

# Sabbath - delight

Isaiah 58:13-14;  
Colossians 2:16-23



## FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Dec 30-Jan 12:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 12,493.28
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 728.00
Community Offering:	
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 197.51
Benevolence	\$ 154.79
Love Your Neighbor	\$ 20.51
DMS	\$ 14.00

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$251,128.76 Year to Date Expenses: \$ 264,303.92  
(through 11/30/2024)

## Community Offerings

### TODAY: Guiding Light

For over 95 years, Guiding Light has served individuals struggling with hopelessness, homelessness, hunger, and addiction. With our main facility located downtown Grand Rapids, we are dedicated to helping men and women WAKE UP to new life as they recover from addiction and the associated chaos of a life consumed by substance abuse.

<https://guidinglightworks.org/>

Guiding Light is a donor-funded Christian non-profit dedicated to helping individuals recover from addiction and the associated chaos of a life consumed by substance abuse.

Guiding Light provides tools, relationships, and support to empower individuals in living a new life of recovery, where they're back to work, reconnected to God, restored to family, safely housed, and active in service.

Through the guiding light of God's Spirit, Guiding Light partners with individuals to fulfill their God-given potential through rescue, recovery and re-engagement in the community.

Feb 2: Mission French Africa *Mpindi's*

Feb 9: Denominational Ministry Shares

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, Jan 27

7pm Elders  
7pm Deacons

### Tuesday, Jan 28

6pm Life Skills

### Wednesday, Jan 29

### Thursday, Jan 30

### Friday, Jan 31

### Saturday, Feb 1

### Sunday, Feb 2

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Church School  
11am Adult Bible Study  
4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School  
6pm Youth Group-High School

## COMING UP

Feb 10 Exec  
Feb 16 Youth Group  
Feb 19 Blood Drive  
Feb 24 Full Council  
Elders  
Deacons

## 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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# January 26, 2025



## 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:** When Jesus prays for his disciples, he prays that "they may have the full measure of my joy within them." The Sabbath is designed by God as a day to give yourself fully to delight in God's world, in your life in it, and ultimately in God himself.

NEXT WEEK: Sabbath

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*10,000 Reasons*

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

*Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture

#### *Isaiah 58:13-14*

<sup>13</sup>“If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath  
and from doing as you please on my holy day,  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the Lord’s holy day honorable,  
and if you honor it by not going your own way  
and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,  
<sup>14</sup>then you will find your joy in the Lord,  
and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land  
and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.”  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

#### *Colossians 2:16-23*

#### **Freedom From Human Rules**

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. <sup>19</sup>They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

<sup>20</sup>Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: <sup>21</sup>“Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? <sup>22</sup>These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. <sup>23</sup>Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

### Message “Sabbath – delight”

*As The Deer*

*Enough*

### God’s Parting Blessing

#### TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

## CHURCH LIFE

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (LMPHILO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

**FROM THE DEACONS: GIVING STATEMENTS** The 2024 year end giving statements are now available. A copy of this statement will be emailed to you soon using the email address associated with your Elvanto account. If you do not have an email address on file, a hard copy has been placed in your church mailbox.

This statement can also be accessed through your Elvanto account. Once you are logged in, go to the “Profile” menu (found by hovering over your name), then choose the “Giving” option. You will see the option to download your statement here.

If you have any questions about your statement or have not received one, please contact one of the Deacons. Thank You, **Fellowship** Deacons

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**PRAYER EMAIL UPDATE** As **Pastor Barb Sanders** has retired as of December 31, 2024, plans are being made for the prayer email as she has been the main contact person for prayer email requests. Following is an overview of adjustments in this time of transition regarding the prayer email ministry.

- An item in the elder mandate is to "develop an effective support ministry of prayer." In this transition time, a team of elder prayer email coordinators is being created to encourage the ministry of prayer. The prayer email coordinators are elders **Mary Bouma** and **Mary Wood-Agents**.
- As we continue to encourage the ministry of prayer, one is encouraged to contact a member of your district care team if you have a prayer request you would like communicated to the congregation.
- Care team members will also reach out to you when they learn of a need and ask if you would like a prayer email sent.
- Current plans are to continue to send prayer emails on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- When there is an urgent prayer request, it will be sent as soon as possible.

As with any new process, there will be new learnings along the way. Thank you for your participation in the ministry of prayer. “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18.

In Christ, **The Elders of Fellowship Church**

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Sarah and Rachel Lenhart**. They are both recovering from concussions after a car accident a few weeks ago. Progress is going well, but they would appreciate prayers for wisdom in treatment and healing.
- On the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 29, **Chris Cook** will have surgery to replace the tricuspid valve in her heart. Please be in prayer for her to have the courage she needs, for family who will be waiting to hear, and for the team of doctors and nurses who will be involved with this relatively new procedure. All glory to our mighty God!
- Please pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker**. Randy has been hospitalized. He’s extremely weak and has some bouts of confusion. Pray for peace and patience during this time.
- Give thanks that **Jerry Ronda** was able to return home from the hospital. Please pray for continued recovery and healing at home.
- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode**. Gary fell and fractured his back. He is currently at Health Bridge for rehab. He is wearing a back brace and has no pain. He continues with PT and OT. Please pray that he will regain what he has lost through this fall and hospital stay.
- "Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and expressions of concern related to my hip replacement surgery. It is so encouraging to realize that others care and are lifting me up in prayer."

#### **Linda Philo**

- Pray for the work of **Guiding Light** as they help individuals who are struggling with addiction and the chaos it brings. Pray for those living in recovery as they seek to live new lives; as well as the workers and volunteers who support them.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler, Rog & Mary Visser**.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering the Backpack Buddies in your prayers and year end giving!!

Thank you also to the youth group for choosing BPB as the recipient of their Christmas collection project.

January/February food items needed for the 30 children in the program include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Chunky Soups
- Fruit Cups, applesauce cups
- Oatmeal (boxes of individual envelopes)

**Thank you for your support of this ministry.**  
**Sandy Campo (616)889-3134**