



## CONNECTED

Nov 24, 2024

### OUR STEWARDSHIP:

November 17 tithe:  
\$5,752

Tithes received through November 17:  
\$458,036

CAP Turkeys:  
61

Ministry plan need through November 17:  
\$477,693

There are four ways to give your offering:

- In person: An offering plate is at the east Sanctuary entrance
- Our website: Click “giving” tab at [northhillscrc.org](http://northhillscrc.org)
- Mail: Send a check to North Hills Church / 3150 N Adams Road / Troy Michigan / 48084
- On your phone: Download and use Vanco mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement)



Welcome to North Hills Christian Reformed Church—a place to glorify, gather, and grow! We thank today’s volunteers: **Kasey Garvelink** & **Elizabeth Jolliffe**, nursery attendants, **Joe Creech**, usher, and **Rick Konik** at the Welcome Desk.

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES** today:

**During the service:**

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers meet in Room D. Parents can sign in their child(ren) starting at 9:20am.

**After the service Sunday School Hour:**

**PreK–3rd grade** students will meet with **Stephanie Dexter** & **Michelle Konik** (and assistants **Kaitlin Stahl** & **Julie Brouwer**) by the “Big Clock” in the atrium following the service. We will first rehearse our songs for Christmas Vespers with Mr. Cherry, then go to our classes. Dismissal is at 11:45am.

**8th grade–adults** meet for Catechism in the Library at 11:00am.

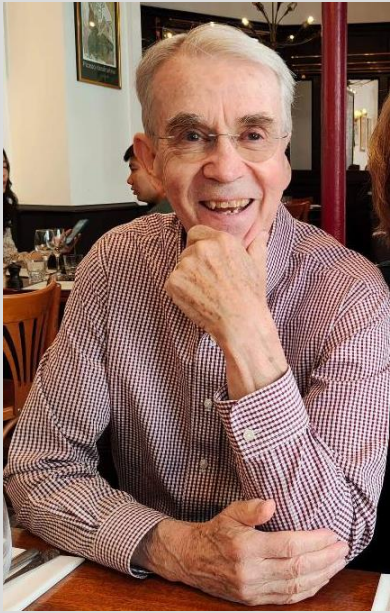
Are you wearing your name tag?  
Have you checked your mailbox?



Birthdays this week:

November 27: Carl Bolt  
November 29: Amanda Kammeraad  
November 30: Katelyn Kammeraad

# Remembering Jim Brien



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **James Arthur Brien** on November 11, 2024. Jim had a keen critical mind, a sensitive godly heart, and a humble demeanor. He was a Biblical Scholar *par excellence* and was reciting his favorite Bible passage in Greek up until his last days (I Peter 1:3-9).

Jim's greatest joy was teaching at the European Bible Institute (Institut Biblique Europeen), north of Paris, from 1976-1998. He met his wife Helen (Dolly) Garlick on a Church Planting team in Lille, France in 1972 and they returned to Michigan to marry in 1974. Jim was from Pontiac and Helen from Bloomfield Hills. They had been married for 50 years.

Jim was the son of Wayne Vernon and Clara Belle (Shelton) Brien. He is survived by his brother Richard Wayne. Jim cared for his sister Judith Ann at her home for a year before her death in 2017. Jim's pride and joy were his precious daughters, Sophie and Julie, and grandsons David (age 9) and Caden (age 5). Sophie resides near Seattle, Washington, with her husband Eric and sons; Julie resides with her husband, Ryan, in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Jim was very discreet and so was his hidden illness. Following three years of tests and procedures Jim's lung condition was diagnosed as cancer one week before his passing. Surrounded by family, he was called home shortly after midnight on Monday November 11, 2024.

Visitation will be Friday, December 6 from 4–7:00pm at the Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N Crooks Rd, Clawson. The memorial service will be on Saturday, December 7, 11:00am at the North Hills Christian Reformed Church, 3150 N Adams Road, in Troy, the Rev. Dr. Randall Engle, officiating. A luncheon reception will follow in the church Fellowship Hall.

Jim's desire for memorial donations in his honor are to The Pontiac Community Foundation dedicated to building a brighter future for Pontiac ([pontiaccommunityfoundation.org](http://pontiaccommunityfoundation.org)) or to his beloved church North Hills Christian Reformed Church of Troy ([northhillscrc.org](http://northhillscrc.org)).

In the days before his death, Jim memorized I Peter 1 in the original, biblical Koine Greek:

Εὐλόγητος ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὁ κατὰ τὸ πολὺν αὐτοῦ ἔλεος ἀναγεννήσας ἡμᾶς εἰς ἐλπίδα ζῶσαν δι' ἀναστάσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐκ νεκρῶν, εἰς κληρονομίαν ἀφθαρτον καὶ ἀμίαντον καὶ ἀμάραντον, τετηρημένην ἐν οὐρανοῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς<sup>5</sup> τοὺς ἐν δυνάμει θεοῦ φρουρουμένους διὰ πίστεως εἰς σωτηρίαν ἐτοιμῆν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι ἐν καιρῷ ἐσχάτῳ.

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

-I Peter 1:3–5.

There are no words to thank you, dear Church Family, for your love and care for me during Jim's last days. You sustained me in body and soul for the 3 weeks Jim was at Troy Hospital and the week following Jim's death soon after midnight on November 11. Delicious meals after 10-hour days at the hospital were a Godsend. With my daughters living out of town, you are indeed my family!

I now invite you to a luncheon reception following the service for Jim on December 7.

Hugs from Helen!



**Patricia Earll** passed away on Tuesday, November 5. Pat was a new friend of North Hills Church—she just started joining us regularly this past summer. A memorial service will be held in the spring. We are thankful for Pat’s friendship and time with us.

**Mary Van Wyke** recovers from knee replacement surgery. Best wishes can be sent to Mary at:

1185 Westwood Drive  
Birmingham, MI 48009



**Sarah Flinkingshlet** fell during a recent vacation, and was then diagnosed with pneumonia. She returned home early and was admitted at Ascension Providence Hospital in Rochester.

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery can be sent to Sarah at:

3317 Blossom Ridge Blvd.  
Oakland Twp, MI 48306

**Seth Miller**, our bass choral scholar from

2021–2023 earned a *Master of Fine Arts in Music for Motion Pictures and Contemporary Media* degree from the Film Scoring Academy of Europe. His parents, **Tony and Eva**, were there for the commencement ceremony in Ireland. Congratulations can be sent to:

11048 Waterside Drive  
Davisburg, MI 48350



**Sarah Lawlis** sang a benefit recital in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 26. Sarah will travel with the Oakland University Chorus to Europe next summer, and the donations received at her recital will help defray her costs. Then, on November 2, Sarah won first place (*junior treble* category) in the National Association Teachers of



Singing (NATS) contest! By the way, our Bass Choral Scholar, **Aidan Laidlaw**, also won first place in his category (*senior tenor-bass*)! Both Sarah and Aidan are students of **Drake Dantzler** at Oakland University.

*Get ready for the season!*

Join us after church, Sunday, December 1, to **decorate Christmas cookies** in the Fellowship Hall. Cookies, frosting, and sprinkles will be provided.



**TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
*Presents*

# Yuletide DREAMS

**December 6, 2024 | 8:00 PM**  
Troy Athens High School  
4333 John R Rd. | Troy, MI 48085

Advance Tickets: \$12 Adults | \$10 Seniors  
\$10 Children 6-12 | Free for Children 5 & Under | Tickets at the door : \$15

To order tickets, make arrangements for ticket pick-up or ticket inquiries, please contact Gina Sweet at 248.762.6862 or [ginasweet@gmail.com](mailto:ginasweet@gmail.com). Will-call tickets will be available for pick-up 30 minutes prior to the start of the concert.  
For more info: [www.troycommunitychorus.com](http://www.troycommunitychorus.com)

The poster features a winter night scene with a lit Christmas tree, snowflakes, and hanging ornaments against a starry sky.

Our own **Tim Parks** and **Lorianne Zondag** sing in the Troy Community Chorus! Let's support them at their December 6, 8:00pm, concert at Athens High School in Troy. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. See Tim or Lorianne for more details.

Baldwin Center "Giving Tree": Take an ornament off the Christmas tree in the Atrium. Purchase the item(s) listed on your ornament. Return the items, unwrapped, on or before December 8. Our Deacons will deliver the packages to Baldwin Center on Monday, December 9.



Plan now to attend our annual Christmas Vespers service on Sunday, **December 15, at 5:00pm**. The Outreach Committee will host a festive after-glo reception that follows in the church Fellowship Hall. Sing all your favorite carols with a full congregation, organ, and instruments! Liturgists and musicians will guide our worship together. This year's musicians include Mary Baker, Ben Bowles, Tim Brown, Abigail Cherry-McKay, Drake Dantzler, Kathy Engle, the North Hills Choral Ensemble, Jon Feikens, Carol Kenney, Olivia Langsdorf, Sarah Lawlis, Jackson Stone, the Sunday School Singers, and violinist Sita Yetasook.

