

Welcome to Cottage Grove Church and to our worship services. If you are visiting, please sign a guest book at the back of the sanctuary or near one of the entrances and join us for coffee after the morning service so that we can get better acquainted. Recordings of our services are available on our website or on compact disk by calling the church office or using the order form located next to the guest book in the narthex. May the Lord bless you richly as you hear His word and join in worship.

The Lord's Day • February 21, 2016
Morning Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Psalter Hymnal 28 *The Spacious Heavens Declare*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Celebration Hymnal 57 *Sing Unto the Lord*

Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32: 1 – 5
 (pew Bible, p. 869)
 Psalter Hymnal 55 *How Blest the Man Whose Trespass*
 Rich and Kathy Kooyenga sing first 2 verses,
 Congregation joins to sing verses 3 – 5

Call to Thankful Living Psalm 32: 6 – 11
 God's Guide for Thankful Living Reading of the Law
 Preparation for the Lord's Supper
 Congregational Prayer
 Offering Cottage Grove Cadets
 *Celebration Hymnal 708 *Behold What Manner of Love*

Scripture Ruth 1: 16 – 17 (pew Bible, p. 412)
 Sermon YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 140 *O God, How Good Thou Art*
 *Benediction
 *Celebration Hymnal 814 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Postlude

*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes projected items.

Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.

Prelude
 *Call to Worship and Prayer
 *Celebration Hymnal 213 *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*
 *Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting
 *Psalter Hymnal 51 **Now Unto Jehovah Ye Sons of the Mighty**
The Apostles' Creed
 *Confession of Faith

Celebration Hymnal 681 *In His Time*
 The Prayers of God's People
 Offering Cottage Grove General Fund
 *Psalter Hymnal 419: 1, 4, 5 *Thus Saith the Mercy of the Lord*

Scripture Ruth 1: 20 – 21 (pew Bible, p. 412)
 Sermon NAOMI'S STRUGGLE WITH THE LORD'S WAYS
 Prayer of Application

*Psalter Hymnal 461 **God Moves in a Mysterious Way**
 *Benediction
 *Closing Song **Let it Be Said of Us**
 *Postlude

Today at Cottage Grove

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Dr. Cornel Venema, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove Cadets.
- No **Sunday School** today.
- 11:00 a.m. **Fellowship Committee** meets in Room 1.
- 4 p.m. sharp. **Attention all singers!!** Please join us this afternoon as we prepare to present a cantata on Easter Sunday evening drawn from several cantatas that we have presented in the past. It would be a blessing to have several more voices join our choir members!
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Dr. Cornel Venema, preaching. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund.

This Week at Cottage Grove

- Monday, February 22**
- 6:45 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** meets. Join us to study the Gospel of John. Lesson: John 15.
 - 7:00 p.m. **Deacons** meet.
- Tuesday, February 23**
- 9:45 a.m. **Women's Coffee Break, Story Hour and Nursery** meet. Lesson 8: Romans 15:14-33. Join us for Bible Study. Nursery: Bonnie B, Edie G.
 - 9:45 a.m. **Men's Coffee Break Bible Study** meets. Lesson: John 16.
 - 7:00 p.m. **Consistory** meets.
- Wednesday, February 24**
- Men: What is in your Wednesday time slot, between 6:30 - 7:45 a.m.? If you are free, why not join our **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

at Sheffield's Restaurant (1027 Sheffield Ave.) in Dyer? It's a great and enriching way to start the day and develop rich relationships with the guys. We'd love to meet up with you there!

- 7:00 p.m. **Search Committee** meets.
- The **Godly Women Class**, instead of meeting weekly, will temporarily meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 7-9 p.m. beginning immediately. This will coincide with Cottage Grove's Cadet and Gems programs. Our next meeting will be March 2. You are cordially invited to join us in the Fellowship House while waiting for your children.

Thursday, February 25

- 12:00 noon. **Bulletin** deadline.

Friday, February 26

- 7:00 p.m. **Derby Car Night** at Cottage Grove. Registration from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for Cadets, Counselors, and Families. Everyone is invited! Come out and join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

Next Week at Cottage Grove

Sunday, February 28

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. Herman Schutt, preaching. Sermon title: THE BODY OF CHRIST. Offering: Cottage Grove General Fund. Lord's Supper.
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship. Rev. Herman Schutt, preaching. Sermon title: BE RECONCILED TO GOD. Offering: Luke Society.

Coming Events

Wednesday, March 9, Combined **Annual Prayer Day** service at First CRC. All are encouraged to attend this special service of prayer to ask for God's blessing upon the world, our nations, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

Prayer Requests

- Phil C - pray for continued speech improvement following a stroke.
- John S's surgery to have 2 stents placed is scheduled for February 26.
- Luke S is at Manor Care for rehab. He is in Room 263B. His phone # there is: 251-3124. Continue to pray for a complete recovery.
- Willard V Z is being treated for bacterial meningitis at home. Continue to pray for his recovery.
- Continue to pray for the Council as they seek to lead our church.

Our Church Family

"We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns for Will when he was hospitalized. We thank the Lord for Cottage Grove Church. God is good." Will & Dorothy B
 "Thanks to all of you who visited, sent cards, and expressed words of sympathy and encouragement in the recent passing of our mom and grams. Her church family was very important to her and she so much appreciated all of your friendships and concerns over the past years." Bob & Cheri, Kyle, Ryan & Alecia S.

From Mission Committee

Neighbor Love Idea: Make a meal for a family going through difficult times.

Next week is the last week for our February **MISSION PROJECT: OPERATION BARE YOUR BOOKSHELF** for CHRISTIAN RESOURCES INTERNATIONAL. Here's an opportunity to supply Bibles, commentaries, hymnbooks, daily devotionals, discipleship books, missionary stories, concordances, etc. to missionaries on the field. Please place your items on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your participation!

Announcements

The **Pastoral Search Committee** asks the congregation for continued prayers. The Search Committee has met for the first time this past week and are looking at a lot of work as they start the task of finding candidates to lead our church in the future. The committee also asks if any member has a suggestion or knows of a Pastor that the Search Committee should add to their list of possible candidates, please contact Mike H.

Tuesday, March 1. 8:30 a.m. **Classis Illiana** meets at New Life CRC in Highland, IN. The delegates from our church are: Rich K, Dick S, and Bob S. Alternate delegates are: Gene F and Ken B. Save the date: **VBS OLYMPION July 25 – 29**. Many workers are needed.

Attention all VBS staff from Olympion 2012: Do you still have a useable, gold T-shirt with blue lettering? Please contact Carol this week if you have a useable t-shirt. Thank you! (Adult sizes only) There are still a few **Fannie May candy bars** left. They can be picked up in the Gems display case in the Fellowship Hall or see Cheri S to purchase candy bars. Cost is \$1.25 a bar.

Requested Announcements

Mondays, beginning **February 22,** 7 p.m. Calling all singers! Organist, Nancy Venema, and director, Justin Rich, are inviting you to use your singing voices in the Easter Cantata, *The Day He Wore My Crown*. Rehearsals will be at Lynwood United Reformed Church. The performance will be on **Saturday, April 9,** at 7 p.m. at the same location. Help us fill the choir loft and the church with song!! Looking forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please call Justin Rich at 219-374-7920 or email at iamrich4@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, February 27, 7:00-10:30 a.m. Come out and enjoy a hot and delicious breakfast at **Calvin Christian School's** annual **Pancake and French Toast Breakfast**. Bring your friends and family to 528 E. 161st Place, South Holland, IL, for all you can eat pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Donations accepted at the door will support Calvin's sports teams.

Monday, February 29, 7:00 p.m. In America the average age of first exposure to online pornography is eleven years. What impact does that have on the lives of young people? How might it affect both current and future relationships? Join us at **Calvin Christian School** in South Holland as Unity Christian High School

(Hudsonville, MI) Bible teacher, Dan Landstra, will lead an evening to inform and discuss this important issue. All are welcome to join us as we gain a better understanding of pornography's impact on teens and adults and discuss strategies that can be implemented to guard against its influence.

Wednesday, March 2, Highland Christian School Kindergarten Readiness Day. We invite you to register your child for Kindergarten Readiness Day. Please contact the HCS office at 219-838-0356 for more information.

Monday, March 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Highland Christian School Open House** (PreK-Grade 8). We invite you to take a look at how your students will be academically equipped, biblically grounded and spiritually nurtured to impact their world for Christ when enrolled at Highland Christian. Our teachers, parent representatives and Board will be available to answer your questions, as you tour our facility and view the curriculum. For more information, visit us online at www.highlandchristian.org or call Jodi at 219-838-0356 x165. Highland Christian School is located at 3040 Ridge Rd, Highland, IN.

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. starting **April 7, Mid-America Reformed Seminary** invites you to join Rev. Bassam Madany, founder of Middle East Resources, for this year's Spring Evening Class entitled "The Christian Response to the Global Challenge of Islam." Classes will be held on four successive Thursdays.

In Service

	February 21	February 28
Organist AM	Jan H	Jan H
Pianist AM		
Organist PM		Joanne H
Pianist PM	Barb U	
Greeters AM	Jodie K	Karen K
Greeter-South AM	Gene F	Tim T
Greeters PM	Rich & Kathy K	Wally & Arlene L
Nursery AM	Candy D Y Dillon H	Gail W Hannah W
Ushers	Terry W Rick U	John H Tom V K Dave V K
Video AM/PM	Gene F	Tim T
AM Cookies		
Holland Home Driver	Wally L	John S

Elder Districts

A – C Frank V
D - G Rick U
H – K Luke S
L – R Gene F
S – U Rich K
V – Z Dick S

Deacon Districts

Tom V K
Timothy T
Neil V
Doug B
Ken B
Bob S