

Your Keeper
Psalm 121

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Oct 28 – Nov 17:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 6,656.66
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 631.49
Community Offering:	
World Hunger Sunday	\$ 1,334.00
Mission French Africa	\$ 575.51
DMS	\$ 90.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 46.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 35.51

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$243,823.86 Year to Date Expenses: \$ 246,650.76
(through 10/31/2024)

Community Offerings

TODAY: Backpack Buddies

We have partnered with Central Elementary in Grandville. The school provides breakfast and lunch for the school week, but to provide for weekend needs for children who are food insecure, food is collected or purchased, packed in bags, and delivered to school to be sent home.

<https://www.fellowshipcrc.com/backpack-buddies/>

To see a list of current Backpack Buddies needs, there is a list in the Missions & Community Connections section of the bulletin. They are currently collecting for December and Christmas Break food baskets.

- Nov 28 (Thanksgiving):** Love Your Neighbor
- Dec 1:** Desert Streams Ministries – Lont’s
- Dec 8:** Denominational Ministry Shares

THIS WEEK

Monday, Nov 25

7pm Full Council
8pm Elders
8pm Deacons

Tuesday, Nov 26

Late Morning Christmas Decorating

Wednesday, Nov 27

Thursday, Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day

9:30am Thanksgiving Worship

Friday, Nov 29

Saturday, Nov 30

Sunday, Dec 1

9:30am Worship
11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

- Dec 8** Christmas Dinner
Youth Group Christmas Party
- Dec 9** Exec
- Dec 13** Youth Group Christmas
Movie Night
- Dec 18** Blood drive
- Dec 25** Christmas Worship

STAFF

- Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
- Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
- Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
- Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
- Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
- Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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November 24, 2024



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 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: Pastor Barb Sanders

THANKSGIVING DAY: Why Gratitude Matters

NEXT WEEK: Advent – the gifts of Christmas

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*The Praise is Yours
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Goodness of God*

Prayers of the People

Ministry Highlight Youth Group, *Barb Van Ryn*

Scripture *Psalms 121 (NSRV)*

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Message “Your Keeper” Pastor Barb Sanders

He Will Keep You

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
11am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

We will gather on Thursday for a Thanksgiving Day worship service at 9:30am.

NEXT WEEK we will celebrate the sacrament of communion during morning worship.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday, November 26. We will begin late morning and will work into the afternoon. If you are only able to be there for a short time that is fine. We appreciate any help you can provide. If you have any questions, contact **Sara Meengs** or **Diane Ronda**.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/RETIREMENT PARTY We invite you to stay after the morning worship service for a Christmas lunch/Pastor Barb’s retirement party on Dec 8. Pulled pork, buns, dessert, drinks, and table service will be provided. Salads/fruit is needed; sign up to bring one when you RSVP. You can RSVP by going to <https://bit.ly/4fSfikX> (the link is also in the midweek) or by signing up on the M&CC bulletin board. Questions? Contact **Pam Kortman** or the office. **Please RSVP by December 1!**

PRAYER FOCUS

- Give thanks that **Pastor Tom** is getting back to health and is resuming normal office hours.
- **Bonnie Houtstra** had surgery to remove her gallbladder. Give thanks that surgery went well and that she has been able to return home. Continue to pray for a good recovery process and regaining strength.
- Continue to pray for **Lois Koetje**. She fell at home last week and is currently receiving rehab therapy at Corewell Rehab Leffingwell.
- Continue to pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker**. Randy is currently receiving rehab therapy at Mary Free Bed.
- Pray for **Jerry and Diane Ronda** and their family. Jerry has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Surgery is scheduled for December 12 to remove the bladder.
- Continue to pray for **Mary Visser**. For several months she has not been feeling well with a constant feeling of nausea. In August she had surgery to remove her gall bladder thinking that would help but the nausea has continued. She has had several dr. appointments and is now scheduled for a procedure for a scope into her stomach on November 29. She is on a cancellation list. Pray that she will be able to have this procedure soon and that this will provide helpful information.
- Pray for the work of **Backpack Buddies** as they provide sustenance for families in our community facing food insecurity. Pray that the families may be blessed by the food they receive.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Randy & Cathy Kraker**, **Jo Postema**, **Rog & Mary Visser**.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Our church will be partnering again this year with Love Your Neighbor for their annual Christmas store event, **Community Christmas**. This event offers parents/guardians the opportunity to shop gifts for their children. **M&CC has chosen to help by collecting STOCKING STUFFERS and GIFT-WRAPPING SUPPLIES**. A collection box will be available in the foyer through **Sunday, Dec 1**.

Some ideas for stocking stuffers are: fun socks, card games, matchbox cars, activity books, fidget toys, small stuffed animals, hair ties, nail polish, lotion, hygiene items, journals, snacks, candy, etc.

As well as collecting these items, if you would like to volunteer to help at the event Friday, December 6, or Saturday, December 7, at Hudsonville Reformed Church, go to <https://bit.ly/3UgGSzI> to sign up!

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

THANKS FOR GIVING

November reminds us that Thanksgiving is coming. God has given us so many blessings that we can hardly count them all. During Thanksgiving, we also remember that God wants us to show His love and share our blessings with others. The Missions and Community Connections Committee encourages everyone to join our “**THANKS FOR GIVING**” Food/Blessings Drive for our Food Pantry here at Fellowship. There will be a special collection area in the lobby on Sunday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day, and Sunday, December 1. Needed Items Are:

Instant oatmeal	breakfast bars	Apple juice	Peanut butter
Jelly	Salsa	Diced tomatoes	White rice
Tuna/chicken helper	Canned chicken/ tuna	Salad dressings	
Applesauce	Snack crackers	Kleenex	Paper towel
Shampoo/conditioner for men and women			
Body wash for men/women	Toothpaste	Mouthwash	
Laundry soap	Laundry softener/sheets	Dish soap	

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering the Backpack Buddies in prayers and giving!! December food items needed for the 30 children in the program include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Pasta (spaghetti O’s type items)
- Fruit Cups, applesauce cups
- Oatmeal (boxes of individual envelopes)
- Gift Cards: we will again offer Christmas break food baskets and, if possible, we would like to include a \$25 Meijer gift card so that they can purchase Christmas dinner items and perishable foods. We anticipate 10-12 families will RSVP for a food basket. You can give gift cards to me or through the deacons (mark them for Backpack Buddies).

Thank you for your support of this ministry.

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