

Make Room in your Heart for
Hope
Isaiah 11:1-10



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Nov 22:

Received for General Ministries: \$
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

CRCNA Office of Social Justice \$

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Back to God Ministries - the desire of this CRC ministry is to see the Gospel change the hearts and lives of people all around the globe. They use relevant forms of media to reach individuals, giving them access to the Gospel message in their own language every single day.

Dec 6: Resonate Global Mission – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez

Dec 13: Tent Schools

Dec 20: Roosevelt Park Ministries

Dec 27: Family Network of Wyoming

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 30

9am Food Pantry

Wednesday, Dec 2

2:45pm Blood Drive

Thursday, Dec 3

12pm Food Pantry

7pm Worship Committee

Sunday, Dec 6

9:30am Worship (online)

COMING UP

ADMIN, Dec 8

BPB BASKET PICK-UP, Dec 10

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

TODAY: Advent is about waiting for what is coming. But waiting is not empty time; it is filled with anticipation. Isaiah shows us how to make room in our hearts for hope during a time of waiting.

NEXT WEEK: We see examples in the gospel of Luke of those who made room in their hearts for love, and those who had no room in their hearts for love; we still see those examples in our world today.

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November 29, 2020

Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- "Busy Boxes" with kid's bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS are
available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Advent Wreath Lighting

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Isaiah 11:1-10*

¹ *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*
² *The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—*
³ *and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;*
⁴ *but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*
⁵ *Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.*

Message “Make Room in your Heart for Hope”

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship (online)

⁶ *The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.*
⁷ *The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.*
⁸ *The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest.*
⁹ *They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*
¹⁰ *In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.*

CHURCH LIFE

Find an updated list of events taking place online on our church calendar - www.fellowshipcrc.com/calendar

FROM THE DEACONS

Our Thanksgiving offering was designated for Love INC. Please still consider mailing a contribution to the church office or giving online (choose Community Offering and indicate Love INC in the Note/memo field). As part of their “Simply Give” campaign, Meijer will DOUBLE MATCH this gift, meaning a contribution of \$10 will become \$30.

THANK YOU!

Although, we may have to be careful where we go due to the coronavirus, our money for various community organizations and missions has been traveling to many places and is much appreciated. Resonate Global Mission on behalf of Jesse and Jari Rodriguez, 70 x 7 Life Recovery, CRCNA-Safe Church Ministries, Love INC, Rehoboth Christian School, and Paul and Charlotte Mpindi (Mission French Africa Ministries) have all mailed Fellowship thank-you letters.

THANKS FOR GIVING

During Thanksgiving, we remember that God wants us to show His love and share our blessings with those who do not have as much as we do. You are invited to join our “THANKS FOR GIVING” Food/Blessings Drive for our Fellowship Food Pantry. Donations of food may be dropped off to the pantry during operating hours of Monday 9-12 and Thursday 12-3 or contact **Bonnie Houtstra** or **Nancy VanDenBerg** to make other arrangements.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive takes place on Wednesday, Dec 2 from 2:45-7pm. Blood supply remains critical in our community. We would like to encourage anyone over 17 yrs. old to consider this wonderful gift of life for others. Let’s break some records for number of pints donated! Walk-ins are always welcome, but it helps to know who is planning to donate. To sign up online, go to Versiti.org and search for locations. (A link is included in the mid-week Newsletter).

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

Gloria DeWitte – 12/28
Vista Springs Wyoming #33
2708 Meyer Ave SW
Wyoming MI 49519

PRAYER FOCUS

Recent Updates:

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Bill & Carol Offringa** and **Mark & Sheryl Offringa**. Bill and Mark's sister, **Ruth Weaver**, passed away on Monday, November 23. May the family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.

Denomination:

- For Back to God Ministries as they work to see the Gospel change the hearts and lives of people all around the globe.

Continuing Needs:

- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays and have restrictions on visitors: **Gloria DeWitte, Caroline Dik, Lois Oom, Rachel Tjoelker, and Char VanDommelen.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Don & Ann Aardema, Russ Ballinger, Ron Dykstra, Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len Koetje, Gary Meengs, Arv & Pearl Tap, Roge & Mary Visser, Tom Vlietstra, Tom & Donna Westra, and Sharon Walcott.**

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BACKPACK BUDDIES

What a blessing you are to the children and families in our community! Our collection box was overflowing with food after this past Sunday and our pantry is nearly fully stocked as a result. God is Good!! Here is a modified list for November:

Oatmeal (boxes with Individual serving packets), Macaroni and Cheese, peanut butter - (around 15 oz), Spaghetti sauce-can or plastic jars (Aldi has plastic jars), thinking ahead to Christmas - bags of candy for treat bags, Gift Cards to Aldi or Meijer (can be given to the Deacons or to Sandy)

NOTE: we are quite well stocked on canned pasta, soups, and canned tuna and Chicken for the next few months -thank you so much. Items may be placed in the Back-Pack Buddies box. Questions? Contact **Sandy Campo**.

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry has some needs which include *jams/jellies, pop tarts, canned pears, apple sauce, juice, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, chunky soups, canned pasta & meat*. For a complete list, please see the mid-week. Thank you!