#### PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

We express our sympathy to **Grant & Michelle Gerig** (16384 Ransom, Holland 49424) following the passing of Grant's brother on December 4th.

Rose Houtman (Medilodge, 900 S. Beacon Blvd., Grand Haven 49417) has Covid and is confined to her room for 14 days. Prayers are needed for Rose and for Paula (Jack) Glass (12055 Croswell St., West Olive 49460), a longtime friend and Rose's POA, for peace, discernment, health, and strength to do all that's required.

**Ilyse Drost** (10671 Chicago Dr., Zeeland) is recovering at home after a procedure to fix some stents and replace her pacemaker battery. Unfortunately, they were not able to remove the old pacemaker, but they did put new leads in a new pacemaker, and everything seems to be working well.

**Jim Kuiper** (2951 Creekview Dr., Zeeland) has cellulitis in the leg where he had a knee replacement recently. Ongoing prayers are appreciated.

Melissa Morren (11661 Danton Dr., Allendale 49401) continues in her recovery from breast cancer surgery and is waiting on test results before determining a treatment plan.

Eric Hornsby (10543 N. Springfield, Zeeland) is having surgery for bladder cancer on December 8th in Ann Arbor.

Randy Kortering (3306 Dogwood Lane, Zeeland) will be having focal therapy treatment for prostate cancer on December 11th.

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, and phone calls. They were deeply appreciated. ~Larry Boerman

"Heavenly Father, You are the Great Physician.
Put Your hand upon me and let health and wholeness flow into me. Help me remember, in this time of vulnerability, my utter dependence on You".

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

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December 7, 2025

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

### Luke 2:8-18

# 8:40am Daybreak | 9:00am BreakWater | 10:30am BreakAway "Enlightened" | Rev. Doug Baker

10:30am Mosaic "The Shepherds" | Rev. Matt Koomen

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 available at 9:00am & 10:30am for kids ages 3 years (and potty-trained) through 5th grade. Please check-in at the Nursery counter or kiosks in the West Commons. Children of all ages are welcome in "big church" any time, and activity pages, coloring books, and crayons are available in the small bookcase near the Nursery. NOTE: The kids are hosting a special Christmas Celebration on December 14th at 10:30am. Practice is on December 13th at 9:00am. We will be taking a break December 21 & 28. Questions? Contact Melissa (mo@commref.org or 616-610-0037).

Living Out Community Group —Sundays, 10:15–11:15am, Music Room You are invited to join us for fellowship, prayer, and further learning and discussion on the morning's message. Sixth grade and older welcome! NOTE: We're taking a break December 14, 21 & 28, resuming on January 4th. Questions? Contact Jen Bakhuyzen (jen@commref.org or 616–772–4907).

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.

## Gather@Community

Wednesday, December 10, 5:00–7:30pm, Gym/Mosaic (Door A, B, F, or H) Join us for "brinner" 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).

### 50+ Breakfast & BINGO

## Saturday, December 13, 9:00-11:00am, Gym (Door B or F)

If you or your spouse are age 50+, join us for breakfast and BINGO, catered by The Trestle Stop. Cost is \$10/person. Please signup <u>online</u> or at the Welcome Center <u>by Sunday, December 7th</u>. Questions? Email Jen (<u>jen@commref.org</u>).

### **Baptism Class**

### Sunday, December 14, 10:05-10:30am, Sonrise Room

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

**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!

# A SPECIAL BREAKAWAY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Sunday, December 14, 10:30am

Kids@Community and friends will be hosting "Light and Life to All He Brings" - a powerful worship experience of hope, peace, and joy that Jesus, the true Light of Christmas, brings. Let's celebrate the Light together!

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 by Candlelight

# Thursday, December 18, 6:30-8:00pm, Gym (Door B or F)

Ladies (age 12+), please join us for a night of holiday treats, inspiring stories, and delightful music. Please register to attend individually or with a couple of friends. Let's invite neighbors, co-workers, family, and friends to enjoy with us the true message of Christmas, God's greatest gift for His highest glory! Sign up at <a href="mailto:commref.org/signup">commref.org/signup</a>.

#### **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).

## "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).

**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 <u>starting February 15th</u>. Please register at <u>commref.org/signup</u>. 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 <a href="mailto:sheri@commref.org">sheri@commref.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:sheri@commref.org">sheri@commref.org</a>) 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