

Make Room in your Heart for  
Peace  
Luke 2:8-15



#### DEACONS REPORT

Giving information will be available periodically until in-person worship resumes:

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: \$

#### Upcoming Community Offerings

**TODAY: Tent Schools International** - The United Nations estimates that there are up to 35 million displaced children worldwide. **Tent Schools International** comes alongside Christian leaders in refugee camps and other transitional areas to establish educational opportunities for children fleeing war, persecution, and natural disaster.

**Dec 20:** Roosevelt Park Ministries  
**Dec 27:** Family Network of Wyoming  
**Jan 3:** Mission French Africa – Paul & Charlotte Mpindi  
**Jan 10:** Wycliffe Bible Translators  
**Jan 17:** Pregnancy Resource Center

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#### THIS WEEK

<b>Monday, Dec 14</b> 9am Food Pantry	<b>Thursday, Dec 17</b> 12pm Food Pantry
<b>Tuesday, Dec 15</b> 6:30pm Life Skills	<b>Sunday, Dec 20</b> 9:30am Worship (online)

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#### COMING UP

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**, Dec 25

#### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)  
Barb Sanders (Pastor)  
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)  
Sherri DeVries (Custodian)  
Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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**TODAY:** We often see in the Bible that peace is so much more than the absence of conflict; peace is an active momentum towards the flourishing of God's world.

**NEXT WEEK:** Sometimes we think of joy as a feeling of happiness; the Bible tells us that joy is so much more than a feeling, it is an outward action that comes from an inward assurance.

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**December 13, 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 *Luke 2:8-15*

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

**Message** "Make Room in your Heart for Peace"

### Sacrament of Communion

*My Soul Magnifies The Lord  
Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

### God's Parting Blessing

### TODAY:

9:30am Worship (online)

## CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion. Those joining the service on livestream from home are welcome to choose any bread/cracker and juice you have available.

### FROM THE DEACONS

We had a third offering scheduled for Denominational Ministry Shares (DMS) last week. The Christian Reformed Church uses ministry shares to fund a variety of ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism. Please still consider mailing a contribution to the church office or giving [online](#) (choose Denomination Ministry Shares from the Give to dropdown menu).

### BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

What a tremendous blood drive we had on December 2. We surpassed our goal of **21** donations. We had **33** people signed in with **26** successful whole blood donations and **1** successful double red donation for a total of **28** donations! Thank you to all who donated! Save the date – February 10, 2021 for our next drive.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

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

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We invite you to drop a Christmas card in the mail to the individuals listed below. They are members at Fellowship who are "Shut-in", or missionaries supported by Fellowship:

**Gloria DeWitte** (Vista Springs #33, 2708 Meyer Ave SW Wyoming MI 49519)

**Caroline Dik** (Waterford Place #E109, 1725 Port Sheldon Jenison MI 49428)

**Lois Oom** (Waterford Assisted Living #202, 1725 Port Sheldon Jenison MI 49428)

**Rachel Tjoelker** (Grand Brook Memory Care #29A, 5281 Wilson Ave SW Wyoming MI 49418)

**Jack & Cindy Ippel** (PO Box 41, Rehoboth NM 87322)

**David & Sara Lont** (c/o Josefina Cruz del Angel, An. De Las Palmas No. 904, La Morena Seccion Norte, Tulancingo, Hidalgo 43625 Mexico)

**Paul & Charlotte Mpindi** (2221 Ridgewood Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI 49546)

**Jesse & Jari Rodriguez** (Apartado Postal 1076, Managua, Nicaragua, Central America)

### THANK YOU

Thank you, Fellowship family, for the prayers, words of encouragement and cards extended to us following the passing of Mark's sister, Ruth Weaver and Sheryl's father, Wes Schaap. ~ **Mark & Sheryl Offringa**.

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Recent Updates:

- We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Phil and Char VanDommelen**. Char passed away on Friday, Dec 4. Seven weeks ago, Phil passed away. Pray for this family to know God's comfort, peace, and sustaining presence as they journey with the loss of both parents in a short time.

### Outreach:

- Tent Schools International** who come alongside Christian leaders in refugee camps to establish educational opportunities for children fleeing war, persecution, and natural disaster.

### 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, and Rachel Tjoelker**.
- 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, Rog & Mary Visser, Tom Vlietstra, Tom & Donna Westra, and Sharon Walcott**.

## OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

We have 20 Children in our program at this time and we were able to deliver food to families that wanted to continue through the remote learning period. We received generous donations of peanut butter and Mac n cheese from Love Inc so we were able to provide extra for the families to use for lunches during the week. We will provide Christmas food baskets again this year for the holiday vacation period.

We have been so blessed with an abundance of donations the last 2 months that we are well stocked for December and January food needs at this time. We will put out a new list later for February. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! ~ **Sandy Campo**.

### LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry continues to operate on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Thank you for your ongoing support of donations.

### LIFESKILLS

The Tuesday evening Life Skills classes have been canceled for December. We hope to be back to in person meetings starting January 5. Plans are being made for a few new families to start Budget class in January. This means we will need a Budget class teacher and possibly childcare every week. Contact **Laura Vanderploeg** for more information.