

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Let us be greatly thankful for all of God's blessings. This is the house of the Lord, and we are joining in worship as his children. Join us downstairs after worship for refreshments and so we can know each other better.

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

Time of Praise

Ministry of Music

Girl's Ensemble

Preparatory Liturgy for the Lord's Supper - responsively

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Presenting our Gifts

The offering is for our members and regular attendees. If you are a visitor or a guest, please do not feel obligated to give.

Children, age three through third grade, may leave for Kids' Own Worship held downstairs in the east wing.

Please fill out the Fellowship Pads at this time, and pass them down the row. When the pads get to the last person, please tear out the page and put in pad holder so page is visible.

Message "What Is A Healthy Church?"
Colossians 3:1-17 page 1167

Closing

Benediction

Postlude

A "Toddler and Me Room" is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents and their children.

A staffed nursery is located downstairs for newborns to three-year-olds.

Personal sound systems are available for those who have a difficult time hearing. Ask an usher for details.

Song sheets are available at the Information Station or from the ushers, if you are unable to see the monitors. Enlarged Song Sheets and Bulletins are located at the Information Station for those who would like to use them.

Assisting Today

Greeters: Brock & Becca Peterson, Greg & Karen Parker, Kevin & Sonia Oezer
Ushers: Dan Donohue, Dana Everett, Jason DeYoung, Dennis DeLeeuw
Nursery: Val Fase, Carol Eenigenburg, Charlie Fase, Brandon Van Soest

Kids' Own Worship: Cheryl Schaefer, Nathan Kingma, Trevor Fase, Diane Kingma, Alyssa Hoffman, Tim Schoonveld, Courtney Hoffman, Kim Scheeringa, Madison Alexander, James Allen, Paige Kuiken, Tyler Niehoff
Coffee Table: Dan & Diana Hoffman; Cookie Helper: Carol Eenigenburg
Prayer Room: Lois DeYoung, Pat Price, Connie Fieldhouse

This Week at the Church

Today

The New Church Building Design Team will do a presentation on the current status of the building design immediately following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. Coffee and cookie time will follow the meeting.

2:00 – Morrell Circle meets at church.

5:00 – Attention Choir Members old and new! We will be singing together on December 13, and are planning on having two practices. Come tonight at 5:00 p.m. for the first practice and on December 6, at 7:15 for the second. We will sing one of your favorite Christmas songs. Please come and help us fill the choir loft and have a good time.

Youth Opportunities

3:00 – Ashley, Starla, and Twila's junior high girls' Small Group meets at Twila's house until 5:00 p.m. **Note change of time!**

4:00 – Marvin Toppen's junior high boys' Small Group meets at Marv's until 5:30 p.m.

5:00 – Denny Fase, Dan Lagestee, and Kevin Oezer's teen boys' Small Group meets at Denny's until 7:00 p.m.

6:00 – Post high young women's Small Group meets at Karen Boer's house. We are using Max Lucado's book Fearless.

6:00 – Cheryl and Darlene's Small Group meets at Cheryl's.

6:00 – Rhonda and Darla's Small Group meets at Rhonda's.

6:00 – Chris' Small Group meets at his home.

Tuesday

9:00-3:00 – GED class in the Lounge.

7:00 – Discovery Group meets at the home of Dave & Connie Fieldhouse.

Thursday

9:30 – Thanksgiving Day Service.

Sunday (November 29)

7:30-9:30 a.m. – Living Fire Year 2 meets in the Consistory room. Rich Heemstra leader.

9:00 – Sunday School! **White Christmas** special offering continues through Sunday, December 20!

- Little Lights (age 3 thru Kindergarten) meet in the west wing green room downstairs with the piano in it.
- Beacons (grades 1-5) meet in the east wing downstairs.
- Junior High and High School meet in the Youth Building.
- **Adult Opportunities: Todd DeVries will be leading the Adult Sunday School** this week and December 6, 13 and 20 with a four-week journey exploring religions of the world. Join us in learning

about different religions, and how they compare and contrast with Christianity.

News & Notes

Do you ever hurt for someone going through some terrible, challenging situation? Maybe you hurt for others often but you just don't know what to say or do to help in this situation. Or maybe you normally identify a few action steps for getting on with life, and a challenging situation doesn't usually tug on your heart strings. However you may view challenges and whatever your care-giving skills may be, pray about sharpening your care-giving skills by taking the Stephen Ministry training. It can not only help you to be a greater blessing to others but can also improve you marriage, family, work, and business relationships; in addition, it can make life richer for you. We invite you to seek the Lord's leading regarding this ministry opportunity. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Rog, Char Huitink, Deb Price or Shauna Thomas.

Each year in Sunday School, we collect a special offering at Christmas time called the White Christmas offering. This year's project is for the New Creation men's shelter in Valparaiso. We are collecting money and supplies for them. The money will be used to purchase things needed at the shelter. The supplies we are collecting are things the men need every day: toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, waterless hand sanitizer, razors, shampoo, and shaving cream. Each week in Sunday School, each class will collect the money and supplies, and we will track how much is given on the large bulletin board downstairs.

Roger Parks, Ph.D., a Christian, Clinical Psychologist, in cooperation with Chicago Christian Counseling Center, maintains an office in First Reformed Church of DeMotte. For information, appointments and fees: call 800-361-6880, www.chicagochristiancounseling.org

The Consistory has decided to discontinue the evening worship service beginning on December 27, 2009 due to low attendance. In April, the Consistory will consider restarting the service after discussion with those members who have returned from Florida.

Church will be decorated for Christmas the week of November 30, in the afternoon and evenings. Many hands are needed. No experience necessary! Please fill in the **Response Card** below to let us know you will help for a while.

Response Card

___ I/We will help decorate church.

Monday afternoon ___ evening___ Tuesday afternoon ___ evening___

Wednesday afternoon___ evening___

Name_____ Phone_____

November 22, 2009

We will not have a service this evening, but encourage all to attend the Kankakee Valley Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service. The service will be held at the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte at 6:00 p.m. The offering is designated for the KVMA and the Helping Hand ministry funds.

We will have our Thanksgiving Service on Thursday morning at 9:30. We invite all to come and bring your family and friends.

Ministry Dollars (Giving for week 11 as of November 15, 2009)

General Fund (for operating fund)	\$ 7,234.80
Average budgeted per Sunday	\$ 11,729.00
Year-to-date weekly average	\$ 11,347.95
Percent on Budget	97%
Reformed Church World Service	\$ 599.00
Other offerings	\$ 1,060.00
Harvest Drive	\$ 48,677.00

We praise God and thank you for your generosity. Harvest Drive gifts may be placed in the offering.

Coming Dates:

Dec. 2	The ladies of Gro-N-Glo Bible Study will host the Annual Widows' Luncheon at 11 a.m. in the church.
Dec. 20	Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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Remember in your daily prayers

Our Church Family:

Heather Parker has passed her kidney stones and is feeling much better.

Pastor John came home from the hospital on Tuesday evening and is doing well.

Donna Schoonveld fell and broke her ankle last weekend. She had surgery on Thursday. She has some pain, but is doing well.

Be in prayer for Bess Bult, Christine Goetz, Arlene Hamstra, Lorretta Hamstra, Millie Hamstra, Mandy Koster, Roy Schlarp, Alvin Seegers, and others who have health concerns.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Mark and Candiss Terborg and family in the death of Mark's grandfather, Lawrence Terborg.

Thank You:

Thanks to everybody who raked my leaves on Super Saturday. God bless them. It was awesome.

Irma Kudrecki

Thank you to all who participated in this year's appeal from the Bethshan Women's Service League. A total of \$32,500 was raised to help Bethshan in the purchase of new community homes – the support of our congregation was much appreciated. What we accomplish together continues to make a difference in the lives of the special individuals who call Bethshan home.

For those unable to be with us:

Oak Grove

Judy Hamstra

Marie Hamstra

Millie Hamstra

Bethshan

Becky Przybylski

Joey Swart

Corpus Christi Group Home

Abigail Mullins



To Make a Prayer Chain Request:

If you have a prayer request, Monday thru Friday, call the Church Office at 987-5156, or email at frcod@netnitco.net. After 4:30 p.m. or on weekends, contact Sally Hamstra at 987-2297, email bashfarm@midwaynet.net, or Carol Eenigenburg at 987-3311, email eburg@netnitco.net.

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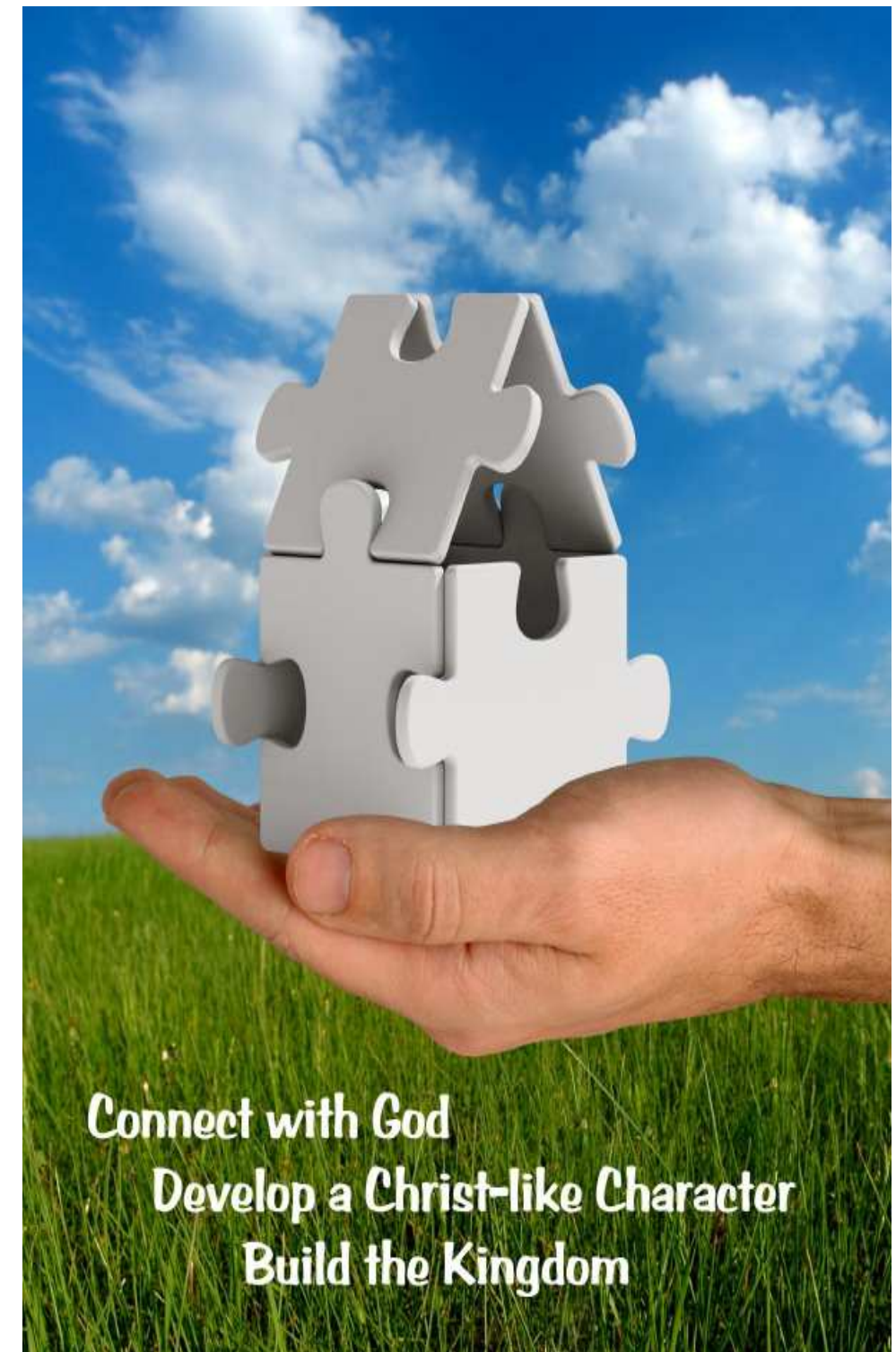
8:30 - 4:30

Monday - Friday

John Huff > Pastor of Preaching and Administration

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Chris Schaefer > Director of Youth



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