



Welcome to South Grandville Church!

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THE BULLETIN FOR

December 24, 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 24, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

WORDS OF WELCOME

Today marks the fourth Sunday in the season of Advent. As we gather for worship on this Christmas Eve, let's make our way back to Bethlehem to welcome Jesus as our Savior and Lord forever. May our celebration of Jesus' coming fill us with deep and lasting joy. We are grateful for all of you who are visiting with us today. Welcome; let's share that joy of Christ together. Everyone is warmly invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation in Friendship Hall following morning worship.

TODAY'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE

Pastor Dan will be leading the worship service with the message titled "The Manger", from the text Luke 2:6, 7, the seventh message in his Advent sermon series titled "Slipping in Through the Back Door". Our first morning offering is for the General Fund, which supports the ministries of our church, classis and denomination based on pledges made by its members. A second offering will be taken for World Renew/World Hunger.

There is no evening worship service today.

Tomorrow on Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:00am, we will meet for a special worship service during which we'll celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Christmas Day offering will be for World Renew/World Hunger.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE

Next week Sunday morning, we'll be celebrating the sacraments of the Lord's Supper on this final day of 2017. Pastor Dan's message will be from the text Philippians 1:12-26. The first morning offering will be for the General Fund, and a second offering will be taken for Benevolence.

Next week Sunday evening, December 31, New Year's Eve, at 5:30pm, members of the Hope CRC will join us for a combined worship service in the sanctuary. We'll reflect that evening on Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" The evening offering will be taken for The Deborah House.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

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

Today, a.m.: Pat Mouw, Penny Whitaker, Dylan Stewart

Christmas Day: Nicole Dornbos, Sue Pipping, Jared Ebels

Next week, a.m.: Sue VanderMarkt, Tracy Mann, Jax Vogel

GREETERS: **Today and Christmas Day:** Jim & Cindy Alkema

Next Sunday: Tress Nyenhuis & Lori Vellenga

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

Today and Christmas Day: Jane Schut, S, SC and NC Deacons

Next Sunday: S, SC, NC, and N Deacons

MORNING COFFEE SERVERS: **Today:** Keith & Rose Sikkema, Vicki Solomon, Lori Vellenga, Rob & Celeste Stob

Next Sunday: Paul & Jane Streelman, Dave & Gail Struck, Gerrit & Lynn DenHartog

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

Next Sunday: *None Needed*

Church Bus Driver Next Sunday: Ed Peters

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

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

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.

Christmas Day Singers: We will be rehearsing today after the service. Join in celebrating our Savior's birth through singing!

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).

We have an urgent, immediate need for people to provide valet parking on Sunday mornings. The deacons would like to have this service provided but are finding that with ushering before church and counting after church, we can't cover everything. If you are currently not serving in any way or could take on one more responsibility, please consider this much needed service. Contact Brenda Zuiderveen at 616-558-8196 or brendaz0422@gmail.com to get your name added to the list.

Church School and Catechism classes will not be meeting today after morning worship.

A note from the Deacons - all gifts received by Sunday December 31 will be recorded under 2017 giving. Thank you for your continued support of the work and the mission at SGCRC.

NOTE OF THANKS

"I want to thank you for all the cards I received and especially Jim & Karen for delivering them. I also want to thank Brian and Cooper for bringing the bag of goodies and their visit. Christmas blessings to all!" - Geziena Zylstra

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) has improved in the past week at the Brookcrest Christian Nursing Home.
- Mr. Jim Hoekstra (4) underwent outpatient surgery last week, Tuesday. His surgery went well and he continues to recuperate at home.
- Mr. Herb Marsman (4) receiving encouraging test results and, though tired, is feeling better.
- Mr. Larry Groothuis (5) had rods removed from his leg and foot last week, and now he has a hard cast on his foot and leg instead. He remains for now in a non-weight bearing situation.
- Mrs. Sharon Brinks (2) is now receiving hospice care at Cambridge Manor as she has grown weaker and now requires considerable pain medication.

NOTES OF THANKS

"Thank you for the Christmas gift and visit from Deacon Brian. That was so nice of you to think of me." -Bea Gregory

To the Creator's Kids: *"Thank you so much for the beautiful plate and all the goodies piled on it. What a wonderful gift! But most importantly, thank you for being part of our worship in such a special way. The parts you read, the songs that you sang, and the excitement that you had were great! Praying for all of you as you grow up to become modern day shepherds and wise men who worship that Baby born in the manger, who lived here on earth, and died to be your Savior!"*

- Love, Mrs. H

"Merry Christmas from hot and sunny Haiti!!! The Christmas cards from our South Grandville family just arrived this past Saturday and it was such a blessing to hear from all of you! We thank you for your continued prayers, as we celebrate Christmas and the New Year away from family. Bondye beni ou (God bless you)". - Cody, Jessica & Hudson Zuiderveen