



# Super Senior Scoop

**Parkside Bible Church**

## November 2018

### November Meeting

The Super Seniors will host Ade and Sharon Van Houten for a mini-concert on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. They will provide a time of music, stories and devotions. The Van Houtens have traveled throughout the United States and numerous other countries during the last twenty-five years in full-time ministry. Through music and singing Ade and Sharon have shared the gospel with their ministry focused on small churches. They first performed for the Super Seniors last April and everyone was so enthusiastic that they agreed to do a return engagement.



The meeting is scheduled for 10:30 am in the Fellowship Area with lunch to follow. Please sign up for the November meeting at the Welcome Center.

### Special Event

Over forty people attended the Super Senior Special Event on Wednesday, October 24. Jay Riemersma was the speaker to encourage everyone to participate in their civic duty, study the issues, the candidates, and vote. There are many critical issues that will be decided during the November 6<sup>th</sup> midterm election. Jay empha-

sized our Christian citizenship and why it is so important to become involved in the political process. He discussed the current threats to religious liberty and presented some recent victories. Jay also provided a number of informational items to assist in understanding the issues to be decided in the midterm election.



*Jay's presentation during the Special Super Senior Event.*



*The special "VOTE" desert cake for lunch.*

Jay is with the Family Research Council and works for FRC whose headquarters are in Washington DC. It was established in 1983 to have a lasting influence on the Christian affairs of the nation. Western Michigan has played an important role in the creation of the FRC and a dynamic distribution center was opened in Holland, Michigan. Over the years FRC became one of America's most creative and effective policy organizations.

Jay's presentation was followed by a tasty soup and sandwich lunch with a "vote" cake for desert in the Fellowship Area.

## Super Senior Profile

Walt and Gayle Kibby have been members of Parkside church for about as long as they have been married - 55 years in December. Gayle is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation member, her grandparents, John and Johanna Jansen, were charter members of Berean



Church and her parents Jacob and Lillian Jansen, were also members. Several of Gayle's aunts, uncles and cousins attended the church at that time.

Gayle was born and raised in Holland, attended Holland public schools and graduated from Holland High School. Walt grew up in Allegan, attended Allegan Public Schools and graduated from Allegan High School. He has a degree in engineering from Allied Institute of Technology (AIT) in Chicago and Gayle has a business administration degree from Davenport College.

Walt and Gayle met in 1960 and dated briefly before he moved to California while Gayle attended Grace Bible College. They began dating again in 1962 and were married in Berean Church a year later by Clarence Kramer in December, 1963. A few months after the wedding they moved to Chicago where Walt attended ATI and Gayle worked in the Loop.

They attended Kramer's church - it had been pastored by J.C. O'Hair. Their daughter, Michelle, was born in 1966 following Walt's graduation. Walt and Gayle returned to Holland for a couple years before moving to Jenison to be closer to his job in Grand Rapids. Riverbend Bible Church in Walker was their home where they attended the young married's class called Homebuilders. After 7 years in Jenison, they lived in Zeeland for twenty years before moving to their home on Silverstone Road in Holland in 1997.

While attending Berean Bible Church, Walt served

as a Board member, S.S. teacher, S.S. Superintendent, Awana youth leader, and was on the Mission Committee. Gayle served as S.S. teacher, S.S. Treasurer, helped with the Awana Club and participated in the women's ministries. They attended the Berean Duets, a young married group, and have many fond memories of those times. Since returning to Parkside, Walt has been an usher, greeter, prayer partner, worked with the children and helped with mowing. Gayle participates in bringing treats to new visitors.

Since 2006, they have spent winters in Bradenton, FL, where they attend the First Church of the Nazarene and participate in their senior activities. Gayle helps with building and grounds maintenance and Gayle attends the knitting and sewing circles with a missionary outreach.

Walt enjoys his antiques hobby, exercising at Evergreen Commons and golfing while Gayle likes sewing, knitting and being with family and friends. They especially enjoy being with their granddaughter Nicole. Their daughter, Dr. Michelle Kibby-Faglier, teaches graduate classes in child psychology and neuropsychology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. Michelle and her husband, Rob, have one child, Lily Nicole, who is 14 years old.

## Arts & Craft Fair

Parkside Bible Church will hold their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Arts & Craft Fair on Saturday, November 17. All items are hand-crafted by the 75 Artists and Crafters presenting their wares at this indoor juried show. All hand made items include: wood, pottery, stain glass, jewelry, photography, floral, quilts, knitting, crocheting, sewing, weaving, soaps, candles, paintings, framing, seasonings, clay and ceramics, and more. A Holiday Bake Sale will also be featured and lunch is available. The fair runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event is a nice opportunity to do your Holiday shop-



*Sharon Cranson at her booth*

ping for unique gifts. For questions or additional information, call the church office at 616-399-4410.



## Parkside Website

The Parkside Social Media Ministry has established a website for the church. Anyone can access the website at:

**[www.parksidebibleholland.org](http://www.parksidebibleholland.org)**

It features a wealth of information including:

- A weekly Calendar along with upcoming events,
- A description of all the Parkside Ministries,
- The Weekly Bulletin,
- The audio Weekly Sermons are available on our "Parkside Media" page for listening or downloading.
- A nice review of Parkside's History,
- The current issue of the *Super Senior Scoop* newsletter,
- And much more . . .

### Zingers

- Some people's religion is like an Easter hat - they use it just once a year.
- Privilege and responsibility are two sides of the same coin.
- The poorest person is one whose only wealth is money.
- You are only poor when you want more than you have.



*The Super Seniors are a great bunch!*

Thanks to Leon Greisen

## Activity Calendar

**November 28**

*Van Houton Concert at Church*

Lunch to follow at church

**December**

No Super Senior meeting

**2019**

**January 30**

*Dealing Faithfully With Dementia*

Guest Speaker Suzanne McDonold

Western Theological Seminary

**February 27\***

**March 27\***

**April 24\***

**May 29\***

**\*these dates are tentative and subject to change - plans for each of these dates are being developed and will be announced in future issues of the *Super Senior Scoop*.**

### Super Seniors Planning Committee

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Please contact a committee member with your ideas/suggestions for future activities.