

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

On this first Sunday after Christmas, may we remain joyous and share that joy with everyone around us. 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 Breanna Toppen

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 "The Last Battle"

I John 4:7-21 page 1209

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: Steve & Dawn Hoffman, Calvin & Sue Klemp, Dennis & April Kortum

Ushers: Kyle Cooper, Mark Orsburn, Matt McKim, George Hamstra

Nursery: Calvin, Sue, Amanda, & Alan Klemp

Kids' Own Worship: Cheryl Schaefer, Nathan Kingma, Robert Sittema, Tammy DeVries, Faith Hoffman, Wyatt DeKock, Luke Dexter, Jessica Hoffman, Lorin Scheeringa, James Allen, Paige Kuiken, Tyler Niehoff

Coffee Table: Ron & Rhonda Fieldhouse; Cookie Helper: Kayla Fieldhouse

Prayer Room: Shelley Dexter, Diane Huff, Dawn Toppen

This Week at the Church

Sunday (January 3)

Sunday School classes are taking a holiday break on December 27 and January 3. All Sunday School classes will resume on January 10.

News & Notes

Ministry of Care

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us and we use them to serve others. Are you looking for a new way to use your gifts? Have you considered Stephen Ministry? There is still time to add you to our upcoming Stephen Series training class beginning in January. We are especially needing additional male Stephen Ministers. Those interested are encouraged to contact Pastor Rog as soon as possible.

Don't forget! Used, damaged, or neglected furniture is needed by the teen boys' Small Group. We will refinish, repair, and restore and then donate to a good cause. To donate furniture, contact Denny Fase at 987-4543.

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 this week, 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.

Adult Sunday School begins two new classes on January 10, 2010!

One is an eight week Daily Living/Biblical Life Application-Parenting class being led by clinical psychologist, Eva Ponder, from Chicago Christian Counseling Center. Child care will be provided.

The focus of the other class is Discipleship-The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in love with the God Jesus Knows.

Ministry Dollars (Giving for week 16 as of December 20, 2009)

General Fund (for operating fund)	\$ 11,999.75
Average budgeted per Sunday	\$ 11,729.00
Year-to-date weekly average	\$ 11,604.91
Percent on Budget	99%
Women's Center of NW Indiana	\$ 605.00
Other offerings	\$ 3,690.00
White Christmas Offering	\$ 1,719.30
New Building Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Harvest Drive to date	\$ 51,027.00

Harvest Drive gifts may be placed in the offering.

Coming Dates:

Jan. 5	Full Consistory meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Family Night programs resume.
Jan. 10	Sunday School resumes.
Jan. 11	Children's Ministry Team meets.
Jan. 12	Morrell Circle Christmas party at 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Administrative Team meets.

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December 27, 2009

Remember in your daily prayers

Our Church Family:

Stacy DeHaan is happy to be home from the hospital.
She is feeling well and improving daily.
Continue to pray for her healing.

While in Michigan last weekend, Rod Boomsma had a seizure and was hospitalized. He has returned home. Continue to pray for healing, for his new medication to work, and for good results to tests he will be taking.

Anne Janavich will be leaving on Tuesday for Argentina. She will be taking college courses there for the next semester. She plans to return home the end of June. Pray for God's blessing on her studies and for her safety while away from home.

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.

Thank You:

To the members of First Reformed Church:
Thank you for your loving support of our families and children. You gave Christmas Joy to many children.
God Bless!
North Jasper County Head Start

Thank you to the members of First Reformed Church who bought gifts for the children of needy families from Kankakee Valley Middle School. Your sponsorship, year after year, have made many families' Christmas brighter.
Joann Epple, Counselor

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



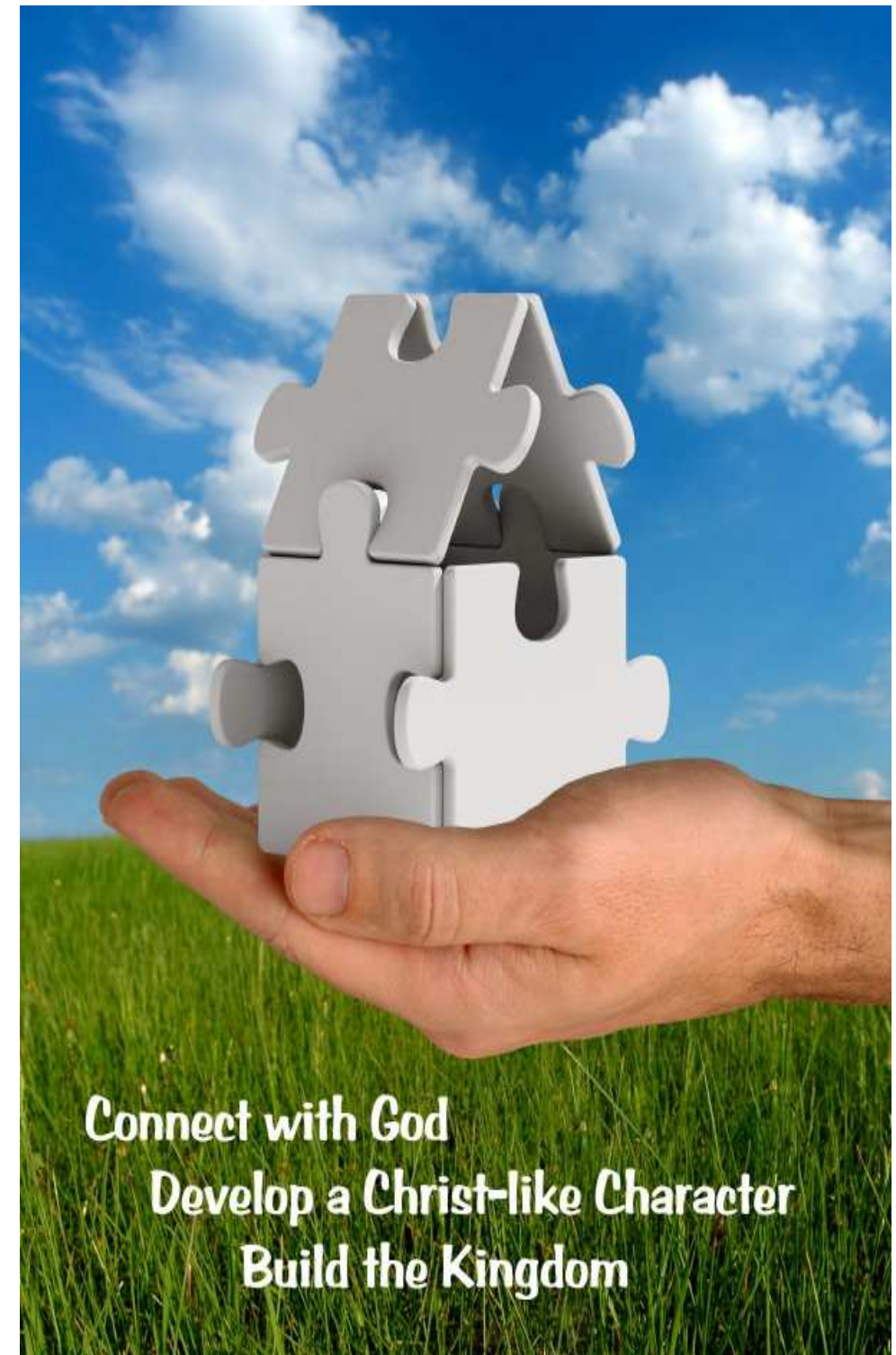
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