

Welcome to Terra Ceia CRC! We invite you to join us for refreshments after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

Today's Worship

Preaching: Gary Roest
Offerings: General Fund

Praise & Prayer Requests for

- ↑ Pastor Gary's interim service to our congregation for the past three months.
- ↑ Pastor Al and Jan Kuiper making arrangements to be with us beginning January 7.
- ↑ Anna K who is working again after another chemo treatment.
- ↑ The many who will travel during the holidays—on the roads and in the air.
- ↑ Prisoners who must be especially lonely during Christmas. May Yokefellows be effective in their visits with them.

Announcements

Candlelight Service Tonight: Invite your neighbors and family to celebrate the **Light of the World** with us at 5:30 this evening.

Potluck Supper: We will enjoy supper together after the service tonight. Please **bring a favorite Christmas dish** or two to share; beverages will be provided.

Parsonage Party! You are invited to the parsonage on Friday, December 29 at 10:00 am. It will be a great time of fellowship, fun and laughter....and a little work 😊 We will be getting the parsonage all spruced up for the Kuipers! **Bring something for the pantry or freezer.** See you there.

Sunday School: Classes will take a 3-week break and resume on January 14.

Beyond Belief: Liz and friends find themselves in Bethlehem reliving the Christmas story. Check www.kidscorner.net for their new Christmas coupon book—a great gift idea!

Church Website: Our re-built site is ready to be viewed at terraceiacrc.org. Please check it out and email jamaatman@gmail.com with any comments or suggestions for improvement.

Christmas Cards: Please send a **greeting** to our "far-flung" members:

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The Cupboard: Consider a gift to our ministry that gives **essentials** to folks that are going through a rough patch. Paper goods, personal hygiene items, and treats for kids are welcome.

From the Deacons: We've received these notes after recent donations:

- From **Terra Ceia Christian School:** "Thank you for your generous donation of \$1500 to the Help Fund. We very much appreciate your sacrificial giving....We are committed to building the best possible Christian education community for the benefit of our students and their families. Thank you for partnering with us."
- From **Eagle's Wings:** "We acknowledge with appreciation your \$1000 donation to our ministry. Isaiah 40:30-31."

Stand in the Gap with World Renew:

Celebrate God's power made visible in His son Jesus Christ, who stood in the gap to offer us salvation. Give a powerful gift to someone in need this Christmas—one duckling, a flock, or a whole barnyard filled with animals. Place your order at worldrenewgifts.net.

This week at TC CRC

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship
11:45 am	Refreshments
5:30 pm	Candlelight Service
6:45 pm	Fellowship Supper

Monday, December 18

7:00 pm	Yokefellows at Hyde Co. Prison
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Tuesday, December 19

7:00 pm	Yokefellows at Tyrrell Co. Prison
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Sunday, December 24

10:30 am	Morning Worship
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Volunteers

Greeters

December 17	Sandy & Sandra M
December 24	Devon R

Nursery (during morning worship)

December 17	Deb VS, Amy VS
December 24	Gerda R, Jeanne VS

Fellowship

December 17	AM	Karen G, Charlene M
	PM	Irene VW, Mariah VS

Meals for Vander Aa's

December 17	Audrey Z
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One-on-one with Jordan (morning worship)

December 17	Ken VW
December 24	Gerda R

Council Members

Elders: John VS, John M, Arie DH
Deacons: Kenneth VS, Justin VS, Devon R

From Jan VS

My most recent trip was to Ghana, Africa. The story below is about that project. Without your prayer and financial support I wouldn't be able to do the work I do. Your partnership in this ministry is an investment in Kingdom work that is transforming the lives of children around the world.



Mother-Tongue Literacy in Schools

A Mamprusi child sits on the porch of a church during a literacy class in Mamprugu, Ghana. Students in more than 6000 schools in Ghana will soon be learning to read in Ghanaian languages. A project is underway to develop reading materials in 11 Ghanaian languages, in order to improve the reading skills of students in the early grades.

Dr. Paul Opoku-Mensah, executive director of the Wycliffe Alliance organization in Ghana, spoke at the closing of the curriculum development workshop. He said that this would have a positive effect on education by equipping students with better literacy skills. Students who master reading in their own language will have confidence when they learn to read other languages, such as English.

Also, developing good reading skills will help these students use God's Word. Without literacy, printed Bibles can't be read. This is why literacy and Bible translation go hand in hand.