

# Pella One

## Birthdays

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#### **Information**

The purpose of *The Pella One* is to promote fellowship within the congregation and to keep everyone informed about what's going on at Pella I CRC.

Anyone may write for *The Pella One*, suggest a story, share what's going on in your life! If there is a picture you have to go along with your submission and would like to share it, please include it.

*The Pella One* editor reserves the right to shorten stories, and edit for clarity, spelling, and grammar, and style.

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## **Our Mission and Vision Statements**

### **Mission**

Being transformed  
by Jesus, leading  
people to Him.

### **Vision**

A world transformed  
by the Gospel of  
Jesus.

## Thank you's

Thank you to our church family for your prayers, visits, car, and gift certificate from Care and Share.

Above all, thank God for healing mercies and rapid recovery.

~ Al Kopaska

We want to thank the leaders and YACS (Mike and Donielle, Will and Karen, and 4 YACS), who came to our cabin and cleaned up all the leaves. They worked so hard and ended up with 5 pick up loads of leaves.

It was such a blessing to have such capable help and was appreciated so much.

~ Thanks Again! Andy and Mary Ellen Uitermarkt

We had another successful Tulip Time fundraiser! We want to thank the congregation for their prayers and support! Thank you to those of you who donated items for our craft and plant sale, thanks to those who worked in the craft and plant booth, thanks to those who bought items from our booth and reserved parking spaces, thanks to those who brought snacks and water for the volunteers! Thank you to everyone who showed up to help set up the parking lot and to those who tore down the parking lot on Saturday evening. Thank you to all who worked in the parking lot!

And now for a few honorable mentions, thank you to Karen Ver Meer for organizing the plant and craft donations. We know you started months ago! Thank you to Donielle Ver Meer for bringing the delicious chili! Thanks to Will Keuning, Daniel Lehigh, Al Kopaska, Mike Ver Meer and the YACS for coming in and working the parking lot on the GEMS day (alongside the GEMS who were able to be there).

Above all, thanks be to our heavenly Father for the (mostly) beautiful weather and for all of the blessings He bestows on our GEMS, Cadets, and YACS clubs!

~ Blessings, Miss Leanna for the GEMS and Mike Ver Meer for the Cadets and YACS

Dear Connect Church members,

We wish to thank you for the many prayers, cards, visits and other expressions of sympathy we received from you during these past months as we experienced the loss of a brother and a father. We are so grateful for the kindness and support you have shown to us through these losses.

Thank You,

Tim & Patti Callahan



## Schedules

### Nursery

May 19 ~ Bert Terpstra, Katie Van Den Broek, Brock Meinders

May 26 ~ Miss Leanna, Matthew Ver Meer, Maisy Meinders

June 2 ~ Lu Ann De Haan, Corrine Verschuure, Logan Van Den Broek

June 9 ~ Dolores Rooda, Will Keuning, Bria Van Soelen

### Fellowship

May 19 ~ Pete and Darlene

May 26 ~ Tim and Pat

June 2 ~ Greg and Marti

June 9 ~ Case and Paula

### Projection

May 19 ~ Austin Van Soelen

26 ~ Celia Stouwie

June 2 ~ Conner Van Walbeek

9 ~ Austin Van Soelen

16 ~ Marilyn Bandstra

### Sound

May 19 ~ Sandy Van Den Broek

26 ~ Tim Callahan

June 2 ~ Wayne Van Walbeek

9 ~ Bruce Bandstra

### Greeters

May 19 ~ YACS

May 26 ~ Ralph and Lu Ann De Haan,  
Judy De Vries

June 2 ~ Case and Paula De Haan,  
Marge Kuiper

June 9 ~ Case and Helen Vande Ree,  
Barb Kopaska

### Bulletin Delivery

May 19 ~ Helen Vande Ree

May 26 ~ Marilyn Bokhoven

June 2 ~ Ralph and Lu Ann  
De Haan

June 9 ~ Helen Vande Ree



Here is a new recipe that I tried recently. Just trying to get ready for the lighter tasting treats for summer.

#### Lemon Fluff Dessert

Ingredients: 1 C. flour  
1/4 C powdered sugar  
1 3.4 oz package cheesecake instant pudding mix  
1 C. buttermilk  
1 ~ 8 oz container whipped topping

1 C. butter, cold and sliced  
1 C walnuts, optional  
1 ~ 22 oz.can lemon pie filling

#### Directions:

Place the flour, butter, powdered sugar, and walnuts into a blender or food processor. Blend until mixture becomes coarse crumbs. Alternatively, place ingredients into a bowl and mix with a pastry cutter. (I did this, but first I chopped the walnuts with my pampered chef food chopper.)

Press mixture into a greased 9x13 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-13 minutes. Do not brown.

Remove from oven and let cool.

Place the pudding mix, buttermilk, and pie filling into a large bowl. Beat with mixer until well incorporated. Fold in whipped topping.

If you have a hard time getting the whipped topping to incorporate, use a hand mixer. It will turn out just fine.

Spread onto crust and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Garnish with more whipped topping, if desired.

#### Summer Bible Study Opportunity

Why is community so important to your spiritual life?

Because you can't grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally. God designed you that way. He wants to use other people to grow you, and he wants to use you to grow other people.

During this **eight-week study**—specifically designed for new small groups—you'll explore how building deep relationships with the people in your group and serving the larger community around you will grow your faith. You'll learn why your unique story matters to God and to the people you do life with.

Community provides a great opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with God, because life is better *connected*.

If you are interested in being part of a small group starting in **July**, please sign up by June 16 in the sign up sheet provided in the Narthex. Groups will be designed based on members availability of when they can meet. If you would like to know more about small groups, please speak to one of the members of the Discipleship Ministry Team: Ralph De Haan, Celia Stouwie, Mike Ver Meer, Leanna Van Zee, Kristi Pinegar, or Analú Reigstad.

## Kenya Orphanage Update and Thanks to Everyone in our Church Family!

Thank you so much for the opportunity for Emerson and I to show some Kenya slides to you on March 10. Thanks also to the deacons for taking offerings and for the wonderful gifts from many of you to help the orphans at Shikunga. Praise The Lord!

You may remember that Emerson and I went to Kenya from 12/25/18 to 1/7/19. 3 of us flew from Des Moines, 2 from Seattle, 4 from Michigan/Ohio. Annaleyza De Haan (living in Kenya) and her Kenyan fiancé Joseph, and Joseph's parents, made our team 14 people. We were able to help 600 Kenyans with eye exams and new glasses in 3 days at Shikunga and 400 more at a second site that was new for us. We were able to worship with the Shikunga Church on Sunday morning, and with the church at the second site on New Year's Day. After the 6 days of eye clinic we spent 2 nights at a game park for some rest and game drives to see the incredible wildlife in Kenya. We thank God for safe travels, and the chance to share the love of Jesus with so many Kenyans. I thank Emerson for helping with the slides on March 10, and even more for going on this mission trip. Her family, and all of us can be very proud of her.

The orphanage at Shikunga is full with more than 25 orphans doing well there. The school that has been started there is growing. You may remember that educating a student in that part of Kenya takes school fees of about \$400 per year. Food, clothing, and housing for a year takes \$1200 more. 25 orphans X \$1600 per year = Schok and Awe Annual Budget of \$40,000 per year. By the grace of God, and through the compassionate generosity of you and many others around Pella, \$30,000 has been raised each of the past two years. The vision God has laid on my heart for 2019 is "200 X 200". So with prayer and various promotions I will be trying to build a list of 200 people who want to help the orphans at Shikunga with \$200 per year. Will we accept bigger and smaller gifts? Of course! But please pray with me that God will bless the orphans and their teachers and care-takers through offerings from 200 people around Pella in 2019.

Next time back for me to Kenya is likely to happen around end of January/ early February of 2020, the Lord willing. That time will make it difficult for students but increases my possibilities of attracting a couple more eye doctors. A Kenyan eye doctor was able to help us the last two times to Kenya, but a couple more from the US along with enough team volunteers could double our capacity to help more Kenyans. If that time of year could work for any of you and you would like to go and be part of that team, please let me know. Thanks!

~ Ralph

~ Submitted by Pastor Brad Meinders

Easter meditation [S.M. Lockridge](#) (1913-2000), pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in San Diego from 1953 to 1993.

It's Friday Jesus is praying Peter's a sleeping Judas is betraying But Sunday's comin'

It's Friday Pilate's struggling The council is conspiring The crowd is vilifying They don't even know That Sunday's comin'

It's Friday The disciples are running Like sheep without a shepherd Mary's crying Peter is denying But they don't know That Sunday's a comin'

It's Friday The Romans beat my Jesus They robe him in scarlet They crown him with thorns But they don't know That Sunday's comin'

It's Friday See Jesus walking to Calvary His blood dripping His body stumbling And his spirit's burdened But you see, it's only Friday Sunday's comin'

It's Friday The world's winning People are sinning And evil's grinning

It's Friday The soldiers nail my Savior's hands To the cross They nail my Savior's feet To the cross And then they raise him up Next to criminals

It's Friday But let me tell you something Sunday's comin'

It's Friday The disciples are questioning What has happened to their King And the Pharisees are celebrating That their scheming Has been achieved But they don't know It's only Friday Sunday's comin'

It's Friday He's hanging on the cross Feeling forsaken by his Father Left alone and dying Can nobody save him? Ooooh It's Friday But Sunday's comin'

It's Friday The earth trembles The sky grows dark My King yields his spirit

It's Friday Hope is lost Death has won Sin has conquered and Satan's just a laughin'

It's Friday Jesus is buried A soldier stands guard And a rock is rolled into place

But it's Friday It is only Friday Sunday is a comin'!

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Tulip Time	3 Tulip Time	4 Tulip Time
5 Morning worship @ Connect CRC	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Morning and Evening worship @ 2nd CRC	13	14 Shepherding Team Meeting	15	16	17	18 Commencement at PCHS @ 7:00pm
19 Morning Worship @ Connect/PM worship @ Calvary	20 Pastor's Sabbatical	21 Discipleship Team Meeting/Pastor's Sabbatical	22 Pastor's Sabbatical	23 Pastor's Sabbatical	24 Eighth Grade Graduation-PCGS 5:30pm-6:30pm/Pastor's Sabbatical	25 Pastor's Sabbatical
26 Morning worship @ Connect/PM worship @ Faith	27	28	29	30	31	