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July 28, 2024

Welcome to North Hills Christian Reformed Church, a church that glorifies... gathers... and grows! If this is your first time here, an especially warm welcome to you, and we hope you'll return again! We thank all our volunteers today, including **Kathy Garvelink** for serving at the Welcome Desk, and usher **Joe Creech**. After we worship together, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship; we thank the **Dexter** family for hosting today.

A **nursery** is available during the service. Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers can be signed in by their parent(s) in Room D beginning at 9:20am. We thank today's attendants **Kyle Dexter** & **Kasey Garvelink**.

Birthdays this week:

July 31: Colin Hartgerink
August 1: Lois Koning
August 4: Calvin Zondag



Are you wearing your **name tag**? Have you checked your church **mailbox**? Have you **thanked** a volunteer doing ministry? Have you **introduced** yourself to someone new? Will you purposefully leave your **cell phone** in your car?

Our STEWARDSHIP:

July 21 tithes:

\$59,960

Tithes received through July 21:

\$328,203

Ministry plan need through July 21:

\$301,154

There are four ways to give your offering:

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

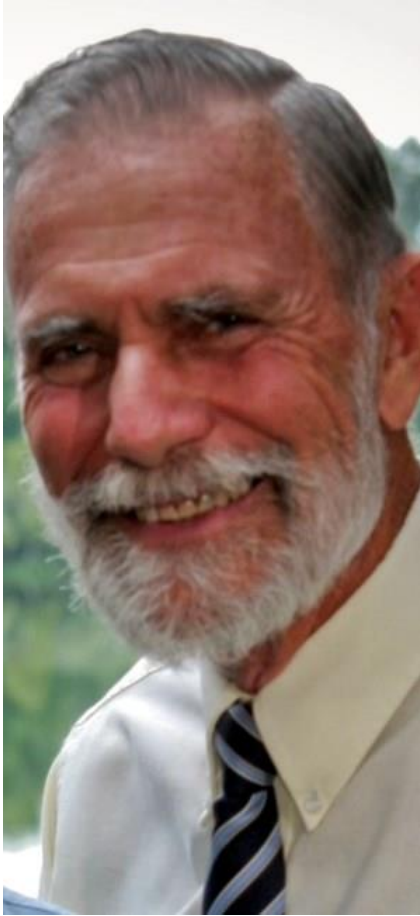


Hello North Hills CRC,
We thank you for your partnership with us in Mexico. Thank you for the recent financial support to build His kingdom in Mexico.

May the grace of God fill you with His joy,

James & Barbarita Lee and children

Remembering Don Bernd



Donald Munro Bernd, of Auburn Hills, Michigan and long a resident of Mitla, Oaxaca, Mexico, passed away July 13, 2024, in Troy, Michigan, peacefully, with members of his loving family present. He was a member of North Hills Church since 2012.

Donald spent fifty years as a missionary and teacher with the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico, including starting the Oaxaca Christian School there, that is still serving scores of students today. He was a graduate of Wayne State University, with a Master's degree and PhD work at Michigan State University. He served his country in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma (Beattie) and one son, Andy; he is survived by their children: Cyndy Marquez, Steven Bernd, Ruth Groenhout, Dawn Steffes, Laura Campbell, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by his loving wife, Mary Elizabeth Bernd (Mathie) and her children: Neil Wallace, Susan Paauwe, Janet Matherly, and Charles Wallace as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Don loved life, people, learning, music, cars, puzzles, food, fixing anything, laughing, and was devoted to Jesus Christ, his Savior. His joy for living was infectious. He leaves a hole in the fabric of the lives of so many he touched.

A funeral service was held at North Hills on Saturday, July 20. Pastor Engle officiated along with musicians Mary Baker, Tim Brown, and Carol Kenney. A funeral luncheon followed featuring Mexican fare. Don was buried that afternoon in Grand Lawn Cemetery of Detroit.

Contributions in Don's memory may be made to:

Oaxaca Christian School
APDO 364 CAP/SCT
Oaxaca, Oaxaca 68081

www.oaxschool.org/support-ocs.

Alternatively, checks in American funds, made out to Oaxaca Christian School, can be sent to:

Lori Scholten
236 Carrington Place
Holland, Michigan 49423

YET EVEN AT THE GRAVE
WE MAKE OUR SONG:



ALLELUIA
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Our new Childcare Center Director



VANESSA DIETDERICH
DIRECTOR
NORTH HILLS CHILD CARE CENTER

Dear North Hills Community,

We are thrilled to share that the Child Care Center Director position has been filled! We would like to introduce **Vanessa Dieterich**. She will gradually take on the full responsibilities for the Child Care Center from Interim Director Michelle Konik during the month of July.

Vanessa comes to North Hills with 10+ years of experience in early childhood development. She takes great pride and joy in supporting young learners achieve their goals, both academic and social and emotional. She is always looking for ways to help the people around her, and will be an immense boon to the North Hills Child Care Center.

Please offer a warm welcome to Vanessa and a hearty thanks to **Michelle Konik** for all of her hard work and tireless dedication to the Child Care Center over the last several months.



The North Hills Golf Association enjoyed an afternoon on the course on July 21. Those attending were **Abby Asma, Dan and Beth Asma, Lance and Rochelle Evert, Jeff Feikens, John and Gina Grembowski, Elizabeth Jolliffe, and Lorianne Zondag**. Congratulations to Elizabeth who took the longest drive!



Wouldn't you know it? In the middle of bathroom renovations, our 100-gallon hot water heater started to leak. Fortunately, the crew working on the bathrooms was willing to take an extra day and help us remove and then replace this (very!) heavy tank. All is well, a new hot water heater now serves the bathrooms and kitchen, and the crew is refocused on completing the bathrooms this week.

North Hills Loves to Give!

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Gift Date
7/9/2024

Reference #
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Gift Amount
\$2,500.00

North Hills Christian Reformed Church
3150 N Adams Rd
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation to Crossroads. We are grateful for your support and partnership in fulfilling our mission.

Joshua A., a student in California, recently shared with us how his mentors' encouraging words have shaped his journey. He wrote, "The comments of my mentors have helped me carry on in my walk with Christ. They've also encouraged me with other aspects of my rehabilitation, a main one being my sobriety and application of a Christian twelve-step program."

Joshua's testimony illustrates the transformative power of Christ-centered mentorship and support in the lives of people behind bars.

Your generous contribution provides resources, materials, and mentorship opportunities to people like Joshua who seek spiritual nourishment and guidance during incarceration. With your support, we continue empowering the Church to answer God's call to care for people in prison by offering encouragement, prayer, and the life-changing message of God's love and redemption.

In Christ,

Joe Pryor

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Thank you for your commitment to serve those behind bars! Your generosity helps to support over 100 students for a full year, and send 9 Bibles into the hands of someone who does not have their own. Thank you for your generous support and commitment.

In Christ,
Allie

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July 2, 2024

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Dear North Hills Christian Reformed,

As you know, the Baldwin Center is deeply invested in the community we serve.

Our vision is a thriving community with engaged citizens.

Our promise is to provide the tools necessary for individuals and families in need to become vibrant, productive community members.

We value honesty, respect, integrity and compassion.

We believe in the strength of human dignity and the resilience of the human spirit as we continue to ***feed, clothe, educate, and empower!***

We rely on our donors, volunteers and community partners so much, which is why your donation of **\$1055** on **6/21/2024** is truly appreciated.

Thank you for believing in the work we do! It is a privilege to partner with you in bringing our vision to life.

Warm regards,


Elizabeth Longley



Dear Missions Coordinator,

Thank you for your generous support and your passion to share the gospel. Did you know about an exciting tool that can help simplify your giving to Cru, your church and other charitable organizations?

The Great Commission Donor Advised Fund (GCDAF) is one of the easiest, most effective and popular stewardship tools available right now. It's a wonderful way to use your resources to advance kingdom work. Because it is managed by Cru Foundation, the GCDAF has no administrative fee and is available to Cru donors, like you!

Learn more about the GCDAF -- call 800-449-5454 or email info@crufoundation.org.

Questions regarding your gift receipt or donations to Cru -- call 888-278-7233.

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PEOPLE FOR CHRIST!

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all
my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy
because of your partnership in the gospel from the
first day until now...*

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5

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June 2024

North Hills Church
3150 Adams Rd
Troy, MI 48084-1269

Dear Friends,

Thank you for showing up for InterVarsity and investing in our work on campus. Alumni and ministry partners like you show up because we believe that every point of connection with college students and faculty — in dining halls, classrooms, dorm rooms, athletic fields, and even online — is an opportunity to encounter the life-changing good news of Jesus. And students who encounter Jesus in college become alumni who change the world.

Through your partnership we can show up for students and faculty and share the life-changing hope of the Gospel. We are especially grateful for you and your gift of \$1430.00 for:

Michael Williams \$1430.00

We value every single InterVarsity alum and the gifts they bring to the world no matter their vocation. Harvard alumnus Curtis Chang recently shared on the podcast *InterVarsity World Changers* about Redeeming Babel, his project that aims to address and clarify the chaos and confusion in our current world. Redeeming Babel, his recent initiative, *The After Party*, disciples Christians in how we interact with politics. InterVarsity is in awe at how God has used the world-changing impact of alumni like Curtis for His good.

Friends, with you at our side, we show up together for students and faculty on campus. Thank you for your investment in our ministry as together we disciple students to become alumni who change the world. God has richly blessed us. My prayer for us all echoes that of Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:18, "And we all, with unveiled faces reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, which is from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

For God's glory,

Tom Lin
President



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July 3, 2024

Dear North Hills Christian Reformed Church,

Thank you for your generous gift!

Your support is making a profound impact on the lives of women like Nirmula. She can now understand and study the scriptures in ways she never could before. As she beautifully shared, "When I hear the words, the Holy Spirit teaches me wonderful power in my inner heart."

Your contribution is not just providing a device; it is delivering the transformative power of the Word of God directly into their hearts. Thank you!

Because they need to hear,

Mark S. Hoekstra
President, Talking Bibles International



Check out our website!



**Cass
Community
Social
Services**

Dear Reverend Dr. Engle:

Thank you for donating to Cass during the summer months. The extreme heat of this year has forced us to adopt creative ways to ensure that hundreds of unhoused people stayed hydrated and that others with housing have fans and/or take trips to air-conditioned venues during the hottest hours of the afternoons. Gifts like yours certainly allow us to stay nimble and respond to urgent needs.

Private contributions likewise have allowed us to offer some "extra" programming during June, July and August. Adults with developmental disabilities from our Kim's Center spent several days and overnights at Lake Huron as one example. They enjoyed fishing, arts and crafts, rock collecting, and campfires. "It was the best day of my life," one woman reflected before heading to bed.

July is busy with "moves." The Family Shelter is relocated to the newly renovated Fox Family Center. The Warming Center is shifting into the Scott Building. Our free medical clinic will move into the Thomasson annex, and we are working on accepting an eleven-classroom modular building. Life Remodeled is donating it to Cass but, you guessed it, it has to be moved!

Thank you for helping us move mountains. We couldn't do what we do without partners like you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Faith Fowler
Executive Director

P.S. Please call me at any time at (313) 883-2277, ext. 201, if you have questions, would like an update on what we are doing, or wish to visit. It's always good to say thank you in person.

Donor: North Hills Christian Reformed Church Gift Amount: \$1,055.00 Gift Date: 7/2/2024



GROOVING VIOLATION

NORTH HILLS LAWN* CONCERT

Aug 3
2024

5 - 7:30 PM

Free Admission

North Hills Christian Reformed Church
3150 N Adams Rd, Troy, MI

FAMILY | FOOD | GAMES | MUSIC

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*Blankets and lawn chairs not included