

April Ten Brink (Parkview Home, 214 E. Central Ave., Zeeland) and her housemates are asking for prayers – for April’s family, especially her grandpa Charlie who lost his sister Ann on December 6th. Also, **Nate** has a 12-year old niece who is on a feeding tube. And **Meagan** will possibly be having a bump removed from her back and is nervous about it. *Thank you for praying!*

Sandy Mathy’s nephew, Josh, is officially on the double transplant list. Praise God! Doctors are optimistic with reports of his liver so far, and dialysis is going well enough to lessen the frequency which is better for his heart. The family appreciates all the prayers.

Ken & Pat Diekevers (8909 Westwind Dr., Zeeland) are dealing with aging issues and may soon be in need of home health care. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during these difficult days.

Dorothy Poll (2353 Valarie Dr., Zeeland) is home following a slight stroke last week. She is weak and exhausted. If you can help by providing a meal, please signup here: <https://mealtrain.com/yydd0l> or call the church office.

Carla Schutte (9549 Crescent Dr., Zeeland) is scheduled for reversed shoulder replacement surgery on December 16th.

Marv VandenBosch (2337 Valarie Dr., Zeeland) has been having issues with his throat and will have a CT scan on December 17th.

*Thank you for the gift of warmth—for all the coats and other clothing items donated during our Coat Drive for Harvest Stand Ministries recently.
Your generosity is appreciated. ~Sue Kortering*

Here I am, 3+ weeks after my back surgery, and I feel that I have turned at least one corner in my recovery. My surgeon informed me that a full recovery might take 6-18 months, so slowly and steadily I go forward. I am encouraged and deeply humbled by the number of cards, prayers, and words of encouragement sent my way by members of our church, and I am thankful for all of it. God is at work in my rehabilitation and in our church at large. To God be the glory, for He is good always. ~Randy Koetje

As part of your worship experience we offer an opportunity to give of your tithes and offerings:

In Person or Online

Text the amount you would like to give to 616-202-5117

Mail a check to Community Reformed Church:

10376 Felch St., Zeeland, MI 49464
office hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-4:30pm; Fri 8:30am-12:30pm
phone: 616-772-4907 · prayer line: 616-610-5766
livestream phone line: 616-201-2059
email: staff@communityreformed.org · web: communityreformed.org



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WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU'VE JOINED US IN WORSHIP TODAY.

8:40am Daybreak | 9:00am BreakWater
Matthew 2:1-12 | "The Lost are Looking" | Rev. Kurt Henry

10:30am Mosaic & BreakAway
"Light and Life to All He Brings"
A special Christmas Celebration hosted by Kids@Community and Friends

If you are a first-time guest, please fill out a "Connect with Community" card (in seat backs) so we can get to know you and help find ways for you to get connected. Bring the card to the Welcome Center, and we'll have a small gift for you. We hope you'll join us again soon!

Valet parking is available at Door C. Attendants will provide parking for parents with small children, senior adults, and anyone else that needs assistance getting from their vehicle into church. Just pull up under the canopy by the Valet Parking sign, and we will park your car in the designated spot and have it back under the canopy at the close of service.

Sunday morning coffee is made and served by our students, and all donations help with their mission trip expenses. Enjoy! *Thanks for your support!*

Kids@Community

Nursery (infant-age 3) is available on Sundays during all services with check-in starting at 8:30am. Sunday School is taking a break December 14, 21 & 28. Questions? Contact Melissa (mo@commref.org or 616-610-0037).

Baptism Class

Sunday, December 14, 10:05-10:30am, Sunrise Room

If you're interested in knowing more about the sacrament of baptism or would like to have your child baptized on January 18th, please join the Elders for a brief conversation about next steps. Questions? Contact Pastor Kurt (616-836-5178 or kurt@commref.org).

Living Out Community Group –Sundays, 10:15-11:15am, Music Room

We're taking a break December 14, 21 & 28, resuming on January 4th. Questions? Contact Jen Bakhuyzen(jen@commref.org or 616-772-4907).



Let's bless our homebound members with a bag full of Christmas greetings! Please place a card, note, homemade treat, or small gift in the bags on the table in the Commons by December 14th. *Thank you!*

Prayer Warriors

Wednesdays, 12:15–12:45pm, Fireside Room (Door H)

Join us as we gather weekly to connect with God and pray for the needs of Community—the staff, our services, programs, missions, and needs of our members.

Widow/Widower Brunch

Wednesday, December 17, 11:00am–12:30pm

Please join the church staff and Congregational Care Team for a special Christmas brunch, including great food and warm fellowship. Please RSVP at the Welcome Center or by calling the church office (616-772-4907) by December 11th.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24, 7:00pm (Main Sanctuary) and **11:00pm** (Mosaic Worship Center)

December 25–9:30am (Main Sanctuary)

Knitting Ministry

Friday, December 26, 10:00am, Commons (Door B)

We meet on the 4th Friday of the month to knit together tangible gifts of comfort, hope and peace. If you're a knitter, we'd love to have you join us! Questions? Call the church office (616-772-4907).

Gather@Community

Wednesday, January 7, 5:00–7:30pm, Gym/Mosaic (Door A, B, F, or H)

Join us for dinner in the Gym at 5:00pm followed by worship in the Mosaic at 6:00pm and Community Groups from 6:45pm–7:30pm. Nursery is also available starting at 6:00pm, and kids in Kindergarten–5th grade will have their own special time of worship, games, and crafts between 6:00–7:30pm. **NOTE:** We're taking a break on December 17, 24 & 31. Questions? Contact Jen (616-772-4907 or jen@commref.org).

"Good Morning, Welcome to Community!"

The Hospitality Team is looking for ways to help us become more welcoming as a church, and one way would be having more friendly faces saying, "Good morning, welcome to Community!" as guests arrive. We believe there are some of you, families with kids included, who would like to greet at least a few times per year. If this sounds like a great way for you or your family to get involved, please sign up online or at the Welcome Center, pick the dates that work for you, and be a part of helping Community Church be a place where you can belong. Questions? Contact Pastor Kurt (kurt@commref.org or 616-836-5178).

Membership Class

Wednesday, January 14 & 21, 6:45–7:30pm, Fireside Room (Door H)

If you're interested in taking the next step to becoming a member of Community or simply want to know more about who we are and why we do what we do, you're invited to join us for this two-part membership class. Please RSVP to Jen (jen@commref.org or 616-772-4907).

DivorceCare is a warm, caring small group environment in which to deal with the challenges of divorce alongside people who understand what you are going through. We'll meet weekly on Sundays at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room starting February 15th. Please register at commref.org/signup. Questions? Contact Pastor Kurt (616-836-5178).

Church Directory Photos Needed

Members and Regular Attenders, we work hard to keep our church directory up-to-date but need your help. If your photo is missing or outdated, or if your address has changed, please stop by the Welcome Center or church office to have your picture taken – or email a recent photo or updated contact info to sheri@commref.org. Copies of the directory are printed upon request for those who are pictured.

If you need help viewing the church directory online or adding the directory app to your mobile device, please contact Sheri (616-772-4907 or sheri@commref.org) or stop in the church office during the week. To ensure our directory is safe and your privacy protected, we only allow access to those who are included in the directory. members.instantchurchdirectory.com

Recycle and Support Missions at the Same Time

We have a PaperGator in the northeast corner of the church parking lot that will accept school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, hard and soft cover books, magazines, shredded paper, paperboard (cereal-type boxes), and wrapping paper (no foil or sparkles). papergatorrecycling.com

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

Welcome to our newest member, **Dolores Hop** (500 Parkside Dr., Apt. 125, Zeeland)!

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Steve Smallegan, who passed away on December 7th. Steve was a former Zeeland Classis Leader and more recently the Lead Pastor at Hope Reformed in South Haven.

Eric Hornsby (10543 N. Springfield, Zeeland) had surgery for bladder cancer on Monday. It went well, praise God!

Randy Kortering (3306 Dogwood Lane, Zeeland) had focal therapy treatment for prostate cancer on Thursday, and the doctor was pleased with how it went.

Kathy TenHarmsel (Meadowlark, 65 Ida Red St., Sparta 49345) fell and broke her wrist. Please pray for healing.