

Church Calendar

Sunday ~ January 6th

11:00am Grow Group Meals; Offering is for JAMLAC (Justice & Mercy Legal Aid Clinic), an affiliate of Mile High Ministries, seeks justice for those struggling with poverty and oppression. For more information: <http://jamlac.org/>

4-6pm: Rita Buys Visitation at Olinger Chapel Hill

Monday ~ January 7th ~

10:30am: Rita Buys Memorial Service

Tuesday ~ January 8th

6:30pm: Deacon's meeting

Wednesday ~ January 9th

9:30am: Ladies Morning Bible Study in 12/13

6:30pm Coffee Break Women's Bible Study in Emerson House

6:30pm *Beloved of God* Yoga in room 12/13

Thursday ~ January 10th

9-12noon

Friday ~ January 11th

Library is staffed

Saturday ~ January 12th

10:00am - *Circle of Hope* support room 12/13

Lord's Supper Sunday ~ January 13th

Age-specific Sunday School, Name Tag Sunday

Thank you to all serving this Sunday, January 6th

Children in Worship: Nancy Waanders, Luke Ruter, Annika DeBoer, Ari Waanders

Nursery: Jessica Benson, Elianah & Charlotte Reynolds, Dan Addink

Camera: Matthew Jonker **Lyrics:** Micah Dehaan **Sound:** Jim DeHaan

Prayer Ministry Elders: Cal Van Heukelem & Anne Buteyn

Coffee: Vander Ark

Thank you to all serving next Sunday, January 13th

Children in Worship: Becky and Eli Vermeer, Katherine Elgersma and Wyatt Vermeer

Nursery: Karen Waanders, Hannah DeBoer, Lynn Roberts, Matthew Jonker

Camera: TBD **Lyrics:** TBD **Sound:** TBD

Prayer Ministry Elders: Dave Cady & Sheri Dehaan

Coffee: DeBoer/Kats

Newcomers, guests and visitors: Hot tea, cocoa and coffee are available in back; prayer elders are available up front to support you on your faith journey. We have *Connect cards* in the pew pockets to help us to communicate with you.

Denver Christian School is a satellite location for live webinars of The January Series.

We invite you to join us for this FREE 15-day lecture series that takes place each January. The 2019 series will be weekdays, **10:30 - 11:30am** through **January 23rd** with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields.

Grow Group Meals January 6th:

Grow Groups are intergenerational *pot-luck* fellowship times to study God's Word and pray together. These groups are hosted by an elder-deacon team in the home of a participating member, or at church. Guests and visitors to First CRC will have easy access to lunch and laughter with **Groups 2, 3, & 4** meeting on site!

Group #1: Ritsema/Buys - Newcombe's home - 2158 South Clarkson, 80210.

***Group #2:** Waanders/Timmer: - Meeting in Pit Stop Garage next to church.

***Group #3:** Van Heukelem/Natelborg - Meets downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

***Group #4:** Buteyn/Vanden Boogaard - Meeting downstairs in rm. 12/13.

Group #5: DeHaan/Posthumus - DeHaan's - 8028 S. Ammons Ct., 80128

Group #6: Cady/Nibblelink - Schan's Home: - 9801 S. Johnson St., 80127

Help Needed:

Edna Houtkooper would like to hire additional help for late afternoons, from 3-5 or 4-6pm. She needs companionship to prepare her evening meals and get her ready for bed. *CNA is not necessary, but might be helpful.*

Please call Edna at #303.300.4503

First Christian Reformed Church #303.733.4936

Church Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

Address: 1814 South Emerson Street, Denver, CO 80210

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First Christian Reformed Church

*A Family of God, Living our Faith and Growing by:
Joyfully surrendering to Jesus, Freely sharing our lives,
and Humbly embracing the hurting.*

Grow Group Sunday ~ January 6, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

*Song: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* LUYH 575

Children In Worship Dismissal

Celebration and Gratitude

Faith Story: Becky Vermeer

Offering: *Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic*

Offertory: *We Will Extol You God and King* LUYH 562

Lament

Faith Story: Walt Ackerman

Prayer for those in Lament

Song: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* LUYH 369

Surprise

Faith Story: Sheri DeHaan

Song: *I'll Not Be Shaken*

Pastor Bret Interviews:

Sam Lamsma, Ari Waanders, Andy Vanden Boogaard

Song: *I Will Follow*

Response

Response Time and Songs:

Come Thou Fount

I Will Look Up

*Sending Song: *Let It Be Said of Us*

*Blessing

*Postlude: *Let It Be Said of Us* reprise

*Postlude

Minister of the Word: Rev. Joel Schreurs
Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Bret Lamsma
Worship Coordinator: Kyle Cooper
Accompanist: Jack Waanders

Roll Call 2018

The Births of...

Benjamin Keyes	1.01.18
Simon Nibbelink	5.22.18
Nikalina Van Anandel	10.11.18

The Baptism of...

Simon Nibbelink	9.16.18
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The Professions of Faith by...

Adam DeBoer	3.11.18
Owen Vermeer	3.11.18
Isaac Den Braber	3.25.18

New Members... 5.06.18

Mike & Jessica Cleveland: *Micah, Ethan*
Josh & Lisee Cowan: *Jaiden, Joziah, Judah*
MaryAnn McLaughlin
Marjolein Meewis
Jon & Susan Peterson: *Hannah, Ellie*
Shawna Zachman Schroder
Mike & Deb Van Eps

The Deaths of...

LeRoy Kats	1.21.18
Gertrude Vande Brake	7.01.18

Up ~ Prayer and Praise:

Our Persecuted Believer's prayer focus will be for the country of Yemen during January/February. Please look for a prayer sheet by the silver message board with two prayers written by Yemen believers. Yemen Christians are being denied food and water relief distributed by local mosques in conjunction with Islamic State.

Please pray for the family and many friends of **Rita Buys**. Rita's suffering ended, even as her new life with Christ began, on Wednesday. A **visitation** will be held from **4-6pm this afternoon, January 6th**, at Olinger Chapel Hill: 6601 S Colorado Blvd, Centennial, CO 80121. Rita's memorial service will be held this **Monday, January 7th at 10:30am** at First Christian Reformed Church.

Update on Aubree, daughter of Joe & Enitza Templeton (neighbor's of Henry Zoetewey). Aubree is in ICU after a three-hour heart surgery to remove scar tissue and membrane. Please continue to pray for full recovery for this precious child.

We continue to pray for sustaining grace for **Jack and Jean Allen** and family.

IN ~ Events & Upcoming Activities

Family Night 2019 kicks off on Wednesday, **January 16th**, beginning with a home-cooked meal served at **5:45pm** (donations are always appreciated). Adult and children's programs and activities will begin at **6:30pm**. First CRC Council will meet at 6:30pm. If you are new to First Church, come hungry to check out this casual night of fun and fellowship. Nursery provided! Our **movie discussion** group will resume meeting that night. Our next movie up for discussion will be *"The Truman Show"* starring Jim Carrey. If you have any questions about our discussion group please talk to Pastor Bret.

Men's Morning Bible study meets routinely Wednesday mornings at **7:30am** in the Emerson House (next door) with breakfast. Contact Kyle Cooper kylecooper@firstcrcdenver.org, or Cal Van Heukelem cal@firstcrcdenver.org if you would like to *plug-in* to a Men's study.

Men's Saturday morning group meets every other Saturday at **7:00am** in room 21. Next meeting is **January 19th**, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer: rodohouse@comcast.net.

Ladies Morning Bible Study will meet on **January 9th & 23rd, 2019** at 9:30am, in Room 12/13 for a study of *Ecclesiastes*. Please contact Walt Ackerman if you have any questions: **#303-916-5246**.

Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study will begin again Wednesday, **January 9th at 6:30pm** in the Emerson House next to church. Contact Betty Eyser #303.770.6949, or Beth Posthumus: beth@firstcrcdenver.org.

Beloved of God women's yoga group will be meeting **January 9th at 6:45pm**. Contact Pamela Hansum dphansum@q.com for more details.

Sew and Sews will meet **Thursday, January 10th & 24th from 9-12noon**, with coffee time at 10:30am. This faithful fellowship sews for local hospitals and global mission organizations. They plan to meet every other Thursday in the New Year. Contact Joey Vander Ark if you would like more information: joeyvanark@aol.com

Circle of Hope: Prayerful small group support for family members caring for a loved one navigating the ups and downs of mental illness. Monthly meetings are held in rm. 21, from 10-12 on the second Saturday, next meeting is **January 12th**.

Prayer For Persecuted Believer's meets on the **second Monday** of each month at 9:30am in room 12/13. Next meeting is **January 14th**.

OUT ~ Living Our Faith & Growing by

Joyfully Surrendering To Jesus ~

Do you have the gift of *Hospitality and welcoming* others? We would love to have a few more people on the coffee committee, and to greet visitors! This is a great way to become involved at First CRC (low time commitment of about 1 hour every 6-8 weeks). Call or email the office for details connections@firstcrcdenver.org

Freely Sharing Our Lives ~

Families of College Students: The First CRC staff would like to update our College student's mailing address list in order to encourage and pray for the students in our faith family. Will you please email: connections@firstcrcdenver.org with the current address, email and cell number for your student? We can also add them to our *Mail Chimp* list if they would like to receive Connections Newsletter electronically.

Humbly Embracing The Hurting ~

Volunteer Overseas - Are you looking for ways to help end poverty, restore creation, and reconcile relationships? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program has overseas placements for individuals in language learning, health, agriculture, engineering and more. If you are identifying God's call in your life or looking for an opportunity to use your gifts and skills, let's further God's kingdom together. To find out more, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

Count Committee Report: 12/16, 12/23, 12/30

Council would like to thank the congregation for responding so generously to the request for giving to the General Fund. The giving during the month of December has surpassed the shortage in budgeted giving and now places us in a positive cash flow as we are half way through our fiscal year.

General Fund:	\$88,543.00
Family Promise:	3,801.00
Benevolence:	1,000.00
World Renew:	570.00

"Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD. Leviticus 27:30

GEMS would like to invite any women who have been involved in GEMS or *Calvinettes* over the years to celebrate **GEMS 60th anniversary** with a Birthday Party on **January 30th**. More details to come. If you have any pictures or memorabilia we could put on display the night of the Birthday Party please contact Julie Lamsma at #209-985-3622 or julie.lamsma@gmail.com.

Please email Connections@firstcrcdenver.org with your First CRC meeting schedule for the New Year. If you prefer, leave a flyer or list of dates with updated contact information on the receptionist's desk. Indicate if you would like your meetings or events listed on the website calendar.