

Anticipation (part 4) - the rest of the story



Micah 5:1-5a, Matthew 3:13-15

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Nov 21-Dec 4:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 13,422.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,230.00
Community Offering:	
Desert Streams-Lonts	\$ 625.00
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 970.00
Rehoboth Chr. School	\$ 300.00
BackPack Buddies	\$ 100.00
Luke Society	\$ 25.00
FCRC Food Pantry	\$ 885.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Wycliffe Bible Translators

For more than 70 years, Wycliffe has helped people around the world translate the Bible into their own languages. They started with the first translation in 1951, with the 500th completed in 2000. Their goal is to translate God's Word into every language still needing one by 2025.

December 25: Harbor House

January 1: Mission French Africa (Mpindi)

January 8: Love Your Neighbor

THIS WEEK

Monday, Dec 19

Tuesday, Dec 20

Wednesday, Dec 21
2pm Blood Drive

Thursday, Dec 22

Friday, Dec 23

Saturday, Dec 24
Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec 25
Christmas Day
9:30am Worship

COMING UP

Jan 9 Exec Board

Jan 23 Elders
Deacons

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

December 18, 2022



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)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS
are available at the sound booth

TODAY: fourth week of advent — Sometimes we try so hard to make Christmas feel special that we forget the ways in which Christmas is also ordinary; God did something special when Jesus was born at Christmas, but it came into an ordinary world in an ordinary way.

NEXT WEEK: Christmas Day

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Candle of Peace

*Angels from the Realms of Glory
Angels We Have Heard on High
Adore*

Micah 5:1-5a

A Promised Ruler From Bethlehem

⁵ Marshal your troops now, city of troops,
for a siege is laid against us.
They will strike Israel's ruler
on the cheek with a rod.

Prayers of the People

Scripture

Micah 5:1-5a, Matthew 3:13-15

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the
clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times."

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned
until the time when she who is in labor
bears a son,
and the rest of his brothers return
to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of
the Lord his God.
And they will live securely, for then his
greatness

will reach to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he will be our peace

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He Shall Reign Forevermore

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:30am Carol Sing

CHURCH LIFE

The Deacons are requesting that all giving for the 2022 calendar year be received by Sunday December 25 in order to be recorded on your 2022 giving statement. Thank you!

BUDGET REMINDER Please turn in your 2023 giving pledge if you have not done so already.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY *There will be no Adult Bible Study December 18th, December 25th, or January 1st. We will resume Bible Study on January 8.*

CHURCH SCHOOL *Church school will not meet on December 18, December 25, and January 1. Classes will resume on January 8.*

USHERS The Worship Committee is looking for a few more volunteers to serve as USHERS on Sunday mornings. Please contact **Andrew Lenhart** if you would like to know more or would like to serve.

POP CANS Youth Group's Pop Can Drive is BACK! Please drop off your cans here at church in the special boxes located in either the Fellowship room or the Youth room. Funds raised will go to off-set the cost of the Youth room renovation. The drive will run through the end of December.

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.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Tom and Donna Westra** as Donna receives hospice care for an incurable cancer.
- **Alvina Huyser** had been hospitalized with pneumonia. Give thanks she is improving and has been transferred to Breton Woods Rehab and Living Center. Pray for continued healing and regaining strength. It is hoped she will return home soon. Cards can be sent to her home address: 2500 Breton Woods, Apt. 3064, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.
- For **Wycliffe Bible Translators** as they help people around the world to translate the Bible into their own language.
- 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 prayer those healing from surgery and those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len and Lois Koetje.**

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY The Missions and community Connections Committee would like to thank everyone for joining our "**THANKS FOR GIVING**" Food/Blessings Drive for our Fellowship Food Pantry.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are collecting for our January weekends.

Food needs include:

- canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc – with meat)
- beef or chicken chunky soup styles
- fruit cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- snacks – such as granola bars, fruit snacks, rice Krispie treats, pretzels
- plastic grocery bags

Thank you for your prayers for the families and generous support of this neighborhood mission.

Sandy Campo 616-889-3134

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BLOOD DRIVE The next Blood Drive is THIS WEEK Wednesday, December 21, from 2-7pm here at Fellowship. We have a goal of collecting 28 pints of blood. As a bonus, all attempting donors will be entered into the 'Drive to Save Lives' sweepstakes in which they will have the chance to win a brand new car AND they will receive a \$15 e-gift card emailed to them about 5-7 business days after the blood drive. If you are able to donate, please sign up by going to <https://bit.ly/dec21blood-drive> or by signing up on the sheet on the M&CC Bulletin Board.

We will also need goodies for the canteen; sign up on the M&CC Bulletin Board to provide for those donating blood.

If you have any questions, please contact **Myrna Koning**.