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*anniversary*

September 24, 2017

*Faithful Minister of the Word*

*Rev. John Wituliet*

*“I lift my eyes to the hills -  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.”*

*Psalm 121:1-2*

*The Gathering of Christ's People*  
*on the Cord's Day – September 24, 2017*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Today we begin another new week with worship. As the Lord invites us into His presence, let's joyfully praise His Name and eagerly call on Him in prayer. May God's grace, mercy and peace surround and fill us all.

We warmly welcome all of you who are visiting today here at South Grandville CRC. Please stay for conversation and refreshments in Friendship Hall following morning worship.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP AT SOUTH GRANDVILLE**

**During our worship service this morning we recognize with thanks to God the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Pastor John Witvliet to the office of Minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church.**

Before his retirement in 2012, Rev. Witvliet served as pastor in six congregations, including churches in Minnesota, Iowa and four in Michigan. He presently serves as Pastor of Visitation here at South Grandville CRC. With gratitude to the Lord for John and Betty's faithful service to the church, we pray that He will continue to bless them richly in the years ahead. Rev. John Witvliet will bring the message this morning from the text Revelation 11:15, titled "*Looking Back: A Reminder! Looking Ahead: An Encouragement!*" The first offering will be for the General fund and the second offering will be taken for the Benevolence Fund. This evening Pastor Dan plans to continue the series "A Church Buffet" #6, the text will be from Ephesians 5: 15-21, titled "Fill Us Up Again". The evening offering will be for La Roca Ministries.

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

**Next week Sunday, Pastor Dan plans a new sermon series titled "Reformation Calisthenics".** Sermon series cards had been placed in your church mailboxes and extra are on the bulletin counter in the narthex. The first morning offering will be taken for the General Fund, and the second morning offering will be for Faith Promise. Next week Sunday evening, Pastor Dan will continue the series "A Church Buffet" #7. The evening offering will be for La Roca Ministries.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

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

**Today, a.m.:** Tina Blodgett, Nicole Dornbos, Nicole Ebels

**Next week, a.m.:** Christy Toebe, Robin Dertien, Ryan Ashbay

**GREETERS:** **Today:** Arch & Kathy VandenBosch

**Next Sunday:** Jim & Luanne Mellema

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

**Today:** Jane Schut, S, SC and NC Deacons

**Next Sunday:** Al VandenBosch, Fred Brunsting, Ted Howerzyl, Burt Westveld

**MORNING COFFEE SERVERS:** **Today:** Steve & Linda Schroeder, Brian & Erin

Brueker,

Ed & Jo Brower

**Next Sunday:** Fred & Molli Brunsting, Orrie & Stacy Chaffin,

Gerrit & Lynne DenHartog

**EVENING COFFEE SERVERS:** **Today:** Gary & Kathy Bradfield

**Next Sunday:** Tim & Pat Bosscher

**Church Bus Driver Next Sunday:** **Brian Reed**

**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 11:20; if the church service ends before that time, please feel free to enjoy a cup of coffee before picking up your child.*

**Today's schedule:** Lesson: "Moses & The Burning Bush"; Leader: Bonnie Williams; Helper: Natalie Breuker

**Next week's schedule:** Lesson: "Exodus" Leader: Bonnie Williams; Helper: Ryan Ashbay

**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's Stories are in the Bible"; Leader: Tina Blodgett; Helper: Emily Dertien

**Next week's schedule:** Lesson: "We Can Talk to God" Leader: Tina Blodgett; Helper: Emmie Stob

## 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. Paulette Ackerson (1) had underwent surgery last week Thursday on her foot, everything went well.
- Mrs. Mary Koenes (5) moved from Waterford Place to the Brookcrest Christian Nursing Home last week Tuesday.
- Mrs. Letha Schroeder went home to be with the Lord last week Tuesday, September 19, in Ann Arbor. We pray that the Lord's comforting presence will fill her family with peace. We express our deep Christian sympathy to Steve and Linda Schroeder and the rest of her family in their loss. Visitation with the family is today from 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Matthyse Kuiper DeGraaf Funeral Home, and the funeral service is planned for Monday at 11:00am.
- Mrs. Sandy Sloterbeek (1) underwent tests last week and learned that her weekly chemotherapy treatment have been effective in stabilizing her condition. She will continue with the same treatments for the next three months.
- We express our deep Christian sympathy to Jim and Luanne Mellema and their family at the passing of Luanne's dad, Mr. Henry (Hank) Gort, last week Sunday, September 17. May God's promises and peace bring them lasting comfort in their loss.
- Mrs. Sharon Brinks is now living at Cambridge Manor

## CLASSES, CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND EVENTS

**Church School Classes will begin today** after the morning worship service.

**GEMS and Cadets will begin meeting this Wednesday, September 27.** They will both meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays each month from 6:45-8:15pm.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER!** Everyone is invited for a delicious meal of Lasagna, and Chicken Alfredo served by household #1. The supper begins at 6:00pm this Wednesday, September 27.

**Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies** will begin in October. We'll be studying the book of Ephesians. The Women's Group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00pm. The Men's Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2:00pm. Study books are available in the library and can be picked up today. If you haven't yet signed up but plan to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet when you pick up your study guides.

**Youth Group begins tonight.** Please be at church by 6:45. We will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each week from 6:45-8:30. We are looking forward to another great year.

Each week the youth group meets, we share a meal together before beginning our lessons. **If you would be interested in providing a meal for the youth group, please email [youth@southgrandvillechurch.org](mailto:youth@southgrandvillechurch.org) or talk to Kristina or Nicole.**

**We are planning an intergenerational trip to Rehoboth NM!** Trip dates are set for March 30-April 7. If you would like to join us on this trip, please let Kristina or Nicole know by October 7.

## CLASSES, CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND EVENTS CONTINUED

**Choir season** is beginning! If you can meet for just a couple of brief rehearsals a few times throughout the year, we would love to have you participate! We will be learning hymns or songs that can be sung in three or four parts and can be taught to the congregation. These will be songs that will hopefully become part of our regular worship repertoire.

The first song is called "**Reformation Hymn**" - we are staying after the service **today** to practice (11:20-11:40), and will be singing as a congregation throughout the month of October. The choir and praise team would help lead it on **October 1** during the morning worship service.

The choir will act as a large "worship team" and will learn and help lead new songs. No long term commitment is necessary - just a love for singing and a willingness to learn new songs occasionally! Contact Mary Kortman with any questions.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

**Please join us tonight at 7:30pm at Baldwin Street CRC** for the annual hymn sing to benefit Mississippi Christian Family Services. Cliff Doornbos will be leading along with many instrumentalists. Hope Heralds' Men's Chorus will be our special guests.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visitors** – We would love to get to know you better! Please fill out a “Welcome” card, located in the pew rack. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate.

**Our online Bulletin** is posted each Thursday by 3:00 pm on the church’s website: [www.southgrandvillechurch.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/southgrandvillecrc)

**We are now 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.**

Just email [office@southgrandvillechurch.org](mailto:office@southgrandvillechurch.org) with your email and you will be put onto the contacts list. Hard copies are also available in the narthex on the counter by the weekly bulletins.

