

## PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

June 19, 2022; All this the Lord willing

**Sunday, June 26:** Installation of new office bearers, PM service

**Wednesday, June 29:** Prayer Service, *John Boerkoel*

**Sunday, July 3 AM:** Rev. Vanden Belt

**PM:** Dr. Kranendonk

**Tuesday, July 12:** Consistory Meeting, 7:00

**Sunday, July 17 AM:** Dr. Bilkes

**PM:** Dr. Kranendonk

**Sunday, July 24 AM:** Dr. Bilkes

**PM:** Dr. Kranendonk

**Sunday, July 31 AM:** Dr. Kranendonk

**PM:** Dr. Bilkes

### Collection Schedule

**Today:** General Building  
**June 26:** General PRC Family Camp

### Nursery Schedule

**Today: AM** Faith Vander Boon, Kristen Bazen  
**PM** Heidi Schipper, Mya Schipper, Silvia Boerkoel  
**June 26: AM** Paula Rozeboom, Kate Boerkoel  
**PM** Allison Kelderman, Lauren Boerkoel, Charity Vander Boon

### May collections

<b>General:</b>	\$20,460.05	<b>Mission (William Carey):</b>	\$ 6,867.00
<b>Building:</b>	\$ 1,402.00	<b>Youth Group Mission Trip:</b>	\$ 2,095.00
<b>Benevolent:</b>	\$ 912.00	<b>Ministry Support:</b>	\$ 6,678.00
<b>CEF:</b>	\$ 1,478.00	<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$39,892.05</b>

### Youth Group

**Tonight:** Singalong at Vander Boon's

### Announcements

- Metty Boerkoel and her family appreciate many prayers for her father and their family and would like to thank everyone for remembering them. Please continue to remember the Henke and Boerkoel families in prayer as they support their husband/father/grandfather, Willem Henke.. *"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death"* Hosea 13: 14
- A special thanks to those who contributed their time and finances to do the landscaping around the church.
- Congratulations to Leah Boerkoel and Peter VanWoerden who hope to be married at PRC Wednesday, June 22.. *"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD."* Proverbs 18:22
- The annual HRC Youth Camp is planned for July 12-15 at camp Michawanna. Brochures are in the narthex or at+ [youthcamp@hrcgr.org](mailto:youthcamp@hrcgr.org)
- At the annual Congregational Meeting June 7, Walter Rozeboom was elected elder and Robert Boerkoel was elected deacon. If there are any lawful objections from the congregation to them serving, please notify an elder before June 26. Installation of new office bearers will be June 26 during the PM service.

### Meditation

*'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength.'*

Most of us are familiar with that wonderful text from Isaiah 40:31: *'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary.'* This is a wonderful promise for those who expect the LORD. But what does this expecting actually look like? The Hebrew word here translated 'wait' can also be translated as expecting, looking forward to or hoping for.

Thus, we hear Jacob exclaim on his deathbed (Gen 49:18): *'I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.'* On his deathbed, this one thing remained the LORD and His salvation. There lay Jacob's remaining but firm and sure hope. And we hear Isaiah say when he is to pronounce judgment on Israel (8:17), *'And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.'* In the face of God's impending judgment, all that remains for the prophet is the sight of the faithfulness of the covenant God and His mercy. All his hope is in Him. Yet a third example of this word we find in the prophet Hosea. The prophet cites the example of father Jacob who behaved regally with the Angel and overcame Him (Hosea 12:5-7). We read that Jacob *'wept, and made supplication unto him.'* We know the history. Jacob wrestled all night with the Angel of the LORD at the Jabbok. He cried out there: *'I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.'* (Gen 32:26b). The prophet Hosea draws the lesson for the people of Israel in those days and then says (Hosea 12:7), *'Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.'*

*'Waiting'*. How long it can take and it brings uncertainty. Sitting in a waiting room and it just drags on... Or waiting for something you long for and it just doesn't come, for example, health or vacation, waiting for answers to spiritual questions... Waiting is not easy and often unsettles us.

But we are called upon by the prophet Isaiah to wait on the LORD! This waiting on the LORD embraces two things. First, knowing and experiencing complete dependence on Him. While waiting on the LORD, one by one all certainties fall away and only the LORD remains. By waiting for Him, looking forward to Him, and putting our hope in Him, we learn at the same time not to expect it of our own strength, which after all turns out to be weakness. We also learn not to expect it from others. In the end, even others cannot help you in great (soul) need. The longer you wait, the more certainties you lose and the greater the realization that you are totally dependent on the LORD. The second thing that embraces expecting the LORD is the willingness to let God determine our lives. There is no point in becoming impatient or grumbling. It only takes us further away from the LORD. The longer we wait and the more we put our hope in Him, the greater the willingness to pray: *'Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven'*. And those who thus expect the LORD, look forward to Him and place their hope in Him, there are glorious promises. And the LORD fulfills all His promises. They are *'yes and amen in Christ.'* We need not and may never doubt that. *'But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary.'* Those who wait on the LORD will experience His power. Whoever goes after the Lord Jesus Christ and learns to build upon His perfect redemption and His Kingship and intercession will never be deceived. Then the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit will fill you and give you great and lasting gladness and joy. *Rev. J. Th. Pronk*