

AUGUST 2012

CONNECTIONS

Join us for Vacation Bible School!

August 13-17, Evenings 6:00-8:15pm

**To register, visit our website,
stop in or call the church office.**

**See you
there!!**



Trinity Reformed Church

712 Apple Ave., Holland

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Benton Harbor

2012

This was one of the most fun mission trips I have ever been on!

Alani Dannenberg

Our mission trip to Benton Harbor was an amazing one. The kids were adorable and it was almost sad how excited they got when we showed them the basketball hoop we got them. The trip showed me that there are a lot of people with less money & less resources than us here in MI. It was lots of hard work, but it was also a lot of fun times.

Mady Buursma

The best part about the trip was watching the students come together as a team. There were two different work sites and as the two groups came together for lunch and in the afternoon after work, the mood would go from exhausted to energized just because everyone was together again.

Heather Oom

This trip, as well as being a great bonding experience and opportunity to serve others, really opened my eyes to how blessed my life is. Benton Harbor is drastically different from my hometown of Zeeland, and poverty rates are extremely high. Things that I take for granted, such as a nice house, are things that the people there can only dream of.

It was amazing to see the joy that a basketball hoop and sidewalk chalk could bring to the kids attending day camp at the church. The next time I complain about something small, I need to remember the kind of homes and lives we saw in Benton Harbor and realize God has blessed my life so much and instead of complaining, I should be thanking Him for all He has given me. I was so glad for the opportunity to serve the people in Benton Harbor and hope that the time we spent there had a positive impact on the community while we were there.

Jami Gezon

Everyone of us on this mission trip was blessed to be a blessing.

Laura VanderStarre

It was awesome watching our youth share their Christian love through their work, smiles and efforts.

Teresa Harrington (AKA: mama Teresa)

My week in Benton Harbor was so different than our last mission trip to Brooklyn, New York. The differences between Benton Harbor and Brooklyn are: we were still in the state, we didn't have a film crew in the way of our mission work and NO popped tires!!! Benton Harbor was so much fun. The first day we were there - Thursday, July 12 - the group split into two different groups. One group stayed at the church and the other group went to work on the first house. The group that was at the church priced A LOT of items for the church garage sale that was going to be held on Friday July 13. We also hung out with the kids that go to day camp at the church during the summer. When the kids all got to the church in the morning, they played outside for a little bit then came inside and sang songs. Pastor Lisa, who is the Director of the day camp, is very good with the children and they listen to her very well. Later that day the four students that stayed at the church went back outside with the children and at some point during the day the kids had four of us (three students and a leader) lined up on the ground doing our hair. The four of us that were getting our hair done were Heather, Laura, Kim and I. The other group that was working on the house were scraping the house and priming it. The next day, July 13, the groups switched. A.J, Caleigh, Jami and Mady were at the church helping Heather with the garage sale. All the money the garage sale earned went to the kids' end of year celebration. At the house this day the four students and Teresa, who was the leader, scraped the garage and painted the house. Saturday, July 14 the groups also split into two. Teresa, Alani and I went back to the house we had been working on to finish up the painting while the rest of the group, Jon, Matt, Heather, A.J, Jami, Caleigh, Kim, Laura and Mady, went to scrape Pastor Nate's house. We did a lot of scraping this week! After Saturday's hard and long day of work we went to the splash pad and then to the beach to cool off. Saturday night, Dave Kool, the Site Director took the students on the roof of the church! It was so cool being able to see the city of Benton Harbor at a higher level. Dave took group pictures of the students by the cross at the top of the church. Over all this week in Benton Harbor was a life changing experience and it has also brought me closer to some of the students in Area 51!!

Michelle Myaard

I enjoyed growing in relationships with the students, getting to know each of them better.

Matt Oom

Our Youth Group grew into more of a family throughout our Mission Trip. We really impacted a lot of people, as well as being impacted ourselves.

A.J. Bedard

This was one of the best experiences I have ever had on a mission trip! The whole week was incredible!! It was also great that we did not lose three tires and a radiator along the way. I did kinda miss the hotel stay we had last year though. Overall this was a great week!!

Caleigh Harrington

The kids really touched my heart. They were sweet hearts, except for the pulling of our hair during our hair make-overs. Overall this week was a blast

Kimmie Pelon

We had a great week learning more about God and more about our group. Also we learned how people in another area of our state live - amazingly it is so similar and yet so different. The children that we worked with were great!!! Maybe the best moment of the week for me was the look on the faces of the kids when we walked out with the basketball hoop we purchased for them.

Jon Wolters

Join Us for This Last Family and Friends Summer Party!!



Invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers!

All ages are welcome!



**Holland Sailboat Races @ Holland State Park: Wednesday, August 8,
6:00pm – ?** We'll order sub sandwiches and you bring a dessert or side item to pass! We'll enjoy the goodies, sun and beach, then get ready to watch the races which start at 6:45.

**Sign up sheets are at the welcome center.
Questions? Call Teresa Harrington (395-9439).**

**Transportation is available –
simply check the box when you sign up!**

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY!!!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- Snacks for Vacation Bible School (sign up at the information table)
- Monday Morning work group
- Wednesday Night Dinners (beginning in September)
- Community Kitchen at Western Seminary(1st Thursday @ 11am)
- Trinity Care Closet (Every Wednesday 4:30-6:00pm)
- Provide Gatorade for Tuesday night Basketball
- Help in Leading Worship
- Start a Small Group based on your favorite hobby

For any of these and a variety of other opportunities,

AGRM is proud to support:



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HELP A LIFE GROW.

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Local Families to Benefit from Disney's "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" Sock Drive

Holland Rescue Mission Collecting Socks to Distribute to Those in Need

Warming and comforting the feet of families in need is the goal of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM) in cooperation with The Walt Disney Studios and Hanes. **Holland Rescue Mission, an AGRM member, encourages community members to donate new socks to help local families as part of "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" Sock Drive.**

"Many of the infirmities that homeless people endure are actually borne in their feet because of all the walking and standing they do," said AGRM President John Ashmen. "New socks - clean, dry and without holes - will go a long way to provide comfort and care for the men, women and children who are desperate for assistance."

Inspired by "The Odd Life of Timothy Green," a Disney film slated for an August 15 release, **the drive will be in gear until Sept. 3. A designated box is available in the gathering area by the mailboxes. Men's women's, children's & infant socks are needed. Holland Rescue Mission will distribute the socks to the families it aids.** Hanes will match North American donations up to 10,000 pairs of socks.



For more details about "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" Sock Drive, please visit <https://www.agrm.org/sockdrive>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Aug 1 - Camp Rock *9am-4pm*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
- ♦ Aug 2 - Camp Rock *9am-4pm*
Community Kitchen @ Western Seminary
11am
- ♦ Aug 5 - Worship & Communion *9:30am*
- ♦ Aug 6 - Camp Rock *9am-4pm*
- ♦ Aug 7 - Camp Rock *9am-4pm*
- ♦ Aug 8 - Camp Rock *9am-4pm*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
Sailboat Races at Holland State Park *6pm*
- ♦ Aug 10 - Camp Rock End of Summer Celebration
5:30pm
- ♦ Aug 12 - Worship *9:30am*
- ♦ Aug 13 - Vacation Bible School *6-8:15pm*
Spiritual Growth Team Meeting *7pm*
- ♦ Aug 14 - Prayer Group Meeting *10am*
Vacation Bible School *6-8:15pm*
- ♦ Aug 15 - Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
Vacation Bible School *6-8:15pm*
- ♦ Aug 16 - Vacation Bible School *6-8:15pm*
People Care Team Meeting *7pm*
- ♦ Aug 17 - Vacation Bible School *6-8:15pm*
- ♦ Aug 18 - Vacation Bible School Celebration
- ♦ Aug 19 - Worship *9:30am*
Deacons' Meeting *11am*
- ♦ Aug 20 - Finance Team Meeting *7pm*
- ♦ Aug 22 - Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
- ♦ Aug 23 - Worship Team Meeting *7pm*
- ♦ Aug 26 - Worship *9:30am*
- ♦ Aug 27 - Lydia/Ruth Circle *9:30am*
Elders' Meeting *7pm*
Mission Team Meeting *7pm*
- ♦ Aug 28 - Prayer Group Meeting *10am*
- ♦ Aug 29 - Care Closet *4:30-6pm*



Happy Birthday!!



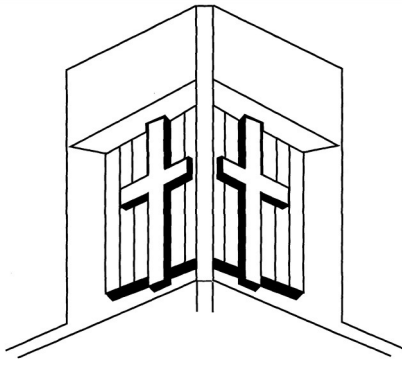
Samantha Dannenberg	8/2	Kyle Odom	8/9	Bill Zonnebelt	8/18
Michelle Myaard	8/2	Jerry Lubbers	8/10	Ed Borgman	8/21
Eric Libby	8/4	Jerry VanMalsen	8/10	Betty Marcus	8/21
Scott Brower	8/6	Kathy Bagladi	8/13	Sandy Bedard	8/22
Cal Overbeek	8/6	Neal Kelly	8/13	Gabby Helmus	8/23
Justin Wolters	8/6	Dawn Schurman	8/13	Noah Bierma	8/24
Ryan Libby	8/7	Bev Lubbers	8/14	Jason Shoemaker	8/25
Jeremy Post	8/8	Peter Bronkema	8/18	Muncie Boeve	8/27
Randy Timmer	8/8	Andrea Busscher	8/18	Doug Dams	8/29
Leona Houting	8/9	Doris Welling	8/18	Jordan Newhouse	8/29
				JoAnn Dykstra	8/30

Happy Anniversary!!

Dan & Becky Bierma	8/4
Jim & Karen Bos	8/9
Randy & Brenda Busscher	8/9
Larry & Lisa Kelly	8/10
Stan & Linda Sal	8/10
Hugh & Paula Wassink	8/13
Randy & Sally Timmer	8/14



Frank & Janice Pelfrey	8/16
Ted & Muncie Boeve	8/20
Ed & Beth Borgman	8/21
Martin & Pat Trevino	8/22
Ken & Sara Neevel	8/24
Steve & Amanda Schurman	8/24
Dan & Nancy Baker	8/30



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No Cost!

WORSHIP ON THE WATERFRONT 2012 **Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium – Rain or Shine**

No Tickets!

1 N Harbor – Downtown Grand Haven, MI

Sunday Evenings 7:30-8:45 p.m.

*A free-will offering will be taken. Come dressed for the weather. Bring a folding chair if you choose.
Check us out at: www.worshiponthewaterfront.org Questions? (616) 842-6600*

AUGUST 5

BEBO NORMAN

A favorite on contemporary Christian radio who appeals to worshippers of all ages.

AUGUST 12

GAITHER STYLE HOMECOMING SING-A-LONG with the DOWN HOME HORNS & CHOIR

Come ready to sing those hymns and gospel songs we all love with this toe-tapping band and inspiring choir under the direction of Chris Hansen.

AUGUST 19

PEDER EIDE

Always a crowd favorite, Peder leads in celebrative and creative worship that excites, energizes and draws audiences closer to God.

AUGUST 26

ZION BIBLE COLLEGE WORSHIP TEAM

These talented college students are studying to be the next generation of top-flight worship leaders and will present a wonderful evening of worship.

Upcoming Sermons

August 5 Communion	John 15:18 - 16:4	Does the World Hate You?
August 12	Matthew 14:22-34	Rough Waves? Jesus Saves!
August 19	Matthew 15:21-28	Living A Vibrant Faith
August 26	John 5:16-30	Hearing the Voice of the Son