

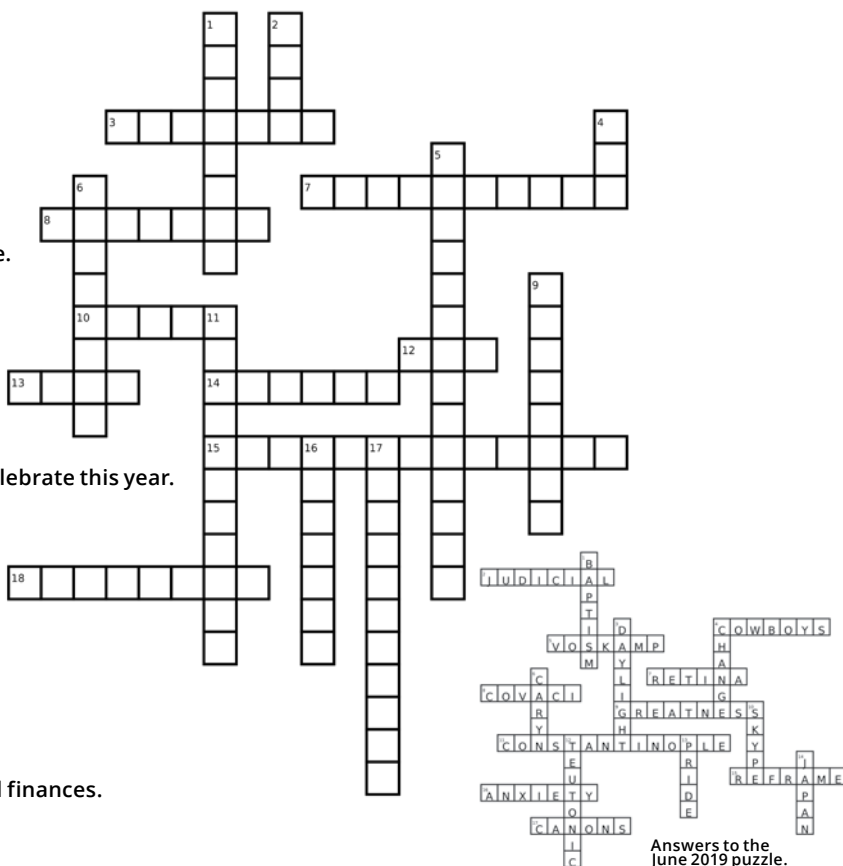
Find clues to this crossword puzzle in this issue of *The Banner*. See the answers next month!

**Down:**

- 1. Chatham, Ont., churches carry out mission in their own \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. There are churches in six \_\_\_\_\_ villages in Sierra Leone.
- 4. Job asked this of God 1,000 times.
- 5. Listening can lead to this.
- 6. Maybe I Should Love My \_\_\_\_\_ Too.
- 9. Meeting city of 2019 Canadian National Gathering.
- 11. They announce the kingdom of God.
- 16. A camp to bridge racial divides.
- 17. A milestone three churches and Youth Unlimited celebrate this year.

**Across:**

- 3. A keynote speaker at Inspire 2019.
- 7. What Calvin and Dordt became over this summer.
- 8. This and relationships are key to youth ministry.
- 10. Isaiah 2's vision has this on a mountain.
- 12. Name of the wife in "Bless This Mess."
- 13. What country music has turned alcohol into.
- 14. Always be prepared to give this.
- 15. Helping an injured traveler cost this man effort and finances.
- 18. God's \_\_\_\_\_ leads you towards repentance.



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**140TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

EASTERN AVENUE CRC of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is celebrating 140 years of God's faithfulness. Former members and friends are invited to celebrate with us: a dinner on Saturday, September 14 and a worship service of celebration on Sunday, September 15 at 10 AM. To learn more: email [eacrc@eacrc.org](mailto:eacrc@eacrc.org) or visit our web site [www.eacrc.org](http://www.eacrc.org).

**50TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

CROSSPOINT CHURCH in Chino, California, formerly known as Calvary Christian Reformed Church, invites you to join our 50th Anniversary Celebration activities on October 19 & 20. For more information and to rsvp, visit [www.crosspointchino.org/anniversary](http://www.crosspointchino.org/anniversary)

**CHURCH CLOSURE**

FAITH ALIVE CHURCH (FORMERLY SUMMITVIEW CRC), Yakima, WA, will hold a closing service October 6, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. We, along with former pastors, will celebrate & thank God for 50 years of worship. Our goal is to launch a new church by Oct. 2020. Please pray for our bold witness & commitment to grow the family of believers as we plan & launch our church restart.



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## Birthday

### 100TH BIRTHDAY



ADRIANE MARIA LOOF-VAN WELY will celebrate her 100th birthday Sept. 15, 2019. Adriana was born in Terneuzen, The Netherlands, Sept. 15, 1919. She married Willem Van Wely April 21, 1949. A few weeks

later, they immigrated to Canada. Willem passed away Sept. 6, 2018. Adriana continues to live in their home, in Grimsby, Ontario. She enjoys coffee and chocolates, reading, listening to music and her favourite shows on TV but the highlights of her days are the visits of family and friends. We, her children, John Van Wely, Mary Carney, Rob & Jane Van Wely, Sue & Art Schaafsma and Theo Van Wely & Kathrin Dettmann, along with her 16 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren, give thanks to God and celebrate the life, the love and faith of our dear Mom, Oma and Omama!

### 97TH BIRTHDAY

EDWARD BUSHOUSE long-time resident of Grand Haven, MI, will be celebrating his 97th birthday on September 4. We thank God for his many blessings over the years and his example of faithful service to God. Greetings can be sent to 3701 Chandler Dr. Apt 422, Minneapolis, MN 55421.

### 95TH BIRTHDAY

HUYSER, Pastor Bill. 95 Years old on August 3, 2019. Wife, Alvina, and the Family give Thanks for God's goodness

WILBERT WICHERS, SR of 2015 32nd Ave. W. unit 333, Bradenton, FL. 34205 celebrated his birthday Aug 21, & we praise and thank our God for this blessing. Psalm 103 is one of his favorites. There are 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

### 90TH BIRTHDAY

REV. ALAN ARKEMA will celebrate his 90th birthday on September 15. We are thankful to God for an amazing father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who was a pastor and is a friend to so many more! With much love, from your family. Greetings may be sent to 3515 Dianna Queen Drive, Apt. 514, Muscatine, IA 52761.



JOHN S. HELDER of 2500 Breton Woods Dr. SE, #1000 Kentwood, MI, 49512 will celebrate his 90th birthday on October 4, 2019. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren praise

God for his love for his family, his Christian commitment, and his on-going service to others. God continue to bless us through his presence in our lives!

## 80TH BIRTHDAY

DARLENE (JONGETJES) SAWYER of 321 Rock River Dr, Edgerton, MN 56128 just celebrated her 80th birthday. Her children Jack & Michelle Brouwer & Greg Sawyer along with 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren praise God for her and wish her a happy birthday. Our family has been blessed by her loving influence.

## Anniversary

### 70TH ANNIVERSARY

BRUXVOORT Brant & Martha (Rooseboom) will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept 1, 2019. Married when 20 years by Rev. Fred Van Houten in the Oskaloosa Iowa CRC. God has spared them to be life long members there. Four living children; Ervin, Barbara, Carolyn and Byron along with spouses. 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren rejoice with them.

HOLWERDA Rev. Robert & Joyce (Bouma) 3427 Brookview Ct., Hudsonville, MI. 49426, September 16, 2019. God blessed this marriage of 70 years. Children: Bob & Gayle, Dan, Marilyn & George Lanting, Sheryl, Steve & Sheri. Grandchildren: 15 plus 13 spouses. Great Grandchildren: 30 (1 more blessing awaited). God has been so good, giving blessings without number; Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

### 65TH ANNIVERSARY

BRUURSEMA Marvin & Shirley celebrated 65 yrs of marriage on Aug 5th. Their children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren join them in thanking God for their long and loving marriage!

### 60TH ANNIVERSARY

ARMSTRONG Dave and Janet are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 29. Thanking God for their faithful example are their children Doug and Beth Bardolph (Justin & Cori, Aaron, Chelsea & Corey Van Dyk, Ethan, and Anna) and two great-granddaughters. Although retired from Elmhurst CRC, they both continue to minister and worship in that congregation.

DEBLAEY Dr. Gordon and Marcella (Koning), of 2105 Raybrook SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 21, 2019. Benefiting from the example of their Christian marriage have been their daughter, Mary (Robert) Jackson and son, Michael (deceased 2018); grandchildren, Philip (Anna Dowell) Jackson, Ellen Jackson, Drew (Caitlin) Jackson and Griffin (Colleen) Jackson; two great-grandchildren, Simona and Geneva; and one great-grandchild expected in December, 2019. Your faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 119:90a

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LANINGA Vernon and Anna Marie (Schmidt) of 2105 Raybrook, SE #2021, G.R., MI 49546, celebrated 60 years of marriage on Sept. 5. Children: Karla, Myra and Gary Warners, Keith and Kerry Laninga, Paul Laninga(deceased). 8 grandchildren and soon 1 great-grandson. Josh.24:15



SCHREIBER, Bertus and Alice will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 2, 2019. Children Sylvia & Tymen Van Stryland, Martha Schreiber & Shiao Chong, John Schreiber, and Derek & Jane Schreiber, together with 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren thank them for the blessing they have been to the family. Address:17 Quinpool Cres., Ottawa, ON K2H 6H9

VERSLUYS John and Judi (Huisman) celebrate 60 years of marriage on September 1st. Gratefully celebrating their faithfulness to each other and God's faithfulness to them are their children: June (Tim) DeGraaf, Jill (Jeff) Damec, Joel Versluys (deceased), Julie Versluys (Fred Knapp), Jim (Natasha) and Jennifer (Robert) Bruining. They have been blessed to be part of the lives of their 12 grandchildren: Aaron and Matt DeGraaf, Sarah Rose, Joel and Jake Damec, Jaden Knapp, Max, Zoe, and Hilde Versluys, Luke, Kate and Lily (deceased) Bruining and 6 great grandchildren.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

ESSEBAGGERS Bruce and Donna (DeHorn) were married August 1, 1969 in Evergreen Park, IL. They have lived in Fremont, MI their whole married life attending Second Christian Reformed Church and raising three children. Jodi Blanton, Robin (Matt) Hollebeek, and Chad (Julie) Essebagggers. They have also been blessed with 7 grandchildren: Jack Hollebeek, Sam Blanton, Addison Essebagggers, Avery Hollebeek, Luke Essebagggers, Kacie Hollebeek, and Charlie Hollebeek. We are all so thankful for your faithfulness to God and each other, Mom and Dad!

### Obituaries

ADGATE, Evelyn (Weber) VanderLind, age 89, of Grand Rapids, MI, was welcomed into glory on Friday, July 26, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Richard M. VanderLind, and J. Bernard Adgate; son, Rick VanderLind; and brother, David Weber. Evelyn will be missed by her children, Lauriejo (Robert) Smickley, Suzanne (Will) Wilkinson, Karen (Troy) Sprague, Mike (Tami) VanderLind; stepchildren, Cheryl (Paul) VanTol, John Adgate; 16 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and sister, Marcia Bouwens.

HOOGENDAM, Frances (Verdun), of Sarnia, ON, went to be with her Lord at the age of 81 on June 3, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Bert, her children Bernie

(Jennifer), Karen (Dan) DeYoung, Sue Clark, and Bob (Tracy), 11 grandchildren, and siblings John(Cheryl), Marina, Peter (Betty) and sister-in-law Helen (Harry-deceased) Verdun.

LUBBEN George, of Lemont, Illinois went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 10, 2019 at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Dorothy Vree Lubben, his parents Cornelius and Alida Lubben, and his brother Henry. He is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Linda Lubben, his children Georgia Lubben (Lou Sytsma), Craig (Lois) Lubben, Tom (Sue) Lubben and Gina (Dave) Wielgus, his grandchildren Christina (Dan) Katt, Brian Lubben, Eric Lubben, Kaitlin (Justin) Kamp, India Daniels, Emma Lubben, his great grandchildren Caroline, Elizabeth and Henry Katt, his sister Barbara (Don) Brown, sister in law Donna (Chuck) Anderson, and many nieces and nephews. "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8.

SCHURMAN Lois age 91 of Rochester, MN formally of Grand Haven, MI and Des Plaines, IL passed away on June 4, 2019. She is survived by her daughter, Diane (Ronald) Schaap of Rochester, MN, and son, Robert (Paula) Schurman of New Lenox, IL. Grandchildren, Stephanie (Dr. Michael) Sawyer of Rochester, Emily (James) Hilleman of Gilbert, IA, and Kathleen (Travis) Yager of Rochester, Jacob (Shannon) Schurman of Joliet, IL, Abigail (Adam) Barr

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VANDENBERG Stanley J., age 83, of Midland Park, NJ passed into glory on July 4, 2019. He was predeceased in 2017 by his wife of 61 years Alberta (nee Ruit). Stan is survived by his children: Deb, Bernie (Linda), and Lora (John) Albertson; his grandchildren: Kyle (Meghan), Megan, Ben and Jack, and one precious great-granddaughter: Chloe.

VANDER LUGT, Allan, 91, of Grand Rapids, MI, died on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Al is survived by his wife, Annetta; daughter Ellen and her husband Pablo Mora, sons Ethan and Terrie Vander Lugt, Eliot Vander Lugt and Hector Rodas; 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

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