

# KELLOGGSVILLE CONNECTIONS

November, 2018

*The Connections is a monthly publication of church news and events. The next one will be published on December 2. The deadline for submissions is the Tuesday before publication.*

## Upcoming Sundays

### November 4

9 am: Group Prayer Time  
 9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Pastor Martin)  
 11 am: Discovery  
 4 pm: "Bring Your Friends" HS Youth Event

### November 11

9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Pastor Martin)  
 11 am: Discovery  
 4 pm: Church Gathering for All Ages: Learning & Action Night for Persecuted Church  
 5 pm: Fellowship Supper

### November 18

#### **Communion Sunday**

9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Pastor Martin)  
 11 am: Discovery  
 12 pm: Exploring Membership Class

### Thursday, Nov. 22

9:30 am: Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

### November 25

9:30 am: Worship Service (Preacher: Pastor Martin)  
 11 am: Discovery

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## Discovery Class with Dr. Rick Zomer

For the upcoming session of Discovery, the adults and high school students will spend some time talking about the lens of "growing young" with Dr. Rick Zomer, Executive Director of Youth Unlimited. (Note: the church's three visioning lenses are congregational care, growing young, and missional living).

Dr. Zomer shared the following information on the YU website: "I

graduated from Calvin College with a degree in economics and have worked at four different Christian Colleges in a

number of different roles. In addition, I've earned a master's degree in higher education and a PhD in educational leadership. For the past two years, I've served as the director of next generation engagement for the Reformed Church in America. This role has allowed me to work with churches, classes, and denominational leadership in an effort to encourage congregations to become intergenerational communities where young people's faith is formed and their gifts are utilized. I'm excited to be working with Youth Unlimited because of their long history of equipping the local church in the faith formation of young people and emerging adults."

Dr. Zomer will be with us on November 4 & 18, and December 2.



Each session will include a 15-20 minute presentation, followed by discussion at tables. We are anticipating a larger group because of the addition of the high school students and their leaders, so instead of being in Classroom 6, the class will be held in the Family Life Center (FLC).

Here is a brief look at each session:

November 4 – *"Creating a shared understanding of church & emerging adult culture"*. What is an emerging adult, and what unique social and cultural understandings do they have? How does that influence

church culture? What might we need to think/learn more about, or do differently?

November 18 – *"Connecting with emerging adults"*. What does discipleship and mentoring look like for emerging adults? How does language and sharing our stories fit into the mix? What factors might keep someone from building relationships with individuals who are older or younger than them?

December 2 – *"Committing to ministry with (not to) emerging adults"*. What ways are emerging adults encouraged/empowered to be leaders in our church? What barriers exist? What does living an involved life and leadership in the church look like for emerging adults in our church context?

We hope you will come and be a part of this important series with Dr. Zomer!

# An Evening of Advocacy for Persecuted Christians

Did you know? Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world. While Christian persecution takes many forms, it is defined as any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Christ. Christians throughout the world continue to risk imprisonment, loss of home and assets, torture, and even death as a result of their faith.

According to research, 215 million Christians experience high levels of

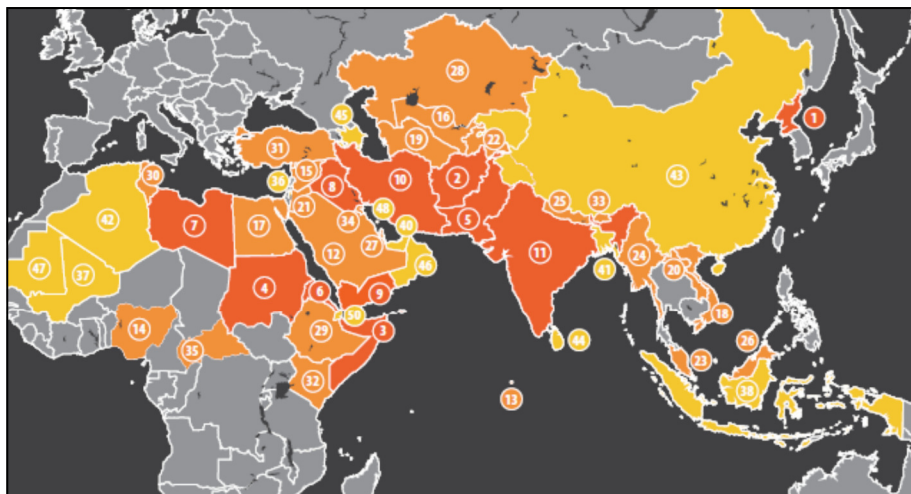
persecution in our world today. That's 1 in 12 worldwide! North Korea is ranked #1 for the 17th consecutive year as the most dangerous country for Christians. Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, and Pakistan are 2nd-5th, respectively, and rounding out the top 10 are Eritrea, Libya,

Iraq, Yemen, and Iran.

As a church, the body of Christ, we are called to pray with each other and for each other. In his

reminds us of the power of our prayers, saying: "Our prayers can go where we cannot ... there are no borders, no prison walls, no doors that are closed to us when we pray."

On Sunday, November 11, we invite you to a special church gathering to pray for and encourage persecuted Christians. This event will be for all ages, and will take place at 4:00 PM in the Family Life Center (FLC). Pastor Bawi of the Chin Church will share a brief talk on what persecution has looked like in his home country of Myanmar (#24 on the watch list). We will spend time writing cards and



1 North Korea	11 India	21 Jordan	31 Turkey	41 Bangladesh
2 Afghanistan	12 Saudi Arabia	22 Tajikistan	32 Kenya	42 Algeria
3 Somalia	13 Maldives	23 Malaysia	33 Bhutan	43 China
4 Sudan	14 Nigeria	24 Myanmar	34 Kuwait	44 Sri Lanka
5 Pakistan	15 Syria	25 Nepal	35 Central African Republic	45 Azerbaijan
6 Eritrea	16 Uzbekistan	26 Brunei	36 Palestinian Territories	46 Oman
7 Libya	17 Egypt	27 Qatar	37 Mali	47 Mauritania
8 Iraq	18 Vietnam	28 Kazakhstan	38 Indonesia	48 Bahrain
9 Yemen	19 Turkmenistan	29 Ethiopia	39 Mexico	49 Colombia
10 Iran	20 Laos	30 Tunisia	40 United Arab Emirates	50 Djibouti

first letter to the church of Corinth, the apostle Paul reminds us: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (I Corinthians 12:26).

Open Doors Founder and *God's Smuggler* author Brother Andrew

letters of encouragement to Christians who are in jail right now because of their faith. Following our learning and card writing time, we will have dinner together.

For more info on persecuted Christians in our world today, visit [www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org).

## Exploring Membership Class

A class for anyone who would like to explore membership at Kelloggsville Church is scheduled for Sunday, November 18, from 12 Noon—2:30 PM. Lunch will be provided and the class time will be led by Pastor Martin and

Jacque Bolt. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the church, ask questions, and meet some other people who have the same questions. Attendance at the class does not mean you have already decided to become a

member. It would be helpful if you notify us that you will be attending so we have adequate supplies and lunch food. Please email Jacque ([jacquebolt@gmail.com](mailto:jacquebolt@gmail.com)), or Melanie ([mdoezema@krc.org](mailto:mdoezema@krc.org)), by Wednesday, November 14. Thanks!

## Morning Worship Services in November

At our Sunday morning services in November, Pastor Martin will be leading us in a series on Jesus and money. Using several parables from the book of Luke, we will glean wisdom regarding proper attitudes towards our money.

On November 4, we will look at the parable of the rich fool from Luke 12:13-21. On November 11, we will hear what Jesus says about the problem of



worry using Luke 12:22-34. On November 18, we wrap up the series by taking a look at the parable of the shrewd manager as found in Luke 16:1-15.

The topic of Jesus and money also helps us to think about the practice of giving thanks to God for all of his gifts—monetary and otherwise. We will have an opportunity to do so at a Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 9:30 AM.

Come and start your Thanksgiving Day with songs of praise, words of prayer and thanksgiving, and stories of gratitude from church members.

Our offering that day will be for the church's Christian Education fund, which is available to provide financial assistance to church families whose children attend K-12 Christian schools. You may also designate your offering to a cause of your choice by writing the cause name in the "memo" line of your check.

## Requested Announcements

**Legacy Christian School** (67—68th St SW) has a wonderful Spanish Immersion Program and we want to give you more details so you can better understand how this program can benefit your child both academically and culturally. A parent information meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM** at the LCS Elementary Library.

**inSpirit Church** (870—74th St SW) invites you to a Marriedpeople Big Night Out on **Friday, November 16 at 7:00 PM**. This is a fun, relaxed event with snacks, games, and an encouraging message to strengthen marriages. All couples are welcome!

**Voice of the Martyrs Conference:** On **Saturday, November 17, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at Kentwood Community Church** (1200—60th Street SE), you have an

opportunity to be inspired by the stories of persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ! Speakers from around the world share personal testimonies about God's faithfulness in the midst of persecution. Join us to learn how God's kingdom is advancing, even in the face of fierce opposition. Meet your persecuted family face to face, and let God use their stories to challenge you to a deeper, bolder walk with Him. Free event; no ticket needed.

*Volunteer Opportunity from Streams of Hope:* Can you help lower-income families receive important tax credits and refunds? Tax credits reduce poverty, promote work, improve the school performance of

children, and help our neighbors pay important bills or generate savings. We'll provide the free training, materials, equipment and support that you need to be an IRS-certified, volunteer tax preparer. Training will be available in December and January. A team of volunteers from Streams of Hope will prepare tax returns in February and March. If you can help or want to learn more about this valuable ministry, please contact Tom Bulten, Streams of Hope, at 616-450-9332 or [bultentom@gmail.com](mailto:bultentom@gmail.com).



# November Church Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY/SATURDAY
<b>NOVEMBER 4</b> <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> 8:30 am: Chin Sunday School 9:00 am: Group Prayer Time 9:30 am: Worship 11:00 am: Discovery 12:30 pm: French Service 1 pm: Chin Service 4 pm: HS Youth Group Event	<b>5</b> 3:30 pm: Kids' Life Bible Club	<b>6</b> All Day: State General Election 7 pm: Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 9:30 am: Joy Club 3 pm: Griv Prep Student Bible Study 6:45 pm: Gems 6:45 pm: Cadets	<b>8</b> 8:15 am: Griv Prep Moms in Prayer	<b>9/10</b> Sat: 5-8 pm: French Prayer Group Sat: 5-10 pm: Chin Choir/ Youth Group
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## Upcoming Birthdays to Celebrate

### Member Birthdays 70+

Nov. 4—Mary Knight  
 Nov. 6—Jacque Bolt  
 Nov. 20—Russ VanDommelen (83)  
 Nov. 22—Bernie Fredricks (84)  
 Nov. 26—Jean Meines  
 Dec. 4—Dave VanPutten  
 Dec. 11—Jerry VanZalen (91)

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Dec. 13—Gert Schimmel (92)  
 Dec. 14—Stan Sinnema (83)  
 Dec. 16—Marie VanZalen (85)  
 Dec. 18—Cal VanderWal  
 Dec. 30—Joanne Gilmore (80)  
 Dec. 30—Larry Klein

### Missionary/Staff Birthdays

Nov. 11—Leanne Geisterfer  
 Dec. 15—Mandy Shaarda  
 Dec. 19—Myoung Cho  
 Dec. 20—Amanda Benckhuysen

