

**Thank you** - "Thank you to those who sent me cards and wishes and goodies on my 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. I thank God for the good years he has given me." - Alice Vander Broek

**Registration at Unity Christian High School** will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 7 & 8 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms are available on the website under Forms and Documents. If you cannot come in one of those nights, stop by any morning after registration and we will help you register.



**Orange City Christian School registration** for the 2017-18 school year will be held Tuesday, August 8 and Monday, August 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Reserve one of these registration dates now. A registration letter has been emailed to parents. If you do not receive the information, please contact the school at 737-2274 and leave a message. Back to School Night will be held Tuesday, August 22, 6:30-8:00 pm for students at Orange City Christian School. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 23 with dismissal at noon.



**The Picture Directory is here!** You can pick up a copy of the directory in your mailbox. A huge thanks to Kelli Bartlett for all of her work on this!

**Last MRC Movie Night - ALL are welcome!** - The last MRC movie night will be on Wednesday, August 16, at 7 pm in the Family Life Center.

**Motorcycle Ride - Thursday evening, August 10** - The group will be leaving church at 5:45 pm and will be heading to Martinsburg, NE to eat. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Baartman at 712-548-6427.



**Maurice Reformed Church Youth Ministries**

**Jr. GAP Ministries**

**Denver Mission Trip Sharing - August 13 (Evening Service)** - All Jr. GAP students and adults that went to Denver are invited to participate in this night of sharing of what God did on our trip to Denver - in your own life and in the lives of those we encountered! We would love to have some stories to share with the church, so if you are willing to share that night (whether it is written or spoken) please contact Jon Eveland! A picture video is in the process of being made to share that night as well!



**Wild Water West - Wednesday, August 9** - All incoming, current, and outgoing Jr. GAPpers are welcome to join us for our annual Wild Water West outing! We have the evening timeslot from 4-8pm. We will leave Maurice at 2:45pm and hope to return to MRC at 9:15pm. The cost is \$10 per person - friends are welcome! Please contact Jon Eveland if you plan to attend!



**Last MRC Movie Night** - Wednesday, August 16 at 7pm in the Family Life Center (gym) - If you have any suggestions for movies to show, contact Jon Eveland.

**Jr GAP Parent Meeting** - Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 pm in the Jr GAP Room - This meeting is for parents of incoming 6th graders through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Come and hear about the upcoming Jr GAP year as we officially kick off on September 13! If you have friends that don't attend MRC but are interested in Jr GAP - those parents are welcome as well!



**Jr GAP Kick-Off** - Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:45PM in the Jr GAP Room



**Sr. High Ministries**

**Rocky Mountain High Trip Sharing** - August 13 (Evening Service) - All Sr. High students and adults that went to Rocky are invited to participate in this night of sharing of what God did in our time at Rocky- in your own life and in the lives of those we encountered! We would love to have some stories to share with the church, so if you are willing to share that night (whether it is written or spoken) please contact Jon Eveland! On this night, the Jr. GAPpers are also sharing about their trip to Denver. If you would like to share pictures for the Rocky picture video, please get those to Jon Eveland!



**Sr. High Parent Meeting** - Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 pm in the Sr. High Youth Room - This meeting is for parents of incoming Freshmen through Seniors. Come and hear about the upcoming Sr. High year as we officially kick off on September 13! If you have friends that don't attend MRC but are interested in Sr. High - those parents are welcome as well!

**Sr. High Kick-Off** - Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:45PM in the Sr. High Youth Room



**MAURICE REFORMED CHURCH**

*Following God, loving others.*

Sunday, August 6, 2017

**9:30 This Sunday Morning Teaching** led by Tom Smith  
"Celebrating Faith"  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Baptism - Please celebrate with us this morning as Steele Alan De Weerd, son of Jason and Kayla De Weerd, will be receiving the sacrament of baptism. He was born on May 27.**

**Next Sunday at MRC**

**9:30 Sunday Morning Teaching** led by Justin Schrock  
"Following God"

**6:30 PM Rocky Mountain High & Jr. Gap Denver Trip Sharing**

GOD is *Good,*  
*all* the time.

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**Church Family Prayer**

**Prayer Concerns:**

- Continue to pray for **Allen Wichers**. His progress is slow going so please pray for continued patience as he gains his strength back.
- Please keep **Al Lenters** in your prayers. Pray for strength and patience for him and Marlys.
- Please keep **Bryan Van Gelder** in your prayers as he will undergo radiosurgery on August 14th to eliminate the tumor in his brain.
- Please pray for **Arlin Bylsma** as he continues to recover at home. Pray for continued healing and patience for him.
- Please pray for **Brent DeKok** as he will began chemo treatment this past week. Pray for continued strength for him and his family.
- Please be in prayer for **Charlene Oolman's** nephew, Ryan Palsma. He had a stem cell transplant that took place on Thursday. Pray that Ryan's body will accept these new cells and begin to heal his body!

**Congratulations:**

- Congratulations to **Lucas & Nicole Plendl** on the birth of their daughter, **Jacie**, born on June 20. She joins her big brother, Levi.
- Congratulations to **Blaine & Cassie Reuter** on the birth of their son, **Gabriel Michael**, who was born on July 24 and joins his big sister, Harper.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School teachers needed!** Do you love to be around children? Do you feel God calling you to step a bit out of your comfort zone and teach? We need you!! We have openings in grades 2 and 5. Please contact Bonnie Wolf soon!



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Are you planning on sending your child to Children and Worship this year? Children need to be ages 3 through kindergarten to attend. This is not a play time. It is a time of worship and learning at the children's level.

We are looking for leaders as well as helpers. This year we are asking that if your child attends, one of the parents takes a turn at being a helper. Many hands make light work!

A sign up sheet is on the information table. Please sign up so we can create a schedule! Thank you!

If you would be willing to lead or help and do not have children that age, we would LOVE for you to volunteer! Please sign up at the information table. Thanks!

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**Connecting, caring and sharing God's Love**

We will be starting a new program that will come alongside our Sunday School program for students age 3 all the way through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The goal of this program is to have generation to generation come together praying and caring for each other. Do you have time to pray for a classroom of kids? **We need you!** Please sign up at the information counter! Thanks!

Any questions please talk with Bonnie Wolf. A more detailed description can be found in the August Maurice Moments!

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Do you love to sing? Do you love kids? We have the position for you!! **We are looking for a choir director** for kids ages 1st through 5th grade! Please contact Bonnie Wolf SOON!! Thanks!



### Update from the Search Team:

On August 27, we will have a teaching pastor candidate interviewing and preaching at MRC. We will announce the candidate name at the morning service on August 6 to allow the congregation to pray about this for three weeks prior to August 27. After the morning service on August 27, we will meet back in the sanctuary to vote as a congregation on whether or not to extend a call. This will require a 2/3rd vote from the congregation. We would encourage everyone to attend the service and be a part of this exciting time at MRC.

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I would just like to thank everyone who has welcomed me to Maurice Reformed Church. The amount of encouragement and support that I have received has been overwhelming, and I can't thank you all enough for that. It is definitely a learning experience, but I appreciate everyone who has walked alongside me and helped me in this process and time of transition. MRC is a special place and I am incredibly happy and blessed to be here. I look forward to getting to know all of you better and growing with you!  
God bless!  
-Emily Borger

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 6**

9:30 AM Morning worship led by Tom Smith

**Tuesday, August 8**

9 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Consistory Meeting

**Saturday, August 12**

7 PM MRC Movie Night

**Sunday, August 13**

9:30 AM Morning worship led by Justin Schrock

**The Church Softball tournament will take place on August 14, 15, and 16. Times are to be determined.**

## VOLUNTEERING AT MRC

|   | THIS WEEK                           | NEXT WEEK                          |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PIANO/ORGAN                             | Barb VH/Janene VG                   | Donna/Marge                        |
| LITTLE BLESSINGS & BIG PROMISES NURSERY | Aaron & Amy Muth<br>Morgan Feenstra | Steve & Julie Vis<br>Brooke Venema |
| PRAYER ROOM                             | Colette Hofmeyer                    | LaDonna De Vries                   |
| WELCOME CENTER                          | Jerry Vermeer                       | Jo Dekker                          |
| FLOWER CHAIRPERSON                      | Sharon Plendl                       | Sharon Plendl                      |

**Youth Ministries is picking up and will be in full swing sooner than you know it! We would love your involvement! If you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact Jon Eveland.**

