

Make Room in your Heart for
Love
Luke 2:22-35



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Nov 29:

Received for General Ministries: \$4,445.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$155.00
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Love INC (Thanksgiving) \$240.00
Backpack Buddies \$75.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Resonate Global Mission – Jesse & Jari Rodriguez are missionaries serving at the Nehemiah Center in Nicaragua. Their goal is for the development of holistic Christian financial models that will strengthen Nicaraguan families and communities by providing jobs, hiring others, and increasing evangelism.

Dec 13: Tent Schools

Dec 20: Roosevelt Park Ministries

Dec 27: Family Network of Wyoming

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 7
9am Food Pantry

Tuesday, Dec 8
6:30pm Life Skills
7pm Admin Board

Thursday, Dec 10
12pm Food Pantry

Sunday, Dec 13
9:30am Worship

COMING UP

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP, Dec 25

STAFF

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

TODAY: 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.

NEXT WEEK: 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.

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December 6, 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 2:22-35*

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Message "Make Room in your Heart for Love"

What Can I Do?

O Come All Ye Faithful

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship (online)

CHURCH LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY, December 13, we will 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. If you prefer the same bread and juice used at church, please contact the church office this week to arrange for a communion kit in your home.

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

FROM THE DEACONS

We have an 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).

THANKS FOR GIVING

Please remember to join our "THANKS FOR GIVING" Food/Blessings Drive for our Fellowship Food Pantry. Donations of food and other items may be dropped off to the food pantry until Dec 7, during operating hours of Mondays 9-12 and Thursdays 12-3 or, contact **Bonnie Houtstra** or **Nancy VanDenBerg** to make other arrangements.

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 **Mark and Sheryl Offringa** and family. Sheryl's father, Wes Schaap, passed away on Monday, Nov 30. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.

Missionaries:

- Jesse & Jari Rodriguez** as they continue to serve at the Nehemiah Center in Nicaragua. We also continue to pray for Nicaragua's recovery efforts following recent hurricanes.

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, Rog & Mary Visser, Tom Vlietstra, Tom & Donna Westra, and Sharon Walcott.**

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)

Char VanDommelen (Railside Assisted Living Center, 7955 Byron Center Ave SW Byron Center MI 49315)

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)

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

What a tremendous blood drive we had on December 2. **34** people signed in and almost everyone was able to give. Thank you to all who donated! Save the date – February 10, 2021 for our next drive.

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:

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.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Campo**.

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry has some needs which include *jams/jellys, 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!

LIFESKILLS

The Tuesday evening Life Skills class continues to be taught by Monica from Love INC. Please pray for the 5 participant families and Monica as they continue to work through new material about discerning spiritual gifts.