



SUMMER 2019

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL TIDINGS

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

Reflections...

The sun is shining, the lake is calm, a gentle breeze is blowing—something we have not experienced in Michigan lately. As I sit at the picnic table outside our trailer I am grateful for this day and look forward to many more as summer may finally be upon us. During these few weeks off from our school calendar, the summer allows time for reflection, revival and planning. Many families take more time during these weeks to travel, camp, enjoy extra time at home or simply reduce the busy schedule that is faced during school.

Having been out of school a few weeks I am able to reflect on the past year. Unity certainly has been blessed through many school-wide events, accomplishments achieved by our students, and opportunities our students experienced to grow their faith.

After several years of fundraising, our goal of raising the \$23.1 million to complete our Capital Campaign is now finished. We rejoice in the fact that Unity is debt-free and has a facility that meets the needs of our students and community. And we thank God for your generosity.

Were you able to make it to the musical, play, or the many concerts hosted by Unity? Watching our students use their gifts to glorify God is an amazing way to support the growth of our young people. Did you walk the halls of school during our Art Show? The works of art displayed the talents of individuals who use their creativity to honor God.

I am always amazed as I walk through our industrial arts classes and view the projects that our students build. So many students have the ability to work with their hands, and the classes offered at Unity allow for them to grow and learn using the mind to create.

Daily chapels provide a platform to experience how deep and wide God's love is for every student. Listening to our students express their faith journey to their peers provides growth and offers encouragement to all our students.

We celebrated three state championships in one year! I am often asked, what is Unity doing to make this happen? The answer is students, teachers, coaches and parents working together and supporting one another. These types of accomplishments, while rare, will happen when the common goal is supported together. So much can be accomplished when the journey and process is supported by

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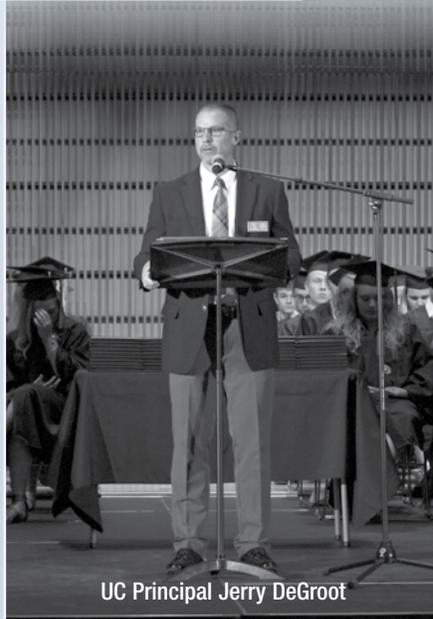
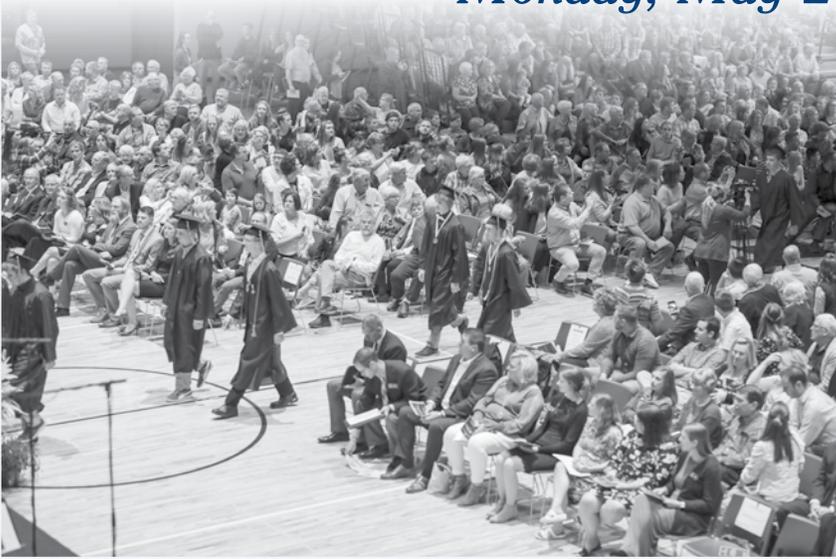
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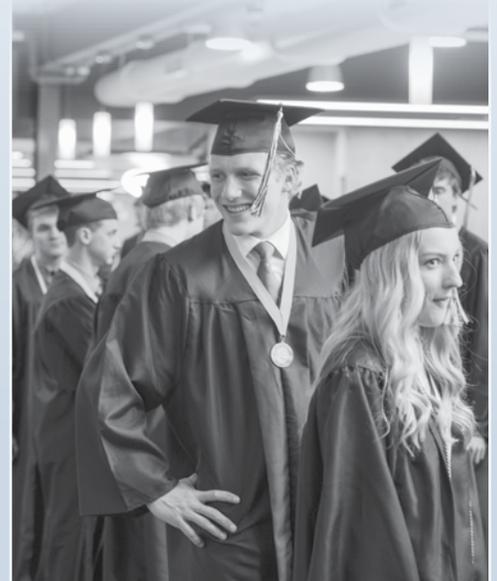
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Congratulations, Class of 2019!!

Monday, May 20, 2019



UC Principal Jerry DeGroot



Graduates Lucas VanderPloeg and Anna VanderSloot ready to "walk" for the graduation ceremony.



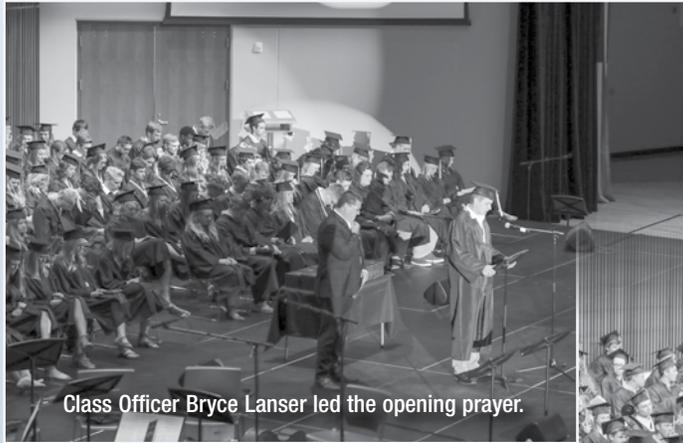
Mr. Craig Flietstra gave the keynote address to the Class of 2019



Andrew DeBruin and Sara VanDenBosch addressed their fellow graduates and the audience at the 2019 Graduation Ceremony. Sara's topic was Reflections from the Journey, and Andrew's was The Journey Continues.



Alex Monsma with 2019 Graduate Andrew DeBruin



Class Officer Bryce Lanser led the opening prayer.



Editor's Note: Graduation photography courtesy of *John Dykstra, UC Photographer, and UC Photojournalism Students Jordyn Banka, Jacob DeJong, Ellie Schrier, Addie Suchecki, Stephanie Tebben, and Jacquelin Veldink.*

Graduating in Faith... A Matter of the Heart

“We’re all moving out in just a few months...”

Ava said, *“I think life is going to be a lot more challenging! Don’t you?”*

Heads nodded. Four friends—all seniors—had lingered in my classroom after the bell had rung that ended the school day. It was Wednesday, May 8... one day before the Seniors’ final day at Unity.

Class devotions for the day centered around the First book of John. The ensuing conversation among the seniors was indicative of a group of students about to end one part of a journey and begin a new one.

The focus of the conversation, which continued after school ended, was reflective of a group of seniors for whom life was about to change. Each senior talked openly about preparing for change, and how this new beginning would impact faith, confidence and readiness. The conversation continued... (All names have been changed.)

“I’ve been looking forward to finishing high school for such a long time,” Noah chimed in. *“Now that it is actually here—”* He paused then continued, *“... Well, I know in my head I’m ready; it’s just that I FEEL a lot less ready than I thought I would.”*

Again, heads nodded along with a quietly-spoken *“Yeah”* from Ava.

“And, on top of that,” Leah added, *“we have to figure out what it means to be a Christian away from everything we are used to around here.”*

The four seniors stood in silence for a moment.

As Carly reflectively nodded her head, she added, *“Doesn’t it seem like we were just Freshmen... and now here we are a day from being finished!”* She paused and then asked, *“Do you ever wish*

you could go back... Wasn’t it easier back then?”

“It was different back then,” Leah quickly interrupted, *“but I wouldn’t say easier... just different. We all had stuff we worried about when we were Freshmen, too. In my opinion, a lot of people think their lives were easier when they were younger, but I don’t really believe it’s true. Every part of life has challenges.”*

Collectively, Ava, Noah and Carly nodded in agreement.

Leah raised her hands up and added with sarcasm in her voice, *“Have you ever had anyone older than you tell you they wished they could go back to be your age because (making air quotes) ‘life was so much easier back then?’”*

“Ha!” Noah laughed. *“My Dad says that to me all the time!”* With a smile he pointed at Leah, *“I’m going to tell him what you said!”*

Carly laughed, picked up her backpack, and said, *“Guys, I need to get to practice.”*

“I need to get going, too” said Noah.

“Me, too.” said Leah.

The three seniors left the room, leaving Ava standing near the open door. Her eyes moved slowly—exchanging glances between the floor and her friends walking down the hall. The absence of her ever-present smile was a clue to the unrest in her heart.

“What’s on your mind, Ava?” I asked.

“I’m just trying to put all the pieces together... you know... make some sense out of it.”

Over the past four years I came to know



Ava as a deeply reflective person. She openly professed her commitment to Jesus, but struggled with feelings of inadequacy related to ongoing struggles in living out her faith when faced with temptation.

“What pieces aren’t fitting together well for you?” I asked.

With a sigh, Ava rolled her eyes slightly and replied, *“It’s that tension between truly believing and sin still being a nagging part of life.”*

Pausing for a moment, Ava continued. *“When we were reading chapter three of I John it states those who live in Christ won’t keep sinning and if they do keep sinning, they clearly don’t know Christ.”*

Ava fixed her gaze on me. Then, slowly moving her head side to side, she said, *“I don’t like that verse!”*

I nodded, then asked her, *“Why not?”*

Ava furrowed her brow in a look of frustration. *“Doesn’t that condemn pretty much everybody?”* she asked.

Ava waited a moment, but not long enough for me to respond. *“I mean, isn’t that an impossible standard? It just seems so confusing to me at times. On the one hand we’re told that grace is what matters, not our actions. On the other hand, those verses in I John and other parts of the Bible seem to*

contradict the grace verses.”

Ava pointed at me. “Mr. Landstra, you have told us many times there is nothing WE did to be saved and nothing WE can do to be unsaved.”

Before answering, I waited to make sure Ava had finished what she needed to say. Then I replied, “Ava, we’ve had similar conversations in the past about faith and deeds. In fact, I know you have asked me about this passage before.”

Ava nodded.

“So, what’s different today than what we discussed previously?” I asked.

Ava sighed deeply and said, “It’s because everything is about to change. I’m worried I will change too. What if I get to college and I make stupid choices because I lack confidence?”

Pausing a moment, Ava looked down the hall in both directions then said, “Mr. Landstra, I love Jesus and really believe the Holy Spirit is in my heart; but to be completely honest, when I read a Bible passage stating those who continue to sin do not know Jesus... it makes me scared.” Then looking intently at me, she asked, “Does that make any sense to you?”

I nodded. “It makes perfect sense, Ava.”

“Listening to the discussion in class today,” Ava added, “and then talking with Noah, Leah and Carly about challenges after high school—It all makes me nervous that I’m not going to be the person God wants me to be.”

Pointing toward the desk nearest where we were standing I said, “Ava, grab the Bible on the desk and look up a part of I John, chapter four... the part we didn’t get to in class.”

Ava quickly flipped through the pages to find the passage. She looked at me with expectation as soon as she arrived at chapter five. “What do you want me to look at, Mr. Landstra?”

“Would you read verses fifteen through seventeen out loud and, while you read

it, think about what concerns you the most in your relationship with Jesus... Okay?”

Ava replied, “Yeah, sure”. She ran her finger down the page to verse fifteen, took a steadying breath and began to read...

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgement: In this world we are like Jesus.”

I John 4:15

Ava finished reading but kept her eyes glued to the words on the page. The corners of her mouth began to turn upward in a slight smile. She nodded to herself, looked up and said, “I needed to read those verses!”

the love God has for His Children, and the confidence Christian’s can have in His promises.”

Ava thought for a moment, then said, “Wow! Thirty-eight times. I didn’t know ‘love’ came up so many times!”

She closed the Bible, looked at it, then at me. “I just wish I didn’t feel like such a screw-up so often, you know? I mean, is living as a Christian going to get any easier?”

I chuckled and said, “I’m going to have to borrow Leah’s word and say ‘different’. Living as a Christian doesn’t get easier because all of us live in the same broken world. But things do change.”

Ava tilted her head and furrowed her brow, “What do you mean?”

“Let me use your grandparents as an example. Do you consider your grandparents to be spiritual role-models for you, Ava?”

Ava shook her head enthusiastically and replied, “Yes! My grandparents are definitely mentors for me in my faith!”

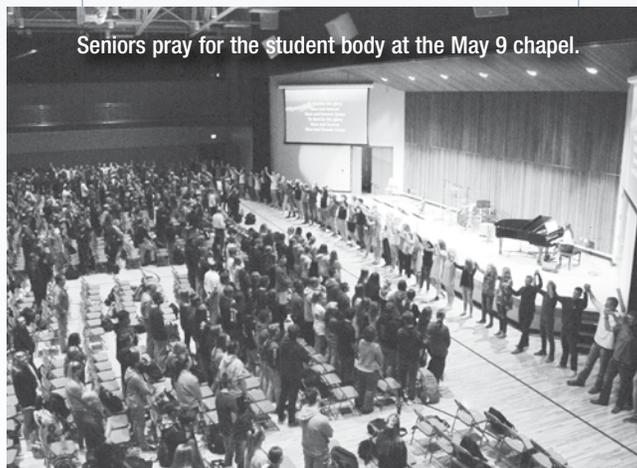
“Great!” I replied. “Do you think either of your grandparents wrestled with some of the same temptations you currently wrestle with when they were your age?”

Ava smiled. “I never really thought about what my grandparents may have struggled with at my age. It’s hard to imagine them dealing with the same things I do.”

I took a moment to let Ava process her thoughts. “Ava, I know your grandparents. They are great people, but they are no different than the rest of us. We all struggle.

“But, like Leah suggested, what is ‘different’ about you and your grandparents is time. Each of your grandparents had a desire in their heart to follow Jesus, just like you do. Over the course of a lifetime, the cry of their heart was to follow Him. And as they continued to pursue Jesus with all their heart, He began to claim more

Seniors pray for the student body at the May 9 chapel.



“I think we all need to read verses that remind us of God’s love, Ava!,” I said, “Did you know John used the word ‘love’ thirty-eight times in a book with only five chapters? And while it is true John warned against the danger of ongoing sin, he certainly emphasized

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areas of their life. Being 'Christian' has never been easy for your grandparents, and it won't be for you either."

Pointing towards Ava's heart I said, "But over time, by continuing to pursue Jesus, you will see your life in a different way than you do now, your heart will grow closer in relationship to Him, and you will gain confidence in His promises for you... It will be different... and deeper."

"I see where you are coming from, Mr. Landstra!"

Ava slung her backpack over her shoulder. Her familiar smile returned. "I need to head out too, Mr. Landstra. Thanks for talking."

Ava walked down the hall a few steps and, without turning back, raised her hand in the air, twirled her pointer finger round and round and shouted, "See you tomorrow... last day!"

Twelve days later Ava, Carly, Noah, Leah and 140 of their classmates gathered together at Unity one last time for their graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful night of celebration with smiles, laughter, hugs and even some tears.

The ceremony is a faith-infused time of worship and thanksgiving concluding with the awarding of diplomas. Pride and joy were etched across the faces of the graduates as, one by one they walked across the stage to receive a diploma and congratulations from Unity's Principal Jerry DeGroot.

As the students received their diplomas, thoughts about the journey ahead and the story God had written for each of them raced through my mind. I prayed: "Lord, I know you will never leave them or forsake them. Let the desire of their hearts be to pursue You more and more, gaining confidence for their ongoing journey of life and faith."

May God bless the class of 2019!

From the front row....

Dan Landstra
Director for Spiritual Life
and Leadership

VETERANS DAY 2019 UC Community Recognition

☆ SAVE ☆ ☆ THE DATE ☆

On **Monday, November 11—Veterans Day 2019**—Unity will be having a program at school to recognize and honor all veterans in our UC community. A "save the date" card was sent out in early June. Mark your calendars and plan now to attend! Details on this event will be posted on the UC website (www.unitychristian.org) and published in the fall issue of the *Tidings*.



A New Bus for Unity!

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, we have received delivery of another NEW BUS! Every year, our bus fleet travels a daily radius of 240 miles, collecting and transporting students from all over the UC community (i.e. Hudsonville, Jenison, Allendale and all points east, west, north and south.)

We are grateful for the support we receive so that we can continue to provide this transportation service to our Unity families!



Mr. Brian Mast, Mr. Doug Vanderploeg and Mr. Jerry DeGroot (l-r), in front of the newly-purchased UC Bus No. 19.



UC Spring Sports Recap 2019

Baseball

Varsity 13 – 19

5th place in the OK Green Conference

All Conference: Nate Warne

All Conference Honorable Mention: Jacob Ohlman

Junior Varsity 19 – 9

Freshman 5 – 7

Track

Boys 2 – 4

4th place at OK Green Conference Meet

All Conference: Caleb Gaffner, Chase Rozeveld

Isaac TeSlaa broke the school record in the long jump with a jump at the regional meet of 22' 3.5" and went on to compete at the state meet on June 1. Also competing at the state meet was the 4x800 relay comprised of Caleb Gaffner, Lucas VanderPloeg, Jacob Buit and Nick Tibbe.

Girls 1 – 5

5th place at OK Green Conference Meet

All Conference: Alyssa Horstman, Megan Velzen

All State: Alyssa Horstman took 2nd place in the high jump at the State Finals on Saturday, June 1. Congratulations Alyssa!

Lacrosse

Varsity Boys (with Holland Christian) 10 – 6 – 1

All Conference: Noah Sorenson

JV Boys (with Holland Christian) 4 – 6

Varsity Girls (with Hudsonville) 13 – 7

JV Girls (with Hudsonville) 4 – 9

Soccer - Girls

Varsity 13 – 6 – 1

2nd place (tie) in OK Green Conference

All Conference: Claire Darby, Karley Michmerhuizen, Rylee Vrugink

All Conference Honorable Mention: Krystal Butterworth, Lydia Glashower, Sophia Heyboer

MIHSSCA All District Team: Krystal Butterworth, Sophia Heyboer, Karley Michmerhuizen, Rylee Vrugink, Emily Wolters

MIHSSCA Individual All-Academic Team: Krystal Butterworth, Claire Darby, Lydia Glashower, Ally Hoekstra, Karley Michmerhuizen

MIHSSCA All-Academic Team Award

All Region: Karley Michmerhuizen, Rylee Vrugink

All State/1st Team: Rylee Vrugink

All State Honorable Mention: Karley Michmerhuizen

Junior Varsity 11 – 4 – 3

Softball

Varsity 23 – 12

2nd in OK Green Conference

All Conference: Miranda Baker, Hailey Koetje, Alyssa Meinzer, Ashley Meinzer, Ginny VanManen

All Conference Honorable Mention: Alison Hoekstra, Emily Leegwater

All District: Miranda Baker, Alison Hoekstra, Hailey Koetje, Ashley Meinzer, Ginny VanManen

All Region: Alison Hoekstra, Ginny VanManen

MHSSCA Academic All-State Team Award

Junior Varsity 24 – 6

Golf

Varsity 2 – 4

4th place in the OK Green Conference

7th place out of 19 at Regional Match

All Conference Honorable Mention: Bryce Lanser

Junior Varsity 3 – 4

3rd place in OK Green Conference

Tennis

Varsity 2 – 11 – 5

6th in the OK Green Conference

7th Place at Regional Tournament

All Conference: Ava Visser

MHSTCA All-State Academic Team Award



UC's Maria Wierenga sprints toward the finish line!



UC Varsity Golf Team member Grant Mulder's fairway shot.



UC Track Team members (l-r) Nicole DeRoo, Britta DeLong, Deanna Brunsting and Koryn Brouwer at the Regional meet.

UC Golf Outing 2019

It was a beautiful day for golf on Monday, June 3, as the UC Athletic Boosters held the annual UC Golf Outing, held at Sunnybrook Country Club. This fundraising event not only benefits the athletic program but the Education Foundation as well. There were 8 teams in the morning flight, and 35 teams in the afternoon flight. Lunch was served between flights, and participants also had the opportunity to sign up for “silent auction” items prior to tee-offs. At the dinner following the event, prizes were awarded, and auction item winners were announced. This year’s event raised approximately

\$26,000 to benefit Unity Athletics and the Education Foundation. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this another successful outing!



Scrap Metal Drive 2019

On the weekend of May 3 and 4, Unity Christian held a **Scrap Metal Drive** to raise funds for the Education Foundations of **Hudsonville Christian** and **UCHS**. Thank you to all who came out and donated their metal items and appliances! And a big thank you goes to all the volunteers, and coordinator **Mr. Alden Jelsema!** This year we raised **\$11,500!** *Feeling so blessed!*



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every person involved.

I am reading through the book of Acts, studying the journey of Paul. As I have reflected on a few things that happened during the school year, I am most aware of what is happening to the hearts of our young people. The journey we carry out is to share the good news of Jesus Christ to our students. Paul spoke openly about Jesus, about His resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit to all Christians. In the book of Acts there are many who believe the teachings of Paul, and others unwilling to believe. At Unity we share the good news, proclaim the good news, and encourage our young people in the faith.

Unity Christian is a school that supports the growth of students—academically, through fine arts, through athletics, and through a variety of other programs. And we—as the UC community—share in, experience and support the successes and accomplishments of our students.

What is happening at a deeper level at Unity is the nurturing of the heart of teenagers. As Paul traveled the countryside spreading the news about Jesus Christ, we at Unity do the same... spreading the good news.

And we call upon you to help. As you follow Paul through the book of Acts you will notice how often he and others take time to pray and provide encouragement for one another. You provide encouragement when you come to events and support our students. You provide encouragement when you give generously to our school. You provide encouragement when you lift us up in your prayers. It takes all of us working together to encourage and commit to raising our students. Hardships and struggles arise in all our lives... even at school in the lives of our students. When we remain true to the faith, God then blesses, protects and guides.

The sun is getting warmer and the big lake will eventually be ready for swimming. Summer is upon us, and I pray that these weeks allow you to focus on family and the blessings God provides.

And now compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem not knowing what will happen there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me –

the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. - Acts 20:22-24

Unity Christian is compelled by the Holy Spirit to teach the good news! I invite you to join us!

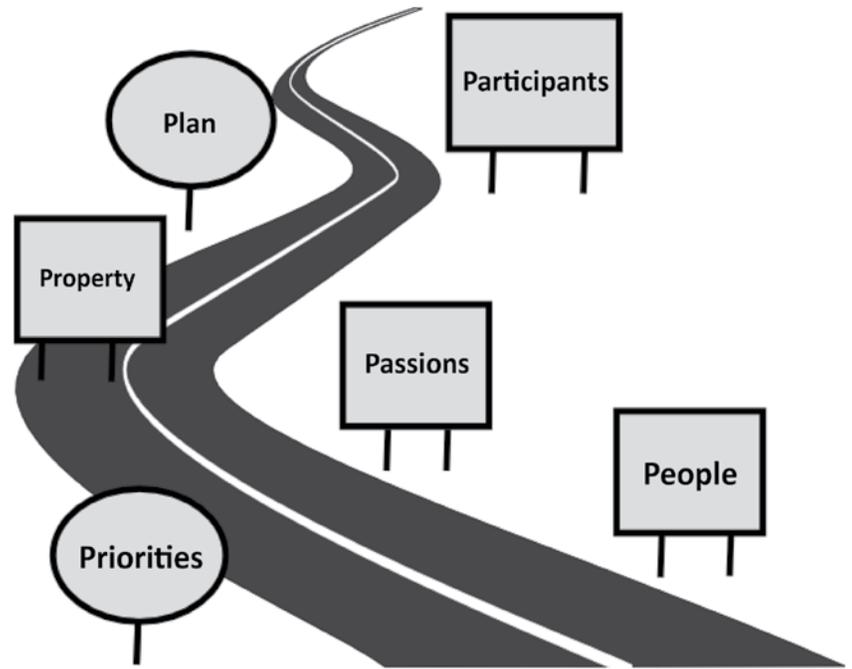
Jerry De Groot

Jerry DeGroot, Principal/CEO

The Road Map to Your Completed Will:

Six Critical Components of Your Estate Plan

Your will is one of the most important documents you will ever create. Through it you are proactively making the important and loving decision to support the needs of your family and the causes you hold most dear. But in order for it to be effective, your will must be complete and up-to-date. As you move through the will planning process, here are six critical areas to consider:



- 1 Priorities** – Determine your priorities and objectives. What are the core values and guiding principles by which you’ve lived your life? What do you want to communicate to your family and the world about what matters to you?
- 2 People** – Identify the people you wish to remember in your plan and determine whether they have any specific needs that must be addressed. How can you best equip the next generation for success? In what ways can you reinforce the values you’re hoping to teach them?
- 3 Passions** – Which ministries best reflect your values and help fulfill your personal mission? How much of your estate will you direct to the causes you currently support? You can extend your Kingdom impact and possibly give more than anything ever possible during your lifetime by including charitable giving in your will.
- 4 Property** – Take stock of what you own—your home, real estate, business interests, personal collections, even sentimental items and family heirlooms. How can your resources be used to meet the tangible and emotional needs of your loved ones? Who should be the next steward of your God-given resources?
- 5 Plan** – For the particulars of your plan’s structure, seek professional support. Your estate planner, lawyer or professional advisor can help you identify the best options and the appropriate documentation for a plan that honors God, provides for your family, minimizes delays and eliminates unnecessary taxes.
- 6 Participants** – Who do you trust to implement your plan? Who will make decisions on your behalf when you are no longer able? Your representative(s) might be a family member, trust officer, accountant or other trusted acquaintance who will carry out your wishes. If you have minor children, your will should also include designated guardians, whether they are family members or close friends who share your values.

Need help taking the next step? Through Unity Christian High School’s partnership with Barnabas Foundation, you have access to trusted planning assistance, all from a Christian perspective. Visit www.barnabasfoundation.com or call **Toll-free:** 888.448.3040.



(The preceding article was provided by Barnabas Foundation, through their Planned Giving materials. Over the next school year, we will be sharing more information like this with you on Unity’s website at www.unitychristian.org under “Giving to Unity”. We will also be highlighting this information in the Tidings. If you have any questions or would like more information on what Barnabas Foundation can assist you with, please contact Jack Lutke at jlutke@unitychristian.org or the Development Office at 616.662.4011.)

Marriages

Nicole Vanden Bosch ('11) married Cameron Minney on November 10, 2018.

Births

Juliette Anne Aukeman was born on April 18, 2019 to **Case ('06)** and Christina **Aukeman**, and welcomed by her siblings Rosie (4) and Harvey (2.5).

Kyler Jacob Dick and **Colson Peter Dick** (twins!) were born on June 3, 2019 to parents **Nate ('07)** and Chelsi **Dick**, and welcomed by brothers Callen (5) and Carter (3) and sister Kenzie (3).

Alivia Ruth Dryer was born on March 25, 2019 to parents Marc and **Rebecca (Ysseldyke '04)** Dryer, and welcomed by big sister Sophia (2).

William Scott Dykstra was born on January 17, 2019 to parents **Randy ('93)** and Danielle **Dykstra**, and welcomed by big sister Heather (2-1/2).

Jacob William Flietstra was born on January 31, 2019 to parents **Bryan ('06)** and Corrie **Flietstra**, and welcomed by big brother Kaleb (5).

Violet Lacey Hall and **Clara Susan Hall** (twins!) were born on April 25, 2019 to Michael and **Kathryn (Boorsma '01)** Hall, and welcomed by brothers Adrian (6) and Tristan (3).

Scarlett Louise Hartung was born on May 2, 2019 to parents Caleb and **Julia (Van Klompenberg '07)** Hartung.

Ada J Holtrop was born on February 27, 2019 to **Luke ('06)** and **Ruth (Nederhood '06)** Holtrop and welcomed by big sister, Isla (3).

Adeline Kaylee LaFrence was born on March 14, 2019 to parents **Justine (Keuning '06)** Keuning-LaFrence and Brian LaFrence.

Faith Evelyn Russcher was born to parents Jeff and **Lisa (Overweg, 2002)** Russcher on Monday, June 24, 2019, and welcomed by her big sisters, Hannah (8), Leah (6), Rebecca (4) and Abigail (2).

Faith Kathleen Schipper and **Owen Matthew Schipper** (twins!) were born to parents Matthew and **Erin (Flietstra '08)** Schipper on May 2, 2019.

Drew David Sievers was born on June

13, 2019 to parents Chris and **Megan (Huizenga '08)** Sievers, and welcomed by big brother Wesley (21 months).

Brayden Thomas Steenwyk was born to parents Dan and **Kelsey (Brummel '09)** Steenwyk on April 28, 2019.

Brenna Rachele Vander Hulst was born to parents **Douglas ('09)** and Jessalyn **Vander Hulst** on June 16, 2019.

Keaton Levi VanderVeen was born on June 1, 2019 to parents **Mark ('05)** and **Alicia (Borst '05)** VanderVeen, and welcomed by siblings Brek (5-1/2) and Kennadi (3-1/2).

Please submit any Alumni birth or marriage announcements to: development@unitychristian.org, or call 616.662.4011. (PLEASE NOTE: To celebrate our newest little ones, we have a FREE "UC Blue Crew" Onesie that parents/grandparents may pick up from the Development Office at 4542 48th Avenue, Hudsonville MI. Please call or email the Development Office and we'll put one aside for you. Thank you!

Alumni in Missions

Please remember to uphold our Alumni listed below in your prayers as they have answered the Lord's call to "Go, and spread the Gospel to all nations..."

Joshua Bode ('95) – Oman, UAE (RCA pastor).

Jeff and **Melissa (DeJonge '93)** Bos – Bangladesh, South Asia;

Patti (Steenwyk '88) Brander – Mission India/Grandville MI;

Kristin Bremer ('17) – Mexico (YWAM);

Ray ('93) and **Angie De Lange** – Vancouver, BC, Canada;

Abby (Deters '12) and Ronald Nowicki, Jr. – Glen Arbor, Michigan (Grand Traverse Young Life);

Barry Dykstra ('10) – Byron Center, Michigan (Youth for Christ, BCHS);

Ryan Elders ('05) – Eastern Ottawa County, Michigan (Young Life Ministry);

Caleb ('11) and **Ali Ellens** – Indianapolis, Indiana (Michiana Young Life);

Kyle ('01) and **Heather Glashower** – Coral Springs, Florida (One Hope);

Merissa Harkema ('09) – India (Sarah's Covenant Homes);

John ('74) and **Ruth (VanZalen '74)** Hoekwater – Chicago, Illinois;

Carrie Kennedy ('03) – Nicaragua (Young Life Ministry);

Dana Krol ('10) – Zambia, Africa;

Thomas ('99) and **Tera Krol** – Karen, Kenya;

Edgar and **Jamie (Ponstein '05)** Martinez – Minneapolis, Minnesota (YWAM);

Gary Miedema ('71) – Robertson, South Africa;

Matthew ('07) and **Rachel Schmitt** – Bloomington, Minnesota;

Mandy (Beute '97) and **Josh Shaarda** – Obule, Uganda;

Angie (Beute '95) and **Tim Sliedrecht** – Soroti, Uganda;

Scott ('81) and **Mary Ann Stroven** – Orlando, Florida (Student Ministry of Cru/Campus Crusade for Christ);

Brenda Vander Schuur ('78) – Guinea (Resonate Global Mission);

John ('88) and **Kazumi Van Farowe** – Japan;

Maria (Postema '98) and **Noah Ward** – Thailand (OMF International);

Nathan ('87) and **Brenda Yonker** – Haiti;

and **Cody ('09)** and **Jessica (Horjus '09) Zuiderveen** – Haiti (Resonate Global Mission).

If you know of other UC Alumni serving in missions, please send their names and information about their ministries to development@unitychristian.org, or call 616.662.4011.

Alumni in the Military

UPDATES:

Nathan Vanden Bosch ('14) recently graduated from Western Michigan's ROTC and has been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. Nathan serves in the 119th Field Artillery Unit in the Michigan National Guard.

Please remember to keep Nathan and all our young people listed below in your prayers—and their families as well:

Class of 1987: Chad Geers; Jeff Rozema

Class of 1994: Eric Alan Brew

Class of 1996: Jeremy Molendyk

Class of 1998: Allen Broene; Joon Kee Lee (Patrick Crans)

Class of 1999: Derk Nyenhuis; Ron Thenn

Class of 2000: Steve Bloem; Rick Martinus; Clayton Poortenga

Class of 2001: Seth Allen; Darin Elgersma; Drew VerHage

Class of 2002: Bryan Flietstra

Class of 2003: Adam Bosma; Jeff Dekkinga; Katy Driesenga; Justin Oosterbaan (Air Guard); Brian Tucker; Eric VanBeek

Class of 2004: Kody Fennema; Justin Hatchner

Class of 2005: Brett Jackson; Chris Kitler; Andrew Niewiek; Stephan Thenn; David Zylstra

Class of 2006: Jay Baum; Joshua Lankheet; David Van Abbema

Class of 2007: Aubrey Bosma (Navy Reserves); Brandon Dragstra; Drew Grooters; Quynn Schaaphok; Rachel Scott; Bobby Sorensen; Lauren Zandstra

Class of 2008: Michael Dekker; Kyle Emelander; Brandon Zomerlei

Class of 2009: Corbin Durek; Kent Schaaphok; Tyler Stroven; Ryan VanVels

Class of 2010: Tyler Wiersma

Class of 2011: Austin Dornbush; Jon Mohr

Class of 2013: Lucas Brower; Wyatt Johnson; Charlie Vrieland

Class of 2014: Jacob Herzog; Scott Lokker; Gavin Miedema; Joshua TerKeurst; Nathan VandenBosch

Class of 2015: Trevor Vedders

Class of 2016: Maddy Harmon

The names of the Alumni listed above have been submitted by their families for recognition of their service in the military. If you know of other Unity alumni currently serving in either of these capacities, we would like to recognize and honor them in the Tidings. Please send their information to development@unitychristian.org, or call the Development Office at 616.662.4011. Also, if you have updated information on any of the Alumni listed, please call or email the Development Office as soon as possible.

Class Reunions in 2019

COMING SOON!

The Class of 1959 will celebrate their **60th Class Reunion on Saturday, August 17, 2019** at Royal Park Place in Zeeland. For details and information, please contact Thelma Hoekman at 616.392.1612, email thelmahoekman@comcast.net.

COMING SOON!

The Class of 1969 will celebrate their **50th Class Reunion on Friday, August 23, 2019** at Drenthe Community Grove, 615 68th Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464. We will have the building from 4-10pm. Picnic style buffet with burgers, chicken, salads and chips. No alcohol permitted at this location. If you are planning to attend please send \$25 (per person) to **Jill Meyer at 3452 Danube Dr. SW. Wyoming, MI 49418**. Your committee members are working diligently to make this a fun, delicious, and memorable experience. For more information please call or text: Gloria Aukeman (616.450.4321), Jill Meyer (616.677.1110) or Mary Vandenberg (616.914.7168). Or, email Markopubl@aol.com.

If your class is planning a reunion in 2020, please contact the Development Office at 616.662.4011 or email development@unitychristian.org to have your event publicized in the Tidings. We can also provide you with class lists for mailing/contact information.



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Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri 10am – 5pm; Tues, Thurs 10am – 7pm; Sat 10am – 3pm

Phone: 616.662.3375; Email: revive@unitychristian.org;

Website: www.ReviveResale.org; 3675 Baldwin Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426



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