



South Grandville  
*Church*  
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*Welcome to South Grandville Church!*

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**THE BULLETIN FOR**

***January 21, 2018***

**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 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 - January 21, 2018*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

This mid-winter Lord's Day brings new opportunities to worship the God who made us and has made us new in Jesus Christ. May today's promise of grace, mercy and peace bring us joy and fill us with thanksgiving. God is always great and always good.

Are you visiting with us today? We welcome you! Please stay to enjoy refreshments and conversation in Friendship Hall following morning worship.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE**

**Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.** As the CRC Office of Social Justice writes:

*"As people of God, we are called to seek flourishing for every person created in the image of God, which includes protecting lives that are vulnerable - children (both born and unborn), prisoners, widows, orphans, and refugees." ["Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."Jeremiah 1:5]*

This morning, Pastor Dan will continue his sermon series titled "Learning from Jesus" - A New Year study on the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12. The third message from this series is titled "Way in the Back" from the text Matthew 5:5. The first offering will be for the General Fund, and the second offering will be taken for Baby Supply Pantry.

**There will be no 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School this week.**

**This evening, Pastor Dan will continue his sermon series on Romans 8 titled "You Raise Me Up."** The second message will be from Romans 8:5-11. The offering collected will be for our GEMS and Cadets.

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE**

Next week Sunday morning, we have the privilege to witness the covenant sign of baptism for **Natalie Joy Williams, infant daughter of Brad and Amanda Williams.** Pastor Dan will continue the sermon series "Learning from Jesus" with the fourth message from Matthew 5:6. The first morning offering will be for the General Fund and the second offering will be taken for Benevolence.

Next week Sunday evening, **Calvin Seminarian Benjamin Gandy** will lead us in worship. The evening offerings for the month of January will be for our GEMS and Cadets programs.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

**VALET PARKING ATTENDANTS:** **Today:** Gary Pipping, Tom Vryhof

**Next week:** Brian Breuker, Jerry King

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

**Today, a.m.:** Kathy Bradfield, Erin Breuker, Avery Ruler

**Next week, a.m.:** Stacy Chaffin, Robin Dertien, Emme Stob

**GREETERS:** **Today:** Randy & Linda Veldhouse

**Next Sunday:** Arch & Kathy VandenBosch

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

**Today:** Jerry King, Burt Westveld, S.C. Deacon, S. Deacon

**Next Sunday:** Jane Schut, Ike Brinks, S.C. Deacon, S. Deacon

**MORNING COFFEE SERVERS:** **Today:** Penny Whitaker, Judy Wolters, Carl & Mary

Wierenga, Rod & Bonnie Williams

**Next Sunday:** Kyle & Becky Wilson, John & Betty Witvliet, Randy & Linda Veldhouse

**EVENING COFFEE SERVERS:** **Today:** Jim & Luanne Mellema

**Next Sunday:** Terry & Tress Nyenhuis

**EVENING VIDEO TECHNICIAN:** **Today:** Brian Reed

**Next Sunday:** Roger Berg

**Church Bus Driver Next Sunday:** **Roger Grit**

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** *Children's Worship is for children in Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Lesson: "The Boy Jesus in the Temple"; Leader: Nicole Dornbos; Helper: Cali Stob

**Next week's schedule:** Lesson: "The Disciples Who Followed Jesus"; Leader: Nicole Dornbos; Helper: Dylan Stewart

**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:** Lesson: "God Cares for Baby Moses"; Leader: Christine Padilla; Helper: Emme Stob

**Next week's schedule:** Lesson: "God Cares for David the Shepherd Boy"; Leader: Christine Padilla; Helper: Karen Hampton

**The Transition Team met on January 11, 2018.** Here is a summary of what was discussed. Pastor Dan provided his perspective on the pastor transition process and some experiences he has had with other churches. Using an interim pastor would provide:

- i. Some “distance” between the ministry of the retiring pastor and the incoming pastor which has historically shown to be beneficial to the new pastor.
- ii. An experienced interim pastor can help a congregation walk through some of the critical decisions that need to be made.
- iii. Continuity in worship each week for members and staff (as compared to using pulpit supply in the event that there is a vacancy).
- iv. Allows for adequate time to begin and complete the search process which can take 12-18 months.
- v. Potential detriments of using in interim may be that the congregation would not experience growth during the time of uncertainty and there are occasions where a conflict can develop between the interim pastor and the council.

A brief discussion was had regarding the future structure for church outreach and whether it might be more effective to focus it on youth/families in the community. Other current outreach activities such as Mission Emphasis and relations with Genesis Woods could fall under the Outreach Committee. On January 16, Erin, Diane, and Ken will be meeting with Rev. Duane Kelderman who has successfully served as an interim in area churches to help us better understand how we might best use an interim pastor if the decision is made to move in that direction. The team’s goal is to provide a recommendation to council in February.

We reflected on the presentation/discussions from the January 10 congregational meeting and were encouraged by comments made. **Table discussions will be planned for the January 24 supper focusing on two questions – *What benefits or concerns do you see in using an interim pastor? What experiences have you had in your church life that involved calling a new pastor?***

The next scheduled meeting is January 18, 2018. Please contact any of the team members with ideas you feel would be helpful as we move forward in building up the church of Christ at SGCRC.

Erin Breuker, Robin Dertien, Jim Hoekstra, Tracy Mann, Diane Reed,  
Ken Schemper, David Scholman, Steve Zuiderveen

## 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. Ruth Van Zanten** was scheduled for a procedure last week Friday which she hopes will relieve her sever back pain.
- We express our deep Christian sympathy to **Jim and Gail Vos and their family** at the passing of Gail's sister, **Bonnie Kiekoover**, on Saturday, January 13. May God's promise of life forever in Christ bring them rich comfort in their loss.

## NOTES OF THANKS

*"A sincere thank you to the South Grandville Church family for your prayers, cards, words of sympathy, and the love that was shown during the home-going of my wife, Sharon Brinks." - "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His faithful servants" Psalm 116:15. ~Ike Brinks and family*

*"Thank you so much for remembering us this Christmas with the many beautiful cards. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated." ~Ron and Annette TenElshof*

*"Thank you for all the lovely cards and greeting at Christmas time. They brightened my day and I continue to enjoy looking at them." ~Louise Faasse*

*"Thank you to our church family for the Christmas cards, box of goodies and the visits. You've made this Christmas a little brighter for us!" ~Jean and Nella Homan*

## CLASSES, CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Dan plans to attend the Worship Symposium on the campus of Calvin College this week Thursday-Saturday.**

**The Men's Bible Study** will meet this week Wednesday, January 24, at 2:00pm. We'll be studying Lesson #4 in "Discover Ephesians". (Ephesians 3)

**Wednesday Night Supper is this Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00pm.** The Administrative Committee will be hosting the supper. Invite your neighbors and friends for a good time of food and fellowship!