



# THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom or in person in our chapel.

People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website:  
<https://zoom.us/j/862139432>  
Meeting ID: 862 139 432  
Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at 605-940-6702 with questions.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

Angel Tree reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families, helping to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through Christ.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

As I was writing my newsletter article this morning it struck me this was November 1st. I guess we move on into this month now. It has been so nice lately that it doesn't feel like we are this far along into the year, but we are. November is a good month for me so I am looking forward to that. I will be getting back home more this month with some hunting opportunities in front of me.

I had a nice weekend in Nebraska doing a little bowhunting there with some other pastors from around the country. There is a ranch there called Brush Creek Ranch, that gives us time to spend hunting in that great location. It is an amazing place to be sure and the folks that I meet there are great guys. The hunt is always exciting and this year the weather was very nice. It was almost too nice during the day. Warm and hunting don't often mix too well, but it was still a good time away. The church has given me this hunt a couple of other times and I do appreciate that very much. The organization that sponsors the hunt is called Pastors In The Outdoors (PITO). They are a group of folks who do fishing trips and hunts all over the country for pastors to get away and do what they love to do. It is a terrific idea and one that I do enjoy. They do all the real work for us by setting up all the hunting spots, cooking the meals, providing the lodging, and are professional hosts for the pastors. It is an amazing thing!

I want to thank John and Liz for helping on Sunday morning. I heard all good reports which I fully expected. Those two are more than capable of doing a great job. I don't like missing church on Sundays, but when I do it is always nice to be away knowing that all will be well. Jaron DeWit opened up things and got everything going for the morning. I don't take that for granted either. That is a big responsibility. Thanks to all of them and for the rest of you who helped with the morning. It was a busy day I know with the Missions folks being here as well.

I heard some good things about all the Mission Sunday guest. I do hope you were all able to connect with the many groups we support throughout the year. I know there were over 20 groups who came for the morning. It is impressive to see all of that in one place. Holli does a great job putting that together and I know those groups who make it for the morning really enjoy the time they get to spend visiting with folks about who they are and what they do. It is a wonderful thing we can do for them and we love what they do!

Sunday, I will be starting what I call the second half of the series "On Faith". This second short series is called "There Will Be A Day!" It does sound like something out of the book of Revelation, and we certainly will be looking at that, but we are also going to look at some of the words from the Old Testament prophets as well. God has always been in the business of delivering his people into a new season. He moves in the heart of a servant to bring the good news of a new day on the horizon that hope is coming. That is who God is. Remember, everyone we meet is thirsty and we have water! There will be a day! Yes, there will! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

YOU  
**BELONG**  
HERE

# Encourage a teacher.

COMMUNITY'S SCHOOL ACTION TEAM  
IS COLLECTING

## \$5 GIFT CARDS.

EACH GIFT CARD WILL BE GIVEN TO A  
TEACHER AT BRMS OR INSPIRATION ON A  
CHALLENGING OR STRESSFUL DAY.  
THE GIFT CARD WILL BE GIVEN WITH PRAYER  
AND A CARING NOTE FROM THE TEAM.  
SUGGESTIONS: COFFEE, ICE CREAM, ETC.



## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, November 2

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- **BBQ**  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for  
Children, M.S. Youth Group & Adults  
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

### Saturday, November 5

7:00am- Prayer Ministry  
10:00am- AA Meeting

### Sunday, November 6

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services  
10:05am- Sunday School  
10:10am- Parent Connections  
4:30pm- Choir

### Monday, November 7

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word  
7:00-8:00pm- WD <40> Women's  
Group

### Tuesday, November 8

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

### Wednesday, November 9

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal-**Italian**  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for  
Children,  
M.S. Youth Group & Adults  
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group



## AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, November 14 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

## BOOK CLUBS

Morning book club will meet on Wed. Nov. 16, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Invisible Wall* by Bernstein.

Evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Before We Were Yours* by Wingate

## THE HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on November 15th at 7:00pm. Donna is hostess and Jeanie has the lesson.

## Sponsor a Child

AT COMMUNITY'S PARTNER SCHOOL WITH

# Mission-Haiti

\$125 PER YEAR

STOP AT THE TABLE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE



## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 | 7:00PM

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of you who shared kind words of encouragement about my sermon on Sunday! As I said on Sunday, preaching and teaching are not the same thing, and I always consider myself to be more of a teacher than a preacher. Preaching is hard! And we are so blessed to have Clyde Teel as our gifted Senior Pastor, preaching the Word with excellence every week. He makes it look easy! So, thank you, Community, for coming to share in worship with me on Sunday and for being so nice about everything. ☺ Clyde will be back this week!

It's hard to believe we have started the month of November already. Goodness! I am continually reminded, as this season's speed begins to coast out of control, that I actually do control how busy I am as well as how hurried I am in that busy-ness. Hurry and busy are not the same thing. And I believe it is possible to have a full schedule without rushing through it. I encourage you to be mindful of what you say yes to this season. And I encourage you to make a concerted effort to not rush from activity to activity. Really take time to savor each thing you choose to give your time to. My hope is that you'll find a deeper meaning in the season as you slow down and appreciate each moment for what it is.

My Mid-Week class on Heaven has been going very well! Nearly 80 adults have been joining us regularly for discussion! We have been able to have some deep conversations around the tables on Wednesday nights. People have asked thoughtful questions about Heaven, and that always translates into meaningful learning. It's an easy class to catch off and on if that works best with your schedule. Every week we cover a new topic, so everyone starts on the same page. If you have been thinking about coming, just come!

Upcoming Ministries

Wednesday, November 2, 5:30-7:30pm

Mid-Week

Sunday, November 6, 10:05am

Sunday School

Sunday November 6, 4:30-6:00pm

Church Choir Rehearsal. (We only have 4 rehearsals left!)

Monday, November 7, 7:00-8:00pm

WD <40> Women's Group

Have a great week, everyone!

Liz

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## THE GIVE

Check out **THE GIVE** wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.



### Union Gospel Mission:

Hygiene items including, razors, nail clippers, wash cloths

### Operation Christmas Child:

Stuffed animals, dolls, toy cars, legos

### The Closet by the Foster Network:

Kids Clothes- size 5-12 needed most currently  
All sizes appreciated

### Neighborhood Schools:

New & gently used coats, hats, gloves, boots

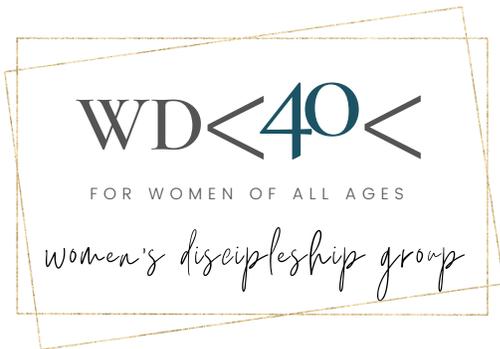


Inspiration Elementary is doing a Veterans Day program on November 10 at 8:30 am at the school and all vets are invited to attend.

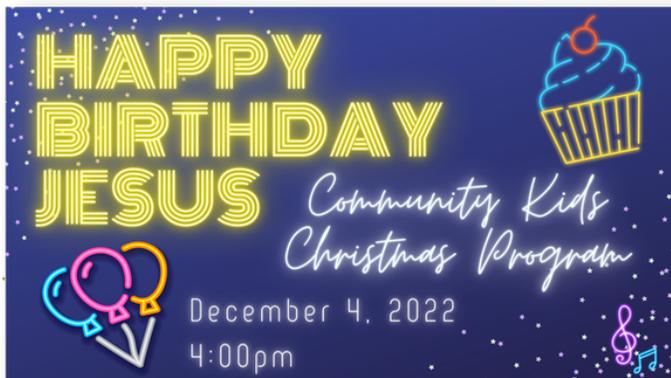


The operation Christmas Child table is set up in the lobby! Grab a box, fill it, and bring it back by

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13



1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:00PM



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Barb Klein
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Joan Schouten (high blood pressure)
- Elaine Deelstra
- Pat Koll (cancer)
- Kathy Klein (surgery recovery)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer)
- Steve Lee
- Joe Johnson
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Heather DeWit and her family on the passing of her Grandpa John. Please keep her Grandma Ruth and the whole family in your prayers.

### FINANCES

Sunday, October 30, 2022

General: \$9,520  
Vision: \$910  
Missions: \$210

General YTD: \$792,662  
Vision YTD: \$59,931  
Vision Account Balance: \$28,002



# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hello Everyone!

I hope your fall is going well. If I'm honest, mine has been a little too busy, but I'm working on slowing down a bit.

After the Missions Fair, I wanted to connect with you on a few different items. We have a new group of kids ready to start school at our Community/ Mission-Haiti partner school in Haiti (as soon as it is safe to open schools again.) Community families sponsor kids from Frederique school in Haiti and there is a new group of sweet little children who need sponsors. Sponsorship costs \$125 per year and that provides: Tuition, Backpack, School Supplies, Books, A pair of shoes each year, Free medical care at LSF, Mission-Haiti's medical clinic, Lunch, Uniform. Despite the immense challenges and unsafe situation, the staff in Haiti continue to work hard and share God's love. As I've watched our family's sponsor kiddos continue to grow, learn and thrive, despite the immense challenge of growing up in Haiti, I feel like it is such a gift to get to be part of what God is doing through Mission-Haiti and Community in Haiti.

Whether or not you choose to sponsor a child, I'd love it if you could pray for the children in both Haiti and Ukraine (and around the world.) In Haiti, there is a cholera outbreak that is threatening and taking the lives of Haitians. Due to gang violence, the ability to safely transport the medications and clean water to address the outbreak is limited, as is the fuel needed to do so. The situation in Ukraine continues to be dangerous and heartbreaking as well. In both countries, people are coming to Jesus and finding hope in the only place hope remains for them. They are thirsty too! God is good, even when the situation is awful.

On a much more lighthearted topic, Operation Christmas Child boxes are out and ready for you to pack! Pick up a box to fill at home. Start with one special item like a soccer ball and pump, a doll, stuffed animal, etc. Add other fun toys, hygiene items like a toothbrush or soap and school supplies/ paper/ crayons. Write a note or send a picture of yourself to make it personal if you want. Add \$10 for shipping or print a trackable label at <https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options/#printable-labels>. Pray for the child who will get your gift and their family as this may be the very first time they are hearing about the love of Jesus! Return the box to church by Nov 13.

The K-5 grade kids are packing boxes this year on November 9 at Midweek. Place items under the Operation Christmas Child table in the lobby. Please consider sending items to help them as they pack! They are particularly hoping for more toys, dolls, stuffed animals, cars and tool sets to send with their boxes as well as bars of soap, wash cloths, and other hygiene items. We are SO THANKFUL for the gift of toothbrushes provided by Karmazin dental for every single box that our students pack. Wow! (They also helped us with toothbrushes for foster child care packages and care packages for the homeless as well.)

Also, our Christmas Program is coming up: Please sign your kiddos up for the Christmas Program asap, particularly if they are in elementary school, as I need to give the kids their lines for practicing. We're having a Birthday Party for Jesus! The program is at **4pm on December 4**. Preschool kids will arrive around 3:45pm. K-5 kids will arrive at 1pm on that day and stay until the program starts.

I'll need some adult helpers for this as well so please save the date and plan to lend a hand.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4cacao2eabfb6-christmas>

For the younger kids (haven't gone to Kindergarten yet), we do practice during the singing time at Sunday School each week. The words for songs were handed out to parents and are also on our web page at <https://communityrc.org/children>. The preschoolers can wear whatever outfit parents want to put them in. Most usually wear their "Christmas outfit" or "party clothes." We mostly just want them to be comfortable and have fun!

K-5 kids will have just one big practice! We'll get together from 1-4 pm on 12/4/22 (the day of the program) to get ready for the main event! We're hoping everyone can learn their line in advance, so we'll practice the lines and songs a little in Sunday School and we'd appreciate your help in teaching your child the part for their grade level at home. Parts & Lines for each Grade are at: <https://communityrc.org/children>

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Community Kids

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**REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...**

**If you would like to request membership or baptism, please  
e-mail the church office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).  
We are doing individual family baptism after the 10:45am  
service until further notice.**

**NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?**

**Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased  
every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase  
will go toward our Vision Fund at church.**

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