

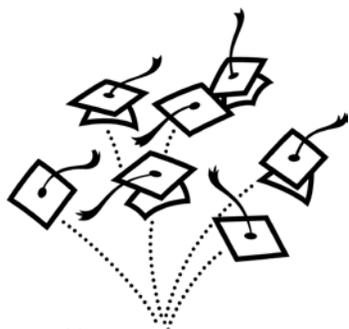
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Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church Newsletter

May 2015

Upcoming May Events @ AACRC

High School Graduate Recognition



On May 10th at 6 PM we will gather to worship and celebrate God's faithfulness to our graduating seniors. Please join the friends and family of Sophia, Michael, Leanne, and Lindsie for a meaningful worship service and cake and refreshments to follow.

Jesus Is Lord—Presented by the Choir

Please accept this invitation to join the Adult Choir for their season-ending program on May 17 at 6:00 PM. Through the use of hymns, anthems and scripture we will celebrate Christ's ascension and reign.



*Yes, suddenly, my God shall come again.
And every knee shall bow before his name.
And he shall reign forever on the throne.
And in his glory there I shall proclaim:
"Jesus is Lord!"*

Red Hymnal 226: 4

Love Bade Us Welcome—Baritone & Piano Concert

Jean Bernard Cerin, baritone & Veena Kulkarni, piano make their official debut on Saturday, May 30th, at 4:00 PM. The program includes:

Part I. Works by Charles Ives, Aaron Copeland & Vaughn-Williams

Part II. A Celebration of Worship with the Band



Habitat for Humanity–2015 House of Faith

Marian Ijzerman for the Service Deacons

Following is the biography of the future owners of the 2015 House of Faith—the Walker Family.



Tia Walker with her sons Brian, Jayden and Shawn, future homeowners of 1301 Shirley the 2015 House of Faith!

God does answer prayers!

Hi, my name is Tia Walker. I am a single parent with 4 boys: Demetrius Walker (20), Brian Walker (16), Shawn Walker (12), and Jayden Walker (3). Demetrius has attended Ypsilanti Community Schools and Washtenaw Community College and now lives out of town. Brian attends Ypsilanti Community School and is in the 11th grade. He loves to play sports (basketball and football), and to travel and be with family and friends. Shawn also attends Ypsilanti Community School and he's in the 7th grade. He takes after his older brother and also loves to play basketball and football, to travel, and family and friends mean a great deal to him as well. And there's Jayden, who goes to pre-school. He's smart, funny, loving and enjoys being outside and going to the park to play.

I also attended Ypsilanti Schools. I received my diploma in June of 2000. I am very close to my family—I love them dearly! I love traveling, spending time with family, planning events and dancing (ballroom, line dancing, Latin, hustle, and salsa). I love being the center of attention when I'm on the dance floor! I take care of my mother, who had a stroke almost 4 years ago. She is an awesome person, and I'm very close to her. I also attend Abundant Life Ministries Church in Ypsilanti.

I work at Glacier Hills as a Resident Service Assistant. Before I transferred to the facility, I worked with Glacier Hills Home Care for 10 years. I've always had a passion for helping others.

I've always dreamed of owning my own home for my children and myself. When they go off to college, they can always come home, where there's love, warmth and comfort.

God is really blessing my children and me. We've come across so many bumps in the road, but we're still going forward....God does answer prayers! Thanks to Habitat and everyone who's involved in making someone's dream come true!

Council Briefs–April 20, 2015

Dear Friends and Members,

At our Council meeting tonight Jen Boes led us in opening devotions focused on the abundance of God's mercy that included reading Psalm 116, some silence for reflection, the singing of the song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and prayer for the evening ending with the Lord's prayer. We then turned to our agenda that included the following:

1. Pastor John led us through a review and discussion of the attached Worship Discussion Group document. Discussions will continue and Paul Ryan, who teaches Worship Planning at Calvin College, will be leading a symposium on October 24 to which worship planners, Council and all members of the congregation will be invited.
2. Darren De Zeeuw, Chair of the Building Committee, provided us with a status report on our building construction and renovation project. Darren indicated that he expects the project to come in within the approved budget.
3. Council approved a motion to spend \$20,000 for painting and staining the existing building and \$5,900 to replace the lower-level door and related glass side-lights on the south end of the building.
4. We then reviewed a report on the status of the Building Fund and draws on the Bank of Ann Arbor construction loan which are all within plan. We then reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2015-16 after which we approved a motion to submit a Church Ministries budget of \$866,203—a 9% increase from the current year—and a Capital Expenditures budget of \$40,100. The motion included Council's recommendation that the congregation approve those two budgets at the May 18 annual congregational meeting.
5. Council had an extended discussion about a request for a church-wide discussion of a name change for the church. In the end, a consensus emerged that we needed to focus our time, energy, and priority on vision, mission and leadership before we consider a name change.
6. Council approved the following nominations: For the retiring Shepherding Elder, Ross Weener, the nominees are Larry Gruppen and Tom Trevethan; for retiring Service Deacons, Marian Ijzerman and Sharon Reimink, the nominees are Peter Boldenow, Mike Cuffle and Phil Palmbos; and for the retiring Admin Board Elder, Bill Dahms, the nominees are Jon Cooper and Chris

Van Ee. For retiring Admin Board Deacons, Tom Stermer and Art Henke, Council approved nominees Phil Boonstra, Paul Steen and Chuck Tuckey. The office bearers will be selected by lot at the May 18 congregational meeting and will be installed on Sunday, June 21 to begin service on July 1. Marian Ijzerman led us in a closing prayer and we concluded our meeting with a singing of the Doxology. If you have questions about any of the above matters or anything else about the work of Council, please feel free to contact any of the members of Council listed below.

Blessings,

FOR THE COUNCIL
Bill Dahms



May 24, Memorial Day weekend: one 10:00 am worship service

May 31 & June 7: two morning worship services at 8:45 & 11:15 am

Beginning June 14 and continuing through the Labor Day weekend: one 10:00 am worship service