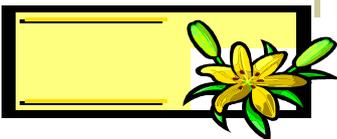


Formerly Ministries That Matter

Member Churches of Classis Georgetown

- ◆ Alive Ministries
- ◆ Baldwin Street CRC
- ◆ Bauer CRC
- ◆ Cottonwood Church
- ◆ Evergreen Ministries
- ◆ Fairway CRC
- ◆ First Hudsonville CRC
- ◆ First Jenison CRC
- ◆ Forest Grove CRC
- ◆ Friendship Chapel
- ◆ Georgetown CRC
- ◆ Hillcrest CRC
- ◆ Immanuel CRC
- ◆ Jamestown CRC
- ◆ Messiah CRC
- ◆ Ridgewood CRC
- ◆ Searchlight Ministries
- ◆ Trinity CRC
- ◆ Twelfth Avenue CRC
- ◆ Zutphen CRC



Praises . . . and Prayer requests

~praise for the Easter messages and music that were heard in our churches, and that we will find new and exciting ways to share the good news.

~pray for wisdom as the Transition Team makes important decisions during the next year.

~pray for God's leading for First Jenison CRC and Ridgewood CRC as each searches for a new pastor of God's choosing

~pray for Friendship Chapel and their interim pastor, Rev. Len Troast.

Healthy Leaders

At the meeting of Classis Georgetown held February 9, 2012, at Kuyper College, the first of Classis' values was addressed by three speakers who were invited to this meeting.

The first, Dr. Nick Kroeze, President of Kuyper College, spoke on the topic of Recruiting Healthy Leaders. One of the purposes of this college is to recruit and train students for leadership roles when they have completed their education. He shared that there are many ways to become a leader including having a worldview awareness, pursuing the truth about God, and discovering each one's giftedness.

Rev. Norm Thomasma, from the denomination's Pastor Church Relations Office spoke about the practices of Healthy Leaders. His emphasis was that effective leaders will become skilled at listening to the stories being told.

The third person to address this meeting was Rev. John Van Regenmorter. He is retiring soon and he shared some things he has learned during his ministry and how to "finish well."

For more information about this meeting, please check out the newly constructed Classis Georgetown web site at www.classisgeorgetown.com.

Hillcrest CRC and Love INC

For nearly 28 years, Hudsonville's Love In the Name of Christ has been assisting Ottawa County residents who are looking for help with their financial situation. They are able to coordinate and provide many different services through the help of more than 120 area supporting churches of various denominations.

Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church has been partnering with Love INC in a unique way! Since 2002, Love INC has been holding its LOVING HELP Budget Program at Hillcrest for 40 weeks each year on Thursday evenings. The facilities at Hillcrest accommodate this program in addition to providing space for approximately 70 client families to meet with their budget mentors individually and work towards a more stable financial situation. Hillcrest tries to work closely with Love INC to continue to grow and improve this ministry which benefits so many people in the community.

With hosting a program such as this, many volunteers are needed. Here are some of the ways they help out. Approximately 30 volunteers from many of the area supporting churches work one on one with clients or teach budget classes, Bible studies and practical life skills. While the adults are participating in the program, Hillcrest members prepare and serve supper for the 15-50 children who are in attendance. One of the Hillcrest members says, "The recipe for serving supper on Thursday night is delicious food donated by our church family, stirred together with a smile, and sprinkled with sharing the love of Jesus to some twenty plus children." Another says, "It is a joy to share our facilities, our resources, and our time with Love INC!"

Although the primary purpose is to show God's love to our neighbors, many members have been blessed as well.

If you would like to volunteer with Love INC, please contact them at 616-662-3300.

Vision Statement Classis Georgetown

Classis Georgetown is a community of Christian Reformed Churches in Eastern Ottawa County who live and minister together, in Christ, to transform lives and communities.

Classis Values

Healthy Leaders

We equip leaders to transform lives and communities.

Collaborative Relationships

We call out the strengths of each church and pursue ministry together to create new ways of transforming lives and communities.

Empowering Worship

We celebrate and are sustained by God's presence as he transforms lives and communities.

Daring Hospitality

We welcome the stranger in ways that transform lives and communities.

Risky Compassion

We extend uncommon generosity to the suffering and work to eliminate the causes of that suffering in order to transform lives and communities.

Church Sign

Life
without God
is like
an unsharpened
pencil—
it has no point.