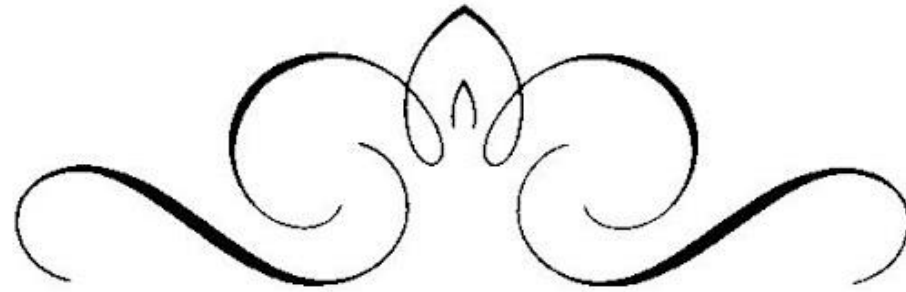


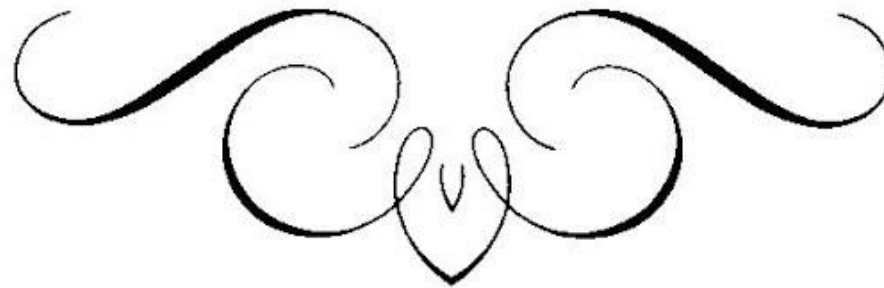
A Message From Your Deacons:

Faith Community has been so blessed by the congregation's faithful support throughout 2020. Everyone has been affected in some way by the pandemic this year, yet through God's blessings, you have continued to demonstrate the life of giving which He calls us to live. The Council thanks each and every one of you for your support this year of our ministries. The congregation's support not only funded the church's ministries & operations, but you have also greatly blessed the following organizations with over \$70,000 in total donations for 2020:

Bethany Christian Services, Cadets, MI; CrossRoads Ministry Food Bank; Denominational Ministries; Eastern Christian Children's Retreat; Eastern Christian School Association; GEMS, MI; Good Shepherd Mission; Grains of Hope; Missions; New City Kids, Paterson; New Hope Food Bank, Backpack & Christmas Market Programs



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HAPPY & HEALTHY
NEW YEAR!



1896-2021: Celebrating 125 Years Of God's Faithfulness

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GOD'S GREETING**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***OPENING SONGS- "LOVE HAS COME"**

"HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STATEMENT OF FAITH- HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q&A 1

***SONG OF PREPARATION- "KNOWING YOU"**

SCRIPTURE *ROMANS 8: 38-39*

SERMON - "TOGETHER"

***SONG OF RESPONSE - "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

RESPONSIVE HYMN- "WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME"

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "BY THE SEA OF CRYSTAL"**

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

OLD YEAR'S / NEW YEAR'S

TODAY, January 3,

- is the second Sunday after Christmas
 - We will celebrate communion at our morning service. Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” All, then, who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who earnestly desire to lead a godly life, ought to accept the invitation now given and come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 10,

- is **Epiphany**

Please follow along with today’s responsive readings and songs via a separate document, found on our website under “About” > “Weekly Bulletin” > “January 3 Responsive Readings”

OFFICE UPDATES:

- We are suspending Sunday PM services and choir meetings indefinitely. Please refrain from visiting the church office and instead contact us via phone or email.
- Please note the office hours will be **Monday - Thursday: 9 am- 1 pm**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The updated Council Profile can be found under “Member’s Info” on our website. Feel free to check it out and learn a little more about our current Elders and Deacons!

In keeping with the governor’s current regulations, we will be limiting all indoor activities to 10 people. This includes Ladies Bible Study, Youth Group & Christian Singles.

Our prayer group will continue to meet Thursday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom. The Zoom email invitation will contain that week’s prayer guide. For more information please contact the church office or Roy Bushoven.

Faith Community is hiring! We are looking for a part-time Worship & Creative Director to help coordinate worship services and serve on the Worship Committee. Please visit “About” > “Employment Opportunities” on our website for the full job description.

The Calvin January Series: Cedar Hill CRC is planning to host the Calvin January Series as a remote site. Come out and join us for these FREE informative, thought-provoking, and educational discussions from 12:30 to 1:30 pm from January 6-20. Social distancing and masks are required. For more details, see www.calvin.edu/january.

From Crossroads Ministry, Paterson:

Our shelves remain full, with cases of food on the floor. Donations afforded an extra \$1,000 worth of meat last week and will purchase another \$1,000+ next week. We continue to give out beyond our means, but the shelves remain full. We cannot "out-give" God!!! We are overwhelmed with thankfulness to God as he moves his people to represent Him and stand in the gap for others. We are also so thankful for an active, involved Board of Directors. This week we visited folks bringing them food, toys, gift certificates, and helping with special needs, all in the name of Jesus. One family we visited had horrible conditions (a mom with 7 children living in a tiny, converted garage made into a 1 bedroom home). We gave a glimmer of hope with bags of food and gifts for all the children. The young children were so excited with the food and gifts! We continue to advocate for them and pray that the baby born in the manger, who died for these children, would save them! Pray for us that we represent our God in all we do and make wise decisions.

-- On behalf of the King of kings, Tom Henion

Children’s Ministries:

- Children’s Worship videos will now be up on our website and YouTube page! New videos will be posted every 2 weeks and give our kids the chance to continue their Children’s Worship experience virtually. Check out our YouTube page or look under “Youth” on our website.
- “Zoom KidSpace” meets twice a month from 9-9:30 am on Sunday mornings. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783 or vanlentenlinda@optimum.net.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Our Christian sympathies are extended to the Hoogerhyde family in the loss of Donna’s father, *Don DeBruin*, on December 30. Please keep Donna and her family in your prayers. A live-streamed graveside service will be held Saturday, January 9. Please check the Vander-Plaat Funeral Home website (www.vpfh.com) or contact the church office for more information on viewing the service.

SICK & SHUT-INS –

Betty Brandes, Louise Butler, Don Brandes, Ron Dapp, Helena Dykstra, Foge Maas, Muriel Tolsma,



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/03 Cheryl Cusack

1/05 Sue Grimm

1/05 Judy Van Dyk

1/06 Nicholas Hagedoorn

1/08 Donna Hoogerhyde

1/09 Paul Cusack