

GOD OPPOSES
THE PROUD
BUT SHOWS FAVOR TO
THE HUMBLE

PROVERBS 3:34



TODAY

9 + 11AM
LIVING IN UNITY
STEVE GIBSON
Lead Pastor
James 4:1-6

wellspring
church

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

We would love to offer prayer to anyone who needs it. If you have a prayer request you'd like to have our church pray for, you can submit it to our online form. You can remain anonymous if you prefer. Simply visit wellspringcc.org/prayer.

GIVING UPDATE

2020 DONATIONS
GIVING: **\$623,157**
BUDGETED: **\$748,000**
SPENDING: **\$579,950**
DATA AS OF JULY 8, 2020

SERVE AND SAVE!

Over the next two weeks, we can **save around \$20,000** on construction costs simply by doing some work ourselves. If you can help move, clean, install and assemble things, as well as take things apart, we need you! More info online at wellspringcc.org/service.

STAY IN TOUCH!

Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/wellspringccmi. Subscribe to our twice-a-month email updates online at wellspringcc.org/email.

TOP THREE

VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 • 6-7pm

Because of some recent Executive Orders, we had to get creative with how we are doing our Annual Meeting. We have come to a solution that honors God, follows our church constitution, shares our updates, and allows you to get questions answered. You can see complete information online at wellspringcc.org/meeting.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS for VOTING MEMBERS COMPLETED BALLOTS DUE BACK SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Absentee ballots are now available in the Connection Center in the lobby outside the sanctuary for sign out by voting members. These ballots contain our three measures, including moving our fiscal year away from January 1-December 31 to September 1-August 31. This is primarily to better assist us in planning out our ministry year and budget, and full details are online at wellspringcc.org/meeting. It also includes deacon/elder confirmation and the budget approval. A simplified budget proposal will be available NEXT WEEK. Remember, you can stop by during office hours to sign out and complete an absentee ballot if you don't get to it today.

LIFE GROUPS WORSHIP & TRAINING • SATURDAY, AUG 29 • 8:45am

If you'd like to know more about what Life Groups are at Wellspring, or if you are interested in joining Godly community, or even if you believe God may be calling you to lead a Life Group, join us for this time of worship and learning! Sign up at wellspringcc.org/lifegroups.

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

HAND 2 HAND • Hand2Hand is still working to distribute food to kids in need in our immediate area. For updated ways to donate food, please check out their website. Please pray for the leadership and volunteers as they seek to distribute meals to those in need. Pray for the families who receive these donations, that Christ would draw them near to Him.
ORGANIZATION INFO: h2hkids.org **EMAIL ANNE:** anniew202@gmail.com

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 124:30-6PM • **Junior High Summer**7-9PM • **UNITED Youth Summer****THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**6:30AM • **Men's Bible Study at Wellspring**

NEW TO WELLSPRING?

Whether you're connecting online or are an in-person guest, we are delighted that you found us. We'd love to be able to say hello, pray for you, and offer you the hand of friendship.

If you are new to Wellspring, new to church, or new to faith in general, we're here to provide more information, answer any questions you may have, and share Christ's love with you.

If you're visiting us in person, please stop by the Connection Tent in the north lobby after church! Online? You can email us at church@wellspringcc.org, or connect with us online at wellspringcc.org/connect.

Wellspring is a congregation-led church, meaning that our board of elders and deacons are nominated and selected from among our body to serve in positions of leadership. Members of Wellspring Church will vote in affirmation of these candidates to serve a three-year term on either the deacon or elder board. Please pray for these men as you consider God's leading for our church, and remember that these men are not running as candidates against each other, once again, your vote is for affirmation.

We have 3 candidates to fill 3 positions on our deacon board, and 5 candidates to fill 5 positions on our elder board. You can see a sample ballot online at wellspringcc.org/meeting.

MEET OUR THREE DEACON CANDIDATES



NATHAN APEL

I am a Mental Health Therapist at West Michigan Psychological Services. I work with children, biological family members, foster care families, as well as other individuals who are or have been involved with Child Protective Services. I have grown up in the church my entire life as my father was a pastor. I made my profession of faith when I was 8 years old, and since then my life has constantly been under construction. Before we came to Wellspring, we were attending Kentwood Community Church, but later decided we wanted a church closer to home that felt more like a family. We began attending Wellspring in 2014 shortly before Steve was installed as the lead pastor. I have been married to my wife Vicki for over 13 years and we have two girls, Brianna [11] and Ava [9].



MIKE VANDERLIND

My wife Tami and I live in Hudsonville and have three daughters, Kaily [17], Kassi [14] and Allie [12].

I am the director of operations for an independent grocery store chain in and around the Kalamazoo area. I have been married to my lovely wife for 18 years. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Jenison.

We have attended Wellspring for 15 years. We have certainly seen our ups and downs through that time. We feel blessed each and every week that Wellspring preaches God's Word straight from the Bible. I came to Christ when I was 30 years old. I was tired of living for myself and recognized my need for God. I began attending church regularly and made a firm commitment to tithe weekly. Christ changed my life for the better and I'm blessed beyond measure today. It's a privilege to have this opportunity to serve as a deacon for God and for Wellspring Church.



JAY WYLLYS

My wife Jennifer and I live in Hudsonville and have two kids, Gabriella [21], and Dominic [17].

I work for Zager's Pool and Spa. My family and I have attended Wellspring Church for many years, and through that time we have seen how God works in things both large and small. The Lord has changed my life ever since I gave my life to Christ, and I am eager to see how He will continue to lead us through this next season at Wellspring Church. It is an honor and a joy to be considered for this role to serve the body of Christ at Wellspring.

MEET OUR FIVE ELDER CANDIDATES



DAVID DONKER

Dave and his wife Marianne live in Hudsonville.

I am a Senior CAD Technician in the Civil Engineering Department at Nederveld, Inc. My job entails preparing construction plans for new subdivisions and building sites. I grew up in the Reformed Church of America [RCA] and made my profession of faith as a senior in high school. Since then my love for God and my faith have grown through life circumstances. Prior to Wellspring, we were attending a church in Holland and felt we wanted to find a more local home church. Our son recommended we check out Wellspring as GVSU Cru staff were having staff meetings here and he and Melissa were impressed by the pastors and staff. We began attending Wellspring in December of 2017.



MATT KUCINSKI

My wife Stephanie and I live in Hudsonville and have four boys, Bennett [9], Caleb [8], Hudson [6], and Brooks [4].

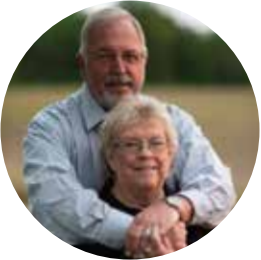
Steph and I started attending Wellspring Church about 15 years ago, shortly after we got engaged. We have been at Wellspring ever since. I grew up attending the Catholic Church for most of my K-12 life, but it was really was just that: "attending." It wasn't until my college years that I really started to more passionately pursue the Lord. A few years after we started to attend Wellspring Church, I had doubts about my salvation and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior at a men's retreat. I have been going through the process of sanctification ever since. I am excited to see the ways in which God will shape each of our individual stories over the next few years and how He will continue to mold and make Wellspring Church and all of us to be more like Him.



MATT MARSMAN

My wife Sandy and I live in Allendale and have four kids, Jenna [17], Brycen [15], Markie [12], and Jax [6].

I am a realtor with Lake Michigan Cottages. We have attended Wellspring since the fall of 2004, and we have enjoyed being involved in life groups where we were able to grow spiritually and connect with other families that have become our close friends. We have seen God work in us and our friends while doing life at Wellspring. I have enjoyed serving in other community Christian-based ministries and I am excited for the opportunity to grow by serving God through being on the Elder Board of Wellspring Church.



LARRY VISSER

My wife Joy and I live in Allendale and we have been married for 53 years. We have 3 daughters, 8 grand kids 3 of whom are married. We began attending Wellspring late fall of 2001 having been invited by friends after feeling we weren't growing spiritually. During our years here we have seen God do some amazing things in our church and change the lives of lost souls into sons and daughters of the King of Kings. I also volunteer in a ministry that seeks to help guide men to find real freedom in a personal relationship with Christ. We love our church and pray for God to guide us through these difficult times.



RYAN WEAVER

My wife Kati and I live in Hudsonville and have three kids, Landon [14], Grady [12], and Breslyn [10].

I am a sales Manager at Luurtsema Sales.

In 8th grade I had a teacher talk to me about making my faith my own and it was then I realized that I needed to accept the gift of Salvation for myself and put my trust in Jesus. I drifted a bit as I got older. Shortly after Kati and I got married we began attending Wellspring and it was here I learned to put my identity in Christ and began to try to live a life that brings Him glory. We count it a joy to have matured in our faith here and to watch our kids grow up in this church. I am humbled and honored by the opportunity to serve as an elder.

WHAT IS AN ELDER?

The Elders of Wellspring Community Church are the spiritual leaders of the church. They shall be male members in good standing whose character, wisdom, knowledge of Scripture, spiritual maturity and devotion to Christ are commonly recognized, and thus provide reason for them to be considered qualified to lead this congregation and to oversee the care of the needs of its individual members.

I Timothy 3:1-7; 5:22; Titus 1:6-9

"Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. [If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?] He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap."

"An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless – not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."