discuss what supplies the soldiers needed. Many of them worked hard during the week, knitting underwear, socks, and uniforms for the soldiers.



Scene Three: "Riverboat on the Mississippi River with Dominie Scholte." The riverboat was used to ship the needed supplies to the soldiers and was also made into a hospital for the wounded soldiers. Cast members read letters that the soldiers had sent home. Some of the people from the theater troupe depicted the character of their great, great-grandfather who was involved in the Civil War. The play ended with a celebration after receiving the announcement that the war had ended. After the play, a coffeetime and fellowship together.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Lilburn Jansen* Adrian Vos Esmirna Rodriguez	4 Randy Nugteren Cynthia Van Wyk Lee Veldhuizen*	5 Connie Roozeboom	6 Kipp Ulferts	7 Leasa Jansen Levi Vermeer	8 Laurie Goodyk	9 Aaron Sandbulte
10 	11 Alexis Daffitto Lee Roose	12 Drew Van Wyngarden Cornie Ribbens	13 Esther Van Weelden*	14 Emma Van Wyngarden Bev Van Zee	15 	16 Ivan Mulder* Darcy Horstman
17 Zach De Vries Fran Poortinga*	18 Joyce Nikkel* Mark Vander Schel Steve Ver Meer	19 Jeremiah Schutte Mya Huisman	20 Jerry Bandstra Sadie Holesinger	21 Chloe Huisman	22	23
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