



# FELLOWSHIP *Family* RESOURCE

DECEMBER 8, 2019

## **FINDING OUR VOICE**

Prelude

\* Call to Worship: #245 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\* Songs of Praise:

“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

\* Prayer and Salutation

## **SHARING OUR HEARTS**

Congregational Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Offering/Offertory: “Gabriel’s Message”

*(Children may come forward for the Children’s Message.)*



## **FOCUSING OUR THOUGHTS**

Children’s Message with Vicki Victory

*(Children ages 3—Kindergarten are dismissed for Children and Worship.)*

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God

Scripture: **Luke 1:26-38** (pg. 1,016 in the Pew Bible)

Rev. Shawn Hulst

Message: **“An Unexpected Wedding Guest”**

Prayer of Application

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

\* Benediction

\* Song of Response: “Hark, the Herald (with King of Heaven Come)”

\* Postlude

\* *Please stand if you are able*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FRC!** Is this your first visit—or are you new to the Hudsonville area? Feel free to fill out a blue welcome card (they are located in the pew). Bring it to the Information Desk for both a smile and a welcome gift. Additionally, a Nursery and Nursing Room are available for your convenience. And, individual-use hearing devices are located at the Information Desk. There is always an opportunity to worship, grow, and serve at FRC. Find the latest details by downloading the FRC App (Fellowship Hudsonville), by checking out our website (frchudsonville.org), or by visiting our Facebook Page (Fellowship Reformed Church).

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR LIVESTREAM** service has not been working properly. We apologize for the inconvenience. New cable was installed last week in an effort to repair the problem.

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held TODAY, December 8, at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we will be voting on the proposed 2020 budget as well as electing three Elders and two Deacons. Those nominated for the Office of Elder: Tom Beltman, Ron Borst, Dave Feenstra, Tim Gortsema, Les Holwerda, and Doug VanHill. The following men have been nominated for the Office of Deacon: Roger Huisings, Brad Kleinjans, Jeff VanHouten, and Joe Wyn.

**THE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR FRIENDS AT HOME** will be delivered beginning tomorrow (December 9). Be sure to place your cards for our Friends at Home in the containers located on the table in the lobby today (December 8).

**OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is tonight, December 8, at 6:00pm. Join us as the children of FRC tell the Christmas story through songs and drama. Nursery will be provided. Children age three through Kindergarten will be sitting with their parents during the drama portion of the program. Please plan ahead and leave room for your child(ren).

**CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN TONIGHT'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** should meet their teachers in their classrooms by 5:45pm. All 4th-6th graders participating in the program need to meet in Room 043 at 5:45pm.

**THE WIDOW/WIDOWER/SINGLE SENIOR LUNCHEON** is tomorrow, December 9, for everyone who has RSVP'd. The luncheon will begin at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers cleaning up afterwards should meet in the Kitchenette at 1:15pm. Those unable to attend may pick up their currant bread from a table in the lobby next Sunday, December 15. If you asked for a ride to the luncheon and were not contacted with the time you will be picked up, please contact Linda Folkert at 669-1213 early tomorrow morning (December 9).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN AND WORSHIP** will not be meeting on December 22, 29, or January 5 during Christmas Break. We will resume on Sunday, January 12.

**FAMILY NIGHT CLASSES** will not be meeting on December 18, 25, or January 1. We will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES** will be held on Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00pm (nursery provided), and 11:00pm (no nursery provided, but children are welcome to attend in their pajamas). Please note: There is no additional service on Christmas Day. Also, there will not be a 6:00pm service on Sunday, December 29.

**NURSERY HELP NEEDED:** Nursery volunteers are still needed for our Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm. Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board if you can help.

**THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** will be on Thursday, December 19, at noon (please note the earlier deadline due to the shortened week of Christmas). Items can be dropped off in the church office, emailed to [lfolkert@frchudsonville.org](mailto:lfolkert@frchudsonville.org), or placed in the mailbox of Linda Folkert.

**SERVE IN THE TECH BOOTH:** If you or someone you know is interested in serving in the tech booth on a Sunday, contact Ethan Couling at [ecouling@frchudsonville.org](mailto:ecouling@frchudsonville.org). We have many areas for you to explore: running slides and media, video cameras, live streaming, lighting, and mixing sound.

**FAMILY NIGHT MEALS:** Join us on Wednesday, December 11, for our next meal (Pizza) served from 5:15-6:10pm in the gym. The cost is \$3.00/person. Sign up for the meal on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board to ensure everyone will be served.

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** were placed in your mailbox this week. Contact Shelli Schultz at 669-1213 or [sschultz@frchudsonville.org](mailto:sschultz@frchudsonville.org) if you were not given envelopes and would like to have them. If you received envelopes and do not plan to use them, please drop them off in the Church Office so they can be reassigned to someone else. Please note that we are only able to provide year-end contribution statements to those who use our envelope system.

**YOUR YEAR-END FINANCIAL GIFTS** have always been an enormous blessing to the ongoing Kingdom-work of Christ. As you consider such a faithful contribution this year, please note the date of Monday, December 30. In an effort to accurately record and receipt each gift, we are requesting that all contributions be in the Church Office by noon on Monday, December 30.

**NURSERY CHECK-IN TEAM:** We are in urgent need of two nursery check-in team people. You would be on a team of 10-12 people and would be scheduled every five to six weeks for the entire morning. There is no need for extra meetings, just the Sunday morning commitment. Contact Karen Longstreet at 669-1213 or [klongstreet@frchudsonville.org](mailto:klongstreet@frchudsonville.org) with any questions or to volunteer.

**WERE YOU BLESSED WITH AN ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY** (by birth or adoption) in 2019? You should have received an email last week requesting pictures for our Sanctity of Life Service. If you did not receive an email, please contact Linda Folkert at 669-1213 for [lfolkert@frchudsonville.org](mailto:lfolkert@frchudsonville.org).

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:** In September 2020, we will partner with six local churches to again be part of the FMSC Hudsonville Food Pack. The leadership team has put together a Fundraising Bus Trip from April 14-17, 2020, to four points of interest: the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH, the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in Kentucky, a Riverboat Dinner Cruise, and a musical show at the Bluegate Theatre in Shipshewana. Information is on the Outreach Bulletin Board. Please contact Cal and Deb Karsten at 875-7134 or Paul and Beth Wiggers at 291-4487 with any questions.

**WEATHER POLICY:** In the event that church activities or services are cancelled due to the weather, the closing will be announced in the following ways: Home Page of our church website, FRC App, FRC Facebook Page, FRC Prayer Blog, WZZM TV13, WOOD TV8, WXMI TV17, and WCSG 91.3. Please note that the cancellation of Hudsonville Public Schools *does not* automatically cancel events at FRC.

**HAND2HAND MINISTRY:** We need your help! We are now supplying Hand2Hand to the entire Godwin district; currently we are packing 872 bags at each packing event. Please consider volunteering. Our next pack date is Monday, December 9, at 6:30pm at Community Church (150 Burt Ave. SE, Wyoming). To sign up and to see future dates, go to [bit.ly/2Z67Tv2](https://bit.ly/2Z67Tv2). Contact Stephanie Warners at 446-5782 or [swarners@frchudsonville.org](mailto:swarners@frchudsonville.org) with any questions.

**HAND2HAND CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS:** 50-60 families in the North Godwin School District are in need of a meal this Christmas. Anyone interested in helping these families can respond by purchasing a full meal (assume a family size of two parents and four kids). Partner up with a friend, coworker, neighbor, or family member to share the responsibility of creating an entire meal for a family. Here's what it must include: frozen turkey or ham, one bag of potatoes, one bag of apples, one bag of oranges, canned/boxed items as sides (corn, beans, rice, stuffing, etc), and a pie/dessert (make sure it will be fresh until Christmas). Please drop the completed meal off on Sunday, December 15, from 8:00am-1:00pm or 5:00-6:00pm, or Wednesday, December 17, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Please drop off all items at the table located near the Food Pantry (west side of the lobby). Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board if we can plan on your food items.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Bob Roskamp's family invites the congregation to a gathering on Saturday, December 14, from 1:00-3:00pm to celebrate his 90th birthday. It will be held at Grand Village Assisted Living (3939 44th Street SW, Grandville, 49418). Please join us for cake and coffee/lemonade.

**THE FELLOWSHIP REFUGEE CONNECTION TEAM** thanks you for your prayers and support as we welcome refugees and invite them in (Matthew 25:35). Please see the Outreach Bulletin Board for three ways to serve. For those who picked up donation slips, the items may be placed on April Palmbos' desk in Office Area B. To arrange for pick-up or delivery of larger items, please reach out to April at [apalmbos@frchudsonville.org](mailto:apalmbos@frchudsonville.org).

## **YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**NEW LIFE YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH-8TH GRADE)** meets tonight, December 8, from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Room. Join us as we prepare our hearts to experience and enjoy God's gifts this Christmas season.

**TURNING POINT YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH-12TH GRADE)** What should you do to prepare for Christmas? Let's talk about it tonight, December 8, in the Youth Room from 7:30-9:00pm.

## **ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**OPEN GATE SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us on December 15 for "Because of Bethlehem."

**ENTRUSTED:** Joyce Jansen's Thursday Morning Women's Bible study has been moved to the Music Room for this Thursday, December 12. Room 107 and the Fellowship Hall are being used by the school children rehearsing for their Christmas program.

**WANT MORE?** As we move into Advent, you'll find new articles pertaining to the Sunday topic each week in the "Want More?" rack on the bulletin tables. Take advantage of these enrichment materials.

**CANONS OF DORT:** Even if you missed the first two sessions of the Family Night class on The Canons of Dort, come for the conclusion this Wednesday evening, December 11. You'll leave with a greater appreciation of God's amazing Grace.

### **2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Budgeted Amount	\$ 41,661.14
Last Week's Offering	\$ 42,355.06
Overage to Date	\$ 7,559.69
Thanksgiving	\$ 39,735.09

Contributions to FRC can be made in four ways:  
Weekly Offerings during our Worship Services;  
Online Giving through Subsplash;  
Auto-Giving through your Bank;  
or Mailing a Check to the Church Address.

*Thank You!*

Church Telephone: 616.669.1213      Church Prayer Line: 616.669.5400  
Bulletin Announcement Deadline: 4:00pm on Wednesday  
Web Site: [frchudsonville.org](http://frchudsonville.org)  
Worship Times: 8:30am, 11:00am, and 6:00pm

**BIBLE STORY GRANDMAS:** This week, the Bible Story Grandmas will be reading the story entitled, "Jesus is Born." Toddlers' parents are encouraged to pick up one of the "follow-up" sheets in the rack on the counter when they pick up their child.

**EXPLICIT GOSPEL:** Plan now to join Pastor Brent and video host, Matt Chandler, at Family Night, beginning in January, for a powerfully-challenging study entitled, "Explicit Gospel." Stay tuned for further details.

**PRAYER GROUP INVITATION:** As Christ's church, how do we respond to the battle for the heart of our country? The United States of America needs prayer. If you have a heart for revival in this nation, please join Ann Whitmyer beginning Wednesday, January 8, from 6:45-7:45pm. Come for supper and stay to pray. Please indicate your interest in participating in this group by signing up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board.

## **SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us on Friday, January 10, for pizza and a movie! We'll start the night at 6:00pm with a pizza supper (donations will be accepted to cover the cost) in the Fellowship Hall. At 6:45pm, we'll move to the Sanctuary to see the movie, "Overcomer" (rated PG). Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board if you plan to attend.

## **ELDER MEETING RECAP (DECEMBER 1, 2019)**

### **BAPTISM REQUESTS:**

- Zach and Katie Bohl for Brady James
- Greg and Megan Scholten for Lucas Charles
- Jason and Kellie Wagenknecht for Ryker Cohen

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

- Kamryn Grace Smith

### **REAFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH:**

- Greg Scholten
- Megan Scholten
- Kristyn Smith
- Jason Wagenknecht

**COMMUNION** was served to 963 confessing individuals on December 1, 2019.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ARE YOU A SINGLE MOM LOOKING FOR SUPPORT?** Please join us every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00pm at Messiah Christian Reformed Church (2900 Springdale St, Hudsonville). Our MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) ministry provides a meal for you and your children, followed by a Bible Study for the moms and nursery or age-appropriate programming for children through grade 8. Come once or come every time! Call our office at 669-9091 with any questions.

# This Week at Fellowship

<b>Sun.</b>	8:30am	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:50am	Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	9:50am	Sunday School for Children	All Classrooms
	11:00am	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Prayer Meeting	Pastor Shawn's Office
	5:30pm	New Life Youth Ministry	Youth Room
	6:00pm	Children's Christmas Program	Sanctuary
	7:30pm	Turning Point Youth Ministry	Youth Room
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00am	Pickleball	Gym
	12:00pm	Widow(er)/Single Senior Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Team One Vocals	Music Room
	7:00pm	Cardio and Core Fitness Group	Gym
	7:00pm	The Grace Group	Lobby
	7:45pm	Team One Band	Sanctuary
<b>Tues.</b>	5:30am	Early Riser's Men's Bible Study	Room 107
	5:30am	Young Men's Discipleship Group	Room 109
	9:00am	Staff Meeting	Room 107
	6:30pm	Park Elem. Christmas Program	Sanctuary
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00am	AIM Board Meeting	Room 109
	9:15am	Drop-In Ladies' Bible Study	Room 107
	12:00pm	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Bible Study	Baar Law Office
	5:15pm	Family Night Meal—Pizza	Gym
	6:30pm	Jr. JAM/JAM/GEMS/BOOM!	Various Classrooms
	6:45pm	Canons of Dort Class	Room 001
	6:45pm	Contagious Joy Women's Bible Study	Music Room
	6:45pm	Man in the Mirror Men's Bible Study	Prayer Room
	6:45pm	Success That Matters Men's Study	Room 001
8:00pm	Men's Discipleship Group	Room 001	
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30am	Men's Scripture/Prayer Bible Study	Room 107
	8:00am	Women's War Room	Room 109
	9:45am	Women's Bible Study	Music Room
	1:00pm	Pickleball	Gym
	5:00pm	Timmer Gym Usage	Gym
	6:30pm	Forest Grove Elem. Christmas Program	Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Rooted Young Adult's Ministry	Scott St. in Allendale
	<b>Fri.</b>	7:00am	Band of Brothers' Bible Study
7:00am		Rhoderick Rental	Fellowship Hall
9:00am		Pickleball	Gym
11:00am		Pickleball Potluck	Gym/Kitchen
<b>Sat.</b>	12:00pm	Bohl Rental	Fellowship Hall
	1:00pm	Jacobsma Rental	Gym

