

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today

Servers

Stephen & Kaitlyn Vogel
Kurt & Natalie Vander Beek

Valet Parkers

Jason Dannen

Lobby Monitor

Brandon Van Der Puy

Nursery

Angela Miedema
Gabe Miedema
Chloe Miedema

Nursery Floater

Sara Ahrenholz

Children's Church

Natalie Vander Beek

Next Sunday, May 8

Servers

Brandon & Hannah Van Der Puy
Todd & Cheryl Watnaas

Valet Parkers

TJ Stoel

Lobby Monitor

Taryn Buteyn

Nursery

Joyce Marcus
Laura Rosen
Aurora Rosen

Nursery Floater

Brenda Ten Pas

Children's Church

Sidney Duininck



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

When Spring Finally Arrives...

Waiting... and Waiting... and Waiting. Sometimes some of the most engaged efforts we expend are of the mind and spirit simply waiting. This year, we wait for Spring. This is not our first go-around of waiting but you can sense an anxiousness in the air as planting plans are on hold and chilled winds continue to blow. And yet... God still shows up, still provides, and our waiting is resolved. Waiting doesn't always resolve into what we want and when we want it. But God's waiting always has a bigger picture in mind - your well-being and God's glory. As you are mindful of the daily bread of God's provision, let your waiting grow a deeper trust in God, and a greater celebration when our "spring" arrives.

Welcome.

Today's Service.



Sermon Series: Testify...

Today's Message

Testify...in the Sanctuary

(The Power of Testimony in Corporate Worship)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:22-31

Offering

General Ministry

Lead Worshiper

Bryan DeGroot

Welcome to Worship at Unity! Today we continue our series titled: "Testify", where we'll reflect on the importance of testimony as an act of worship, particularly as one of the ways we engage together in corporate worship! As this series continues, if God puts it on your heart to share a snapshot of your story, whether in print or in the corporate worship setting, please contact Pastor Steve. We would love to hear how God is at work in your life!



Sunday (Today)

9:30a.m.: Worship Celebration

Children’s Church for ages 3 to PreK will be during the service.
Coffee Time - Fair Trade coffee by Dunn Bros.

Monday

NO Open Rock this week

Tuesday

9:15a.m.: Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30p.m.: Cadets Meeting at 1st Fellowship Hall. Lunch - Tucker, Carson L., Brooks

6:30p.m.: GEMS Mother/Daughter Banquet at Unity

7:00p.m.: SRYG Sr. High will be at The Rock. The van will leave Unity at 6:30.

Friday

6:30a.m.: Men’s Bible Study



You are invited to an **open house bridal shower honoring McKenna Ulferts, bride to be of David Arndt**. McKenna is the daughter of Joe and Wendy Ulferts and the granddaughter of Roger and Linda Ulferts. The shower is on **May 14th at 10am at Unity**. The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, Crate & Barrel, and Pottery Barn.



Please join us on May 22nd for a “Family Favorites” Potluck after our Celebration Sunday. Bring a Family Favorite dish or two to pass. The Fellowship Team will be providing the dessert.

Community Announcements can be found in the Weekly Update email.

Call to Prayer:

Lois Cook's brother, Clarence, was diagnosed with a tumor on his liver last week. The family is looking at options for treatment. Pray for God's peace and a way forward for Clarence, his wife Janet, and their family.

The latest scan for **Roger Ulferts** revealed the pancreatic tumor has not grown since the last scan (Praise the Lord!). They will be adjusting his chemo treatments this week, however, to address one of the cancer spots on his liver that doubled in size. Continue to pray for healing and also for God's peace and strength for Roger, Linda, and the entire family.

Marilyn Wieberdink will be having shoulder surgery this coming Thursday. Pray for success in the surgery, for a reduction in pain, and for increased mobility on the road to recovery. Pray for God's peace for Marilyn, Hub, and their family during this time of surgery and recovery.

Pastor Steve will be out of town through Thursday to help move his kids to the east coast. Pray for Aaron and Kennedy as they get settled and as Kennedy begins her graduate work in pathology. Pray also for safe travels for the family.

May God continue to pour out His grace and love into the lives of those from our fellowship with ongoing needs. Please remember ...

*Ray (& Sadie) Tellinghuisen
Roger (& Linda) Ulferts
Willis (& Gret) Wubben
Jeff (& Sheryl) Brown
Norm (& Val) Duininck
Shirley Bonnema
Dorothy Slagter
Bob & Rosie Huizenga
Tonya Larson's sister Deb
Kerry's brother-in-law Herm*

*Gene (& Louise) Troyer
Mitch (& Pat) Marcus
Gar (& Beth) Jasper
Jim Ninneman
Hub & Marilyn Wieberdink
Betty Ammermann's sister, Pat
Brenda Ten Pas' mother, Marian
Randy (& Carla) Slagter
Lauren Espinoza
Logan Erickson*

The Lunch Box Café -

Tuesday, May 3rd - Beef tips & gravy over mashed potatoes, with green beans

All Meals are \$5.00/Serving.

Please place order by 1:30pm the day before. 320-978-4187



Children of the
Promise

COTP Scrubs Drive looking for sizes XSmall through XLarge. New or very gently used (no fading, rips, or stains) scrubs ONLY please!

Donation **Deadline is TODAY** at Unity CRC



Open House Baby Shower - You are invited to an open house baby shower **in honor of Wade Andrew, infant son of Megan & Trevor Bartz on Saturday, May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the First CRC**

Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target and Amazon. Help them start a library by signing a book instead of a card!



Mark your calendars for VBS 2022!! It will take place from **June 20-24** this year (note it is later than we have done it in the past!!! **If you are willing to help in any way**, please contact Melissa Bonnema (320-894-2822), Sarah Punt (320-979-6941) or Sarah VanDyken

(320-220-4600). We look forward to learning about our great God with your kids this summer!



ADVANCE NOTICE: Emden Hymn Sing at Emden Christian Reformed Church in Renville will host a Hymn Sing on Sunday, June 26 at 4:00. This Hymn Sing will include audience participation in the singing of several classic

hymns, along with special selections led by Pam Knapper, Janel Watson, Gar Jasper, Randy Groen, Maureen Weideman, Ned Wohlman, Dan Knapper, and Paul Knapper. Prepare for a fun time!

A Church for People of All Abilities Starts in Grand Rapids

“The picture of the kingdom is that we’re equally made in God’s image, so how are we worshiping as the church together?”

This new Resonate partner church plant is a church where people of all abilities can worship, serve, and grow together. (You can read the article in the Banner of April 22.) There are many reasons that our established churches do not always work this way. People on the autism spectrum can be sensitive to loud music, bright lights, and may be physically unable to remain in their seats quietly. There are people who do not feel comfortable and are overly anxious in large groups. Some churches may not be fully accessible. Many church members do not know how to acknowledge a person who is nonverbal. Many people are in a group home setting with limited staff to bring them to church.

Friendship Bible Ministry is the best choice in our area for an inclusive worship. We spend an hour of singing praise songs, in prayer and listening to a Bible lesson followed with a time of fellowship with a cookie and lemonade. This past year Laura led us in the study of “The Lord’s Prayer”. As a mentor, “Friendship” is a special worship time as we learn from and with our “Friends” how to worship uninhibited. Our Mentors are people who are only friends and co-worshippers. We have Friends who need encouragement and prayers for their family and housemate issues. Who experience all the same needs and desires of the body of Christ.

If you would like to worship with us next September, talk to one of our Mentors of this past year. Marv and Sandy Moorlag, Kathy Brouwer, Verdell Marcus, Kathy Sportel, Laura and Gary Hoekstra, Gretchen Wubben, Jayne Asche, Jan and Merlin Kleinhuizen, Rosie Brouwer, Clara and Don De Ronde, Michele Minters, Patci Slagter, Todd Slagter, Tim and Renae Slagter, Ruby Graves, Faith Nelson, Molly Mulder, Roger and Ruth Brouwer, Bill and Helene Dykstra, Janel Watson, Shirley Rolffs, Sallie Green, Anna Green and Dan Green and all previous Mentors! They are all appreciated!

Maybe we can think of “Friendship” as an inclusive Worship service where we are all able to worship, serve and grow together in Jesus’ name! **Please consider joining us next September!**