

# Baggage Claim

Matthew 2:1-12



Old Testament Passage:

Micah 5:1-4

Isiah 61:1-11

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## DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Dec 19:

Received for General Ministries: \$6,489.28  
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00  
Received for Christian Education: \$553.40  
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

### **Community Offering:**

ACCESS of West Michigan \$10.00

### Upcoming Community Offerings

**TODAY: ASJ (Assoc. for a More Just Society)**

AJS strives to be brave Christians, dedicated to doing justice in Honduras and to inspiring others around the world to seek justice in their own contexts by advocating for transparency, security, strong communities, and systemic reform.

**January 2:** Backpack Buddies

**January 9:** Mission French Africa

**January 16:** Pregnancy Resource Center



**December 26, 2021**

**Welcome!**  
**We are glad you are here!**

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service**

Also available during worship

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

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### THIS WEEK

**Monday, Dec 27**

**Friday, Dec 31**

New Year's Eve

**Tuesday, Dec 28**

**Saturday, Jan 1**

New Year's Day

**Wednesday, Dec 29**

**Thursday, Dec 30**

**Sunday, Jan 2**

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

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**TODAY:** The Magi and Herod have very different reactions to the arrival of Jesus; it shows up in the kind of baggage they carry. What does our baggage say about us?

**NEXT WEEK:** The beginning of a new year often finds people going "all in" on starting healthy new habits; what does the Bible tell us about being "all in" with God?

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### COMING UP

**SOCIAL GATHERING,** Jan 11

**ADMIN MEETING,** Jan 11

**ELDER MEETING,** Jan 25

**DEACON MEETING,** Jan 25

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### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS** are available at the sound booth

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Angels We Have Heard on High  
My Soul Magnifies the Lord  
He Shall Reign Forevermore*

### Prayers of the People

#### Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>2</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### Message “baggage claim”

*Jesus Messiah  
Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

### God’s Parting Blessing

#### TODAY:

9:30am Worship

## CHURCH LIFE

### PLEDGES

Pledge forms for the 2022 budget were recently placed in mailboxes. Please return pledges to the marked slot at the Welcome Center by next Sunday, January 2.

### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Will not be meeting today, December 26. We will resume meeting next week on January 2. All are invited to join - Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (lmp hilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes will not be meeting today, December 26; or next week, January 2 due to the Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 9.

### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning Bible study group will begin meeting again on Tuesday, January 11. All who are available to join this group are welcome to join us at 9:15 – 10:45am. Questions? Contact **Barb Sanders** (bsanders@fellowshipcrc.com)

### GIVING ENVELOPES

If you are currently using giving envelopes but would like not to receive them next year, or are not receiving them but would like a set next year, please inform your district deacon.

### LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

The Life Skills Program needs childcare help and a meal provided for January 4, their first meeting of 2022. Please contact **Laura VanderPloeg** if you can help.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Gloria DeWitte** who will be celebrating her birthday on December 28. Cards may be sent to: Vista Springs #33, 2708 Meyer Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49519.

### JANUARY SOCIAL EVENT

The January social gathering will be Tuesday, January 11 will be from 1-3pm here at Fellowship. Please mark your calendar and more will come soon. All who are available to attend are welcome. Questions? Contact **Myrna Koning, Ellie Postma, Diane Rhonda, Sharon Walcott, or Barb Sanders.**

*“Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and loving care following the passing of our daughter-in-law Tracey.” – Don & Ann Aardema*

*“THANK YOU Fellowship friends for all the support of the Grandville Life Skills program this year. Thank you for the prayers! Thank you for the meals provided! Thank you for supervising the children! Thank you for the monetary donations! Thank you for purchasing food! Thank you for packing food orders! This program could not happen without everyone’s commitment.” ~ Laura VanderPloeg*

## PRAYER FOCUS

- We rejoice with **Matt and Kellie VanderKlok** on the birth of their baby boy, Ryker Hayes on Friday, December 17. Congratulations also to grandparents, **Ron and Julie Oosterink.**
- Pray for **Marv Houtstra** and family. Hospice is helping to provide the care that is needed. Pray that Marv and each family member will experience the presence of God’s spirit sustaining and enfolding them during this time.
- **Pastor Bill Huyser** had a stroke a few weeks ago. He is receiving care at Breton Woods Rehabilitation and Living Center (2589 44<sup>th</sup> St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512). Continue to pray for **Bill and Alvina** and their family during this difficult time.
- For ASJ as they strive to do justice in Honduras. May they inspire others around the world to seek justice in their own contexts.
- For the Love Food Pantry and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays: **Gloria DeWitte, Lois Oom, and Rachel Tjoelker.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Rick Carter, Valerie Fleming, Pastor Bill Huyser** (stroke), and **Len Koetje.**

## OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

### FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support as we serve our community. We have served 12 households so far this month.

Some items we could use are:

*Soap (laundry, dish, and bar), toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer, and juice*

Thank You! – Food Pantry Staff

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

We currently have **39 children** from Central Elementary in our program. Feeding America continues to be a good source for many needed food items through the CARES and USDA programs but some items we use are not available through the agency.

Our needs for the coming weeks include:

*fruit and applesauce cups, NutriGrain bars, boxed pastas or rice (Chicken & Tuna Helper, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni, etc.), snacks (individual pretzels, popcorn, granola bars, fruit snacks) and plastic grocery bags.* Cash donations or gift cards to Meijer, Aldi & Costco can be given through the deacons. Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby.

Thank you for showing Christ’s love to our neighbors through your support of this ministry ~ **Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134.