



Welcome to South Grandville Church!

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THE BULLETIN FOR

December 17, 2017

Worship Services

10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Our Staff:

Pastor: Dr. Daniel B. Mouw

Pastor of Visitation: Rev. John Witvliet

Director of Outreach & Adult Ministries:

Molli Brunsting

Director of Children's Ministries: Kristina Netz

Director of Music & Worship: Mary Kortman

Youth Leader: Kristina Netz & Nicole Dornbos

Administrative Specialist: Mandy Ensing

Calvin Seminary Intern: David Scholman

*The Gathering of Christ's People on the Lord's Day
December 17, 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Today marks the third Sunday in the season of Advent. As Christmas, 2017, approaches, let's welcome these new opportunities this Lord's Day to express our gratitude to God for the gift of His Son. Are you visiting with us today? We warmly welcome you. Please stay for refreshments in Friendship Hall following morning worship.

TODAY'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE

During the morning worship service the children will present their annual Christmas Program. Pastor Dan will be leading the worship service with the message titled "A Holy Spirit Moment", from the text Luke 1:39-45, the fifth message in his Advent sermon series titled "Slipping in Through the Back Door". The first morning offering will be taken for the General Fund and the second offering will be for the Baby Supply Pantry.

Our 5:30pm worship service this evening is our annual candlelight service. We will meet in the sanctuary. We'll reflect together on the theme "Back to Bethlehem" with carols and readings, instrumental music and vocalists. Pastor Dan's meditation is entitled: "From Bedlam to Bethlehem." Our hope and prayer is that this candlelight service will create space for God in this Advent season that will richly fill our hearts with His gifts of love and joy and peace.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE

Next week Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, we will not be meeting for an evening worship service. Our Christmas morning worship service on Monday, December 25, will begin at 10:00am

Next week Sunday morning, Pastor Dan continues the sermon series for the Advent Season titled "Slipping in through the Back Door". The Christmas Eve morning message in the series is from the text Luke 2:6,7, titled "The Manger". The first morning offering will be taken for the General Fund and the second offering will be for Benevolence.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

NURSERY: *Nursery attendants should arrive by 9:40 AM.*

Today, a.m.: Mary Wierenga, Pat Hulsebus, Connor Wilson

Next week, a.m.: Pat Mouw, Penny Whitaker, Dylan Stewart

GREETERS: **Today:** Jack & Ginny Kramer

Next Sunday: Jim & Cindy Alkema

USHERS: *Please be sure to wear your name tag lanyard when ushering.*

Today: Jerry King, Arnie Morren, Burt Westveld, Marc Faasse

Next Sunday: Jane Schut, S, SC and NC Deacons

MORNING COFFEE SERVERS: **Today:** Ken & Barb Schemper, Steve & Linda Schroeder, Paul & Jane Schut

Next Sunday: Keith & Rose Sikkema, Vicki Solomon, Lori Vellenga, Rob & Celeste Stob

EVENING COFFEE SERVERS: **Today:** *None Needed*

Next Sunday: *None Needed*

Church Bus Driver Next Sunday: Steve Zuiderveen

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: *Children's Worship is for children in Pre-K through 2nd grade. The children leave the service at the time indicated in the order of worship and meet in room #8. Children's Worship is dismissed at the end of the service.*

Today's schedule: Off for Christmas program

Next week's schedule: Off for Christmas

LITTLE LAMBS: *Little Lambs is for children ages 2-4. The children leave the service at the time indicated in the order of worship and meet in room #14, which is at the end of the south hallway downstairs. Children may be picked up at the end of the service.*

Today's schedule: Off for Christmas program

Next week's schedule: Off for Christmas

CLASSES, CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men's and Women's Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies will not meet over the holidays. They will re-commence in January.

In case of inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.) on Sunday, the church service will be cancelled if a **Winter Storm Warning** is in effect at the time the church service is scheduled to be held. For a **Winter Storm Watch or Advisory**, the vice president of the Council, after receiving input from others on Council, shall cancel the church service at least two hours before the beginning of the service, if inclement weather or the forecast of inclement weather warrants cancellation. The vice president will make sure the person in charge of parking lot snow removal, the janitor, and the church van driver are all aware of the cancellation. Church service cancellations will be posted on WOOD-TV (Channel 8) and WZZM-TV (Channel 13).

For next Sunday, December 24 there will be NO evening service here at South Grandville. There will be however a Christmas Day morning worship service at 10:00am.

We are pulling together a group of singers for Christmas Day and need you to be a part of it. We will be rehearsing on Sunday mornings after the service today and next week. If possible, we would like to include the Hallelujah Chorus which we need many voices for. Join in celebrating our Savior's birth through singing! Contact Brenda Zuiderveen at 616-558-8196.

Church School and Catechism classes will not meet again until January 7, 2018.

The **Congregational meeting** that was postponed last week due to inclement weather has been **re-scheduled for Wednesday, January 10**, following the next Wednesday Night Supper.

CLASSES, CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The gifts that have been purchased for the Christmas Project can be wrapped or unwrapped and will need to be returned by TODAY. Be sure and put the slip with the number on it on the gift. Please place the gifts in the north east corner of the Library. **We will be wrapping the gifts on the evening of December 18 at 6:00pm.** Help is needed on that evening and on the afternoon of December 18 at 1:00pm to sort and organize the gifts. **Gift bags are also needed,** especially small ones for the gift cards. The gifts will be delivered sometime December 18-21. Thank you!

The deacons are available to provide valet parking for our worship services, especially during inclement weather. Simply pull your car up to the main entrance and the deacons will park your car for you, they will also get your car and return it to the main entrance following our worship services.

The elders and deacons will hold their separate monthly meetings tomorrow evening, December 18, at 7:00pm. Agenda materials are in the Council Room mailboxes.

Christmas cards for the shut-ins have been sorted and placed in bags. They are on the shelves in the library. Please take any you can to deliver. Thank you.

The Genesis Woods Christmas dinner will be held on December 19 at 6:30pm. Help is needed at 3:00pm on December 19 to prepare some of the food. Please contact Molli if you can help with this event.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors - Want more information about our church's programs? - Please fill out a "Connection Card" located in the pew rack - indicate your interests and place in the offering plate. Also, please fill out so we can get to know each other!

Our online Bulletin is posted each Thursday by 3:00 pm on the church's website: www.southgrandvillechurch.org, under "Publications" on the menu.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be submitted in writing or emailed to the church office by the end of the business day on Wednesday of each week.

CD recordings of our services are available. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the list to receive a CD.

Our morning worship services are live-streamed on our website, so if you are unable to attend a morning worship service but you have internet access, you can view the entire service on your computer! Simply go to our website and hover over the word "media" on the menu at the top, then click "Live Stream". You can also watch a service at a later time by clicking on the "archived services" link. Please contact a member of the Technology Committee or the church office if you have any questions.

The **church office is open** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Our Church Facebook page is filled with information, and is always current. Encouraging words, verses, church activities and events, sermon information and more is posted every day! Share, like and comment on the postings to make sure the postings go to your newsfeed. www.facebook.com/southgrandvillecrc

Have a cup of coffee! Serving regular coffee before the morning service for those that have to be at church early for rehearsals or anyone else who would like to join in a few minutes of fellowship before the service begins. So feel free to come a few minutes early and enjoy a cup of coffee before being seated.

Sign up today if you haven't already for the weekly E-Newsletter "Spotlight" that is distributed every Thursday in your email inbox. Check the e-newsletter box on the "Connection Card", and fill in your email. Please place the card in the offering plate.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: PRAYER NEEDS AND PRAISES

Please call the Prayer/Newsline 246-8860. To add or update the prayer line, please call Pastor Dan, Marc Faasse, or your household elder. To subscribe to the email version, visit our website. Encouragement Cards are in the pews for your use to encourage, express appreciation, or convey the fact that you are praying for a member of our church family.

- Mrs. Sandy Sloterbeek's (1) latest test results indicated a slight progress in the cancer growth. She will remain on the same chemotherapy treatments for the next three months, followed by another evaluation.
- Mr. Jack Koenes (5) returned to Brookcrest from the hospital last week Sunday evening. He remains weak.
- Mr. Jim Hoekstra (4) is scheduled for outpatient surgery this week Tuesday.
- Mr. Herb Marsman (4) is awaiting results of a scan and x-rays he underwent late last week to determine the reason for his considerable discomfort.
- We express our sympathy to Ed and Jo Brower and their family at the passing of their brother-in-law, Mr. Bernard Wiersema, last week Tuesday, December 12. May they find lasting hope and comfort in the promise of life forever in Christ.
- We express our deep Christian sympathy to our Administrative Specialist, Mandy Ensing, and her family at the passing of her father-in-law, Mr. Gary Ensing, on Saturday, December 9. May the Lord comfort them with His promises and presence.

NOTES OF THANKS

“Thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and so much more. Thank you to Rev. Dan and Rev. John for your visits. It is such a blessing to have a part of the family of God at South Grandville. God is so good!” - With much love, Wilma VanCampen

“Thank you for all the kind words of support and encouragement regarding my retirement. Also, the porch pot is beautiful and the gift card will probably be used in the spring.” - Molli Brunsting

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, cards, and words of comfort, hugs, and the beautiful vase of flowers, and all the love felt from South Grandville for me and my family during this time of mourning from the passing of our much loved dad and grandpa. I feel so blessed to be among such beautiful people of Christ. To God be the Glory!” - With Christian love, Mandy Ensing