

**AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH  
PRIMGHAR, IOWA  
DECEMBER 2, 2018  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**APPROACH TO GOD**

Prelude: Praise Band

Advent Reading: Jadya

\* Praise Song: #91 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

\* Praise Song: "Christmas Hallelujah"

\* Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

New Member: Rev. Dennis Hietbrink

Children's Message: Shonda Wittrock

Special Music: "Light of the Stable"

(Lois, Lori, Cory, & Alyda)

**WORD OF GOD**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Gen. 1:1-5, 14-18,

Matt. 2:1-2

Message: "A Great Light Has

**Dawned: WISE MEN"**

**RESPONSE TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Hymn of Response: #116 "We Three Kings"

\* Doxology

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Benediction

\* Closing Hymn: #86 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

6:30 PM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**TODAY AT ARC**

10:30 AM, COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

10:45 PM, CHILDREN'S MUSIC

11:00 AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last week: Attendance: 24

Offering: \$7.47

6:30 PM, CONGREGATIONAL MTG

Pianist: Betty

**NURSERY**

TODAY: Shonda & Chloe

NEXT WEEK (Dec 9): Lori

Alexandra

**THIS WEEK AT ARC**

MON, DEC 3, 4:45 – 6:45 PM,  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS

TUES, DEC 4, 10 AM, PASTOR  
CORY @ Comm Memorial Health  
Ctr, Hartley

WED, DEC 5, 1:20 PM, KBC  
7:15 PM, RCYF & PROJECT  
YOUTH MEET

8:15 PM, PT 1 PRACTICE

**NEXT SUNDAY AT ARC- DEC 9**

9:30 AM, WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leader: Praise Team 2

Organist: Alyda

10:30 AM, COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

10:45 PM, CHILDREN'S MUSIC

11:00 AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:45 AM, CHOIR POTLUCK

1:00 PM, CHOIR PRACTICE

6:30 PM, WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
MEETS

**DECEMBER SERVERS**

GREETER: Larry & Lois

USHERS: Jamin

COFFEE SERVERS: Lee & Amanda



ARC is on social media! Please LIKE and SHARE our Facebook page. Search Primghar American Reformed Church! ARC also has a new website: [www.americanprimghar.rcachurches.org](http://www.americanprimghar.rcachurches.org). The website will be a work in progress, as four of us learn how to make updates to it.

A new nursery schedule will be made in the next month, for the first six months of 2019. If you would be willing to serve in the nursery (we are especially in need of adult helpers) on a rotational basis, please see Ro ASAP!

The annual Congregational Meeting of the American Reformed Church will be held tonight at the church. Items to be discussed will be the Annual Financial Report, and Spiritual Report. A proposal to the congregation about a church kitchen remodeling project will also be discussed.

**VBS COOKIE WALK SIGN-UP**

There will be a VBS Cookie Walk Fundraiser at the Primghar Christmas on Dec 8. Each church is asked to bring 15 dozen Christmas type cookies or treats. (Think, "special" Christmas cookies!) The sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board. Please have your cookies/treats at the church Friday night, Dec 7.

A reminder from the East Sioux Classis clerk: Classis will be meeting in special session for Milan Johnson's ordination on December 5 at Hope Reformed Church in Spencer. The service begins at 6:30 pm; we will gather in Hope Church's Grace Room, directly to the right of the lobby at 6:15 pm.

Bible study 2 does not meet in December or January.

LIBRARY NEWS: Be watching for some Christmas books for the kids (and a few new stuffed animals). Plus a couple books for adults by Mary Higgins Clark. They are on the little bookshelf by the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. No need to sign these out; just return to the shelf when done for someone else to enjoy!

Bible Study 3 will meet after service today in the Sanctuary to discuss what our next move is.

More announcements are on the back of the insert.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Dec 10, Secretary office hours
- Dec 12, KBC, RCYF, Project Youth
- Dec 16, AM: PT 1, PM: Worship service
- Dec 17, Secretary office hours
- Dec 19, NO KBC. RCYF and Project Youth WILL meet.
- Dec 23, AM, Preparatory Service, PT 2  
PM, Children's Christmas program
- Dec 24, Candlelight Service
- Dec 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

**PRAISES AND PETITIONS**

**Pray for:**

- Those under a doctor's care: Haley Hofmeyer, ankle; Ivan Wiersema, BP, kidney function and relief from neuropathy; Evert Reuvers, strained back.
- Lee Verdoorn's grandpa is receiving Home Health and Hospice Care as needed. He lives at the Christian Retirement Home in Sheldon.
- Alice Hinkey, Rosie Jenness' mom, was recently diagnosed with a tumor on her pancreas.
- Darwin & Marlene Kots hit a patch of ice and rolled their car on the way to Cherokee. The

car was totaled, but both are ok.

- Karen Weishuhn's son, Eric, has been released from the hospital and is back at home.
- Cheryl Hansen's mom, Shirley Schoppers, is now receiving hospice care and is not doing very well. She is at the Bethesda Nursing Home in Beresford.
- People, locally, regionally, and nationally, who have been affected by natural disasters.
- Those in need this holiday season; financially, spiritually, and relationship-wise.
- Those who have lost a love one, and will be going through this holiday season without them.
- Nicaragua as they are experiencing civil unrest.
- Columbia has also been experiencing some "Turf War" turmoil.
- Our military troops; at home and overseas.
- Unification and healing in the United States.
- Peace in times of unrest across the globe.
- The Christians being persecuted by ISIS in the Middle East.

- Remember our nursing home residents and shut-ins with a card, call, or visit.
- Our missionaries: Andrew and Amy Fields (and Irene) in Medellin, Columbia; and Olivia (Holt) Iekel, in Nicaragua.

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**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Time's running out on your only opportunity to compare your current Medicare Part D drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan with all your other options for 2019. Even if you love your current choice, it's smart to look over the 2019 version because most plans change from year to year. Call the O'Brien County Senior Health Insurance Information Program volunteers at 712-957-5579 for free confidential help comparing plans. Please leave your name and phone number if the SHIIP voicemail picks up your call. Their help is free, confidential and they don't sell or promote any plans.

**MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS**  
 Bible Give-Away Challenge  
 \*\*This challenges each congregational member to give a bible (or two!) to someone who doesn't have a bible or may need a new one. See the flyer that was laced in the mailboxes for more information.

\*\*The Committee is also trying to identify persons from the community who may need help with house repairs. Please see a Missions Committee member for more details, or if you know someone in need.

See a committee member for more information. Mission Committee members are: Ric H, Robert VB, Amanda V, Jeff G, and Josh H.