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## This Week

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Office open Tues-Thurs, 9am-noon

### Sunday, December 10

9:20am Prayer Group (Room 21)  
9:30am Worship/Children's Worship  
10:45am Church School  
11am Adult Bible Study (Room 10)

### Monday, December 11

12:30pm Bible Study  
7pm Admin Meeting

### Tuesday, December 12

9:15am Bible Study  
11am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, December 13

Blood Drive (Fellowship Room)  
6:30pm GEMS & Cadets at Hope CRC

### Thursday, December 14

### Friday, December 15

### Saturday, December 16

### Sunday, December 17

9:20am Prayer Group (Room 21)  
9:30am Worship/Children's Worship  
10:45am Ministry Leader Appreciation Open House  
11am Adult Bible Study (Room 10)

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## Coming Up

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KIDS' FOOD BASKET, December 18

JOY LUNCH, December 20

CHRISTMAS SERVICE, December 25

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## From the Deacons

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Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on December 3, 2017:

Received for General Ministries: \$4,360.00  
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00  
Received for Christian Education: \$338.00  
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$588.08

### Community Offering

Backpack Buddies \$376.50

TODAY our community offering will be for **Back To God Ministries**, the multi-media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Proclaiming the story of God's unfailing love worldwide in order that lives and communities might be transformed by God's grace, Back to God provides media like the devotions (free of cost) on the Welcome Desk here at Fellowship.

### Upcoming Community Offerings:

December 17: Mel Trotter Ministries  
December 24: Harbor House

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## Connect

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### Pastor of Discipleship and Education

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# Welcome to Fellowship!

## WHAT TO EXPECT

**WORSHIP** lasts about 70 minutes. We celebrate God as we sing to Him and about Him, read from the Bible, pray together, and hear a message from the pastor. There is a time in the service for people to give financially. We joyfully give back to God what he has given us. You should feel zero pressure to give as our guest today.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME** in worship, and we also provide child care for infants and toddlers during the morning service. There are special kid's bulletins and crayons at the sanctuary doors.

**BIBLES** to use during the service are located under your chairs.

**COFFEE** is served after the morning service. Hang out and meet some people!

**NEW HERE?** Grab a Welcome Folder at the Welcome Center. There is a small gift for you, information about who we are, and how to get connected. Fill out a Connection Card there and we will get you more information!

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available at the sound booth.

## December 10, 2017

OUR  
MISSION



Loving God and each other



Growing in knowledge of God & in relationship with his people



Serving him as our response

OUR  
VISION



We see a growing group of people so secure in God and their relationship with Him that they love, grow and serve others as a way of life.

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## Church Life

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### FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY PRAYER GROUP

Join us in prayer on Sundays at 9:20am in room 21. Enter by the door from the narthex or the open slider in the sanctuary. Even if prayer has started, please feel free enter and participate. If you have a prayer item, please send it to Mike Philo (lmp hilo@aol.com).

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join- Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact Mike Philo (lmp hilo@aol.com).

### CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Church school (grade 3-12) and Children's Worship (age 4-grade 2) schedule for the Christmas season:

**December 17** – children's worship meets, no church school (Discipleship and Education Ministry Leader Appreciation Open House)

**December 24** – no children's worship, no church school

**December 31** – children's worship, no church school

**January 7** – all classes resume

### MEALS NEEDED

We are hoping to bring 2 meals per week to Char and Phil VanDommelen. There is a sign up sheet located on the bulletin board west of the kitchen in the Narthex. Instructions will be on the sign up sheet.

### PREACHING IN DECEMBER

Here is a list of guests who are preaching in December:

Dec. 17- Dr. Paul Mpindi

Dec. 24- Rev. Ron Fyneweaver

Dec. 25- Seminarian Benjamin Gandy

Dec. 31- Seminarian Becky Tjapkes

### BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 13

Sign up today to save a life! Our next blood drive will be Dec. 13. At the Church Life bulletin board you can sign up to donate blood, and also sign up to bring snacks and cookies for the canteen. Thank you!

### J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

We will meet for lunch on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:45am at Russ' Restaurant in Grandville. Join us for good food and fellowship!

### QUARTERLY REPORTS

Church Council met on November 27, and quarterly reports from various groups were submitted. These reports were attached to the Mid-Week Email and are also available at the bulletin board right outside the church office.

### DIRECTORY

The 2018 Church Directory is out in the Narthex for your review. Please look at your information and make corrections if needed. Questions? Contact Lisa Aldrich (secretary@fellowshipcpc.com)

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

If you would like to sing in the Christmas Eve Choir, please email Natalie at worship@fellowshipcpc.com. There will be practice TODAY, December 10, 11am-12:20pm, and Sunday, Dec. 17, 11am-12:30pm. We will be singing on Christmas Eve at the 9:30am service. All ages are welcome to join- the music is a medley of familiar Christmas hymns.

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## Serve

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### DEBORAH HOUSE YEAR-END

The Deborah House financial class (held here on Tuesdays) is ending on December 19. It will restart in January with a new program. Feedback has shown that this ministry has been wonderful blessing to those who participated. The Love INC and Deborah House staff invites all Fellowship folks who volunteered in some way (childcare workers, instructors, and those that provided a meal) to dinner with the ladies from The Deborah House on Dec. 19 at church at 6:30pm. This is meant to be a low key time of fellowship and celebration. In order to plan, please RSVP on the sign up at the Church Life Bulletin Board, or contact Jim Kortman (jim@donaldengineering.com) if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

We have added 1 more student and now have 21 children in BPB. We are collecting for January food bags as well as for Christmas to help the 18 families through the weeks of Christmas break. New slips are in the bags on the bulletin board. Please bring donations by Dec. 31 and place them in the large wooden box in the narthex. (Gift cards by Dec 17 if you take a red slip) Our BPB families will pick up Christmas food baskets at church on Dec. 21, which gives us a wonderful opportunity to speak with the families face to face. Please remember these children and their families in your giving and also in your prayers- for improvement in their financial situation and that they will feel God's Love for them. Questions? Contact Sandy Campo (campo-5@sbcglobal.net)

### KIDS' FOOD BASKET

Join us at Kids' Food Basket Monday, December 18, 6-8pm to help pack lunches or make sandwiches for hundreds of hungry kids in our community. Sign up on the Missions bulletin board or contact Sara Meengs (616-325-7440 sarameengs@yahoo.com). You may meet at church at 5:25 to carpool or at KFB (2055 Oak Industrial Dr NE, Ste C, Grand Rapids, MI) at 5:55. Anyone age 5 or older is welcome to join. Can't make it this time, but would still like to help? We go every 3rd Monday evening with 14 volunteers, so put us on your calendar! Hope to see you there!

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## Praises, Prayers, Thanks

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### Please pray:

-**Chris Buiter** was called to his heavenly home on December 6. Pray for Jackie, Ben, Grace, and David; and for Don and Sandy Kooistra, Jeff and Jamie, Bri and Nate Koetje and the extended Buiter family. May Christ's peace and comfort enfold Chris' family and friends at this time .

-Continue to pray for **David Galinski** and family. For updates please visit: <http://www.carepages.com/DavidGalinski>

-**Donna Westra** had knee replacement surgery last week. Give thanks that surgery went well and that Donna has returned home. Continue to pray for a good recovery process.

### THANK YOU

*Thank you to all who participated in the Family Network Christmas Tree by buying presents for our clients at the food pantry. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!*  
*Patti Van Dam*

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## Message Notes

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### Prayer Focus

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**Our Pastoral Prayer Focus today is Back To God Ministries**, the multi-media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church. Proclaiming the story of God's unfailing love worldwide in order that lives and communities might be transformed by God's grace, Back to God provides media like the devotions (free of cost) on the Welcome Desk here at Fellowship.

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### Thank You for Serving

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**Coffee:** Jack & Joan Bosscher, Mike & Linda Philo  
**Greeters:** Kevin & Kara Kerkstra, Adam & Michelle Rhodes  
**Sound:** Jack Bosscher **Powerpoint:** Quinn Morren  
**Library:** Nancy Emelander **Hall Monitor:** Adam Rhodes  
**Nursery:** Nate Herrema, Nancy Emelander, Brianna Koetje

**December 17:**

**Coffee:** Brad & Julie Byl, Mark & Marcia Behrens  
**Greeters:** Ron & Mae Scholten, Tom & Mary Bouma  
**Sound:** Jim Kortman **Powerpoint:** Sherri Funk  
**Library:** Cathy Kraker **Hall Monitor:** Jack Bosscher  
**Nursery:** Myrna Koning, Pam Kortman, Catherine Kortman  
**December Ushers:** Rick/Sherri Funk, Jack Bosscher

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## December 10, 2017

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*\*Please stand if you are able*

### Welcome

#### \*Call to Worship

\*Song: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#### \*Greeting

\*Song: *Good, Good Father*

### Advent Candle Lighting

\*Song: *Lo, How A Rose Ere Blooming*

### Children's Talk

*Children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited to come forward and hear a special message, and then children ages 3 - 2nd grade are dismissed to go to Children's Worship.*

### Pastoral Prayer

#### Offerings:

1<sup>st</sup>: General fund for church ministries  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Financial aid for Christian school  
Community Offering (a box is at the sound booth)

\*Song: *No Longer Slaves*

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5:21-26 (page 1502)

**Message:** "Are You Reconciled With One Another?" Rev. Matt Tuininga  
**Prayer**

\*Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

\*Blessing

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