

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Today

Servers

Potluck Meal after worship
(no servers)

Valet Parkers

Jennifer Breems

Lobby Monitor

Peter Roorda

Nursery

Carole Negen
Laura TeBrake
Sabine TeBrake

Nursery Floater

Linda Brouwer

Children's Church

Cheryl Watnaas

Next Sunday, May 29

Servers

Aaron & Tracey Watson
Eric & Danielle Watson

Valet Parkers

Eric Watson

Lobby Monitor

TJ Stoel

Nursery

Angie Rausch
Macie Rausch
Cora Watson

Nursery Floater

Sara Ahrenholz

Children's Church

Alysia Buteyn



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 to the World

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:13-14

Offerings

General Ministry

Love Fund for the Tchagangs

Lead Worshiper

Jon DeGroot

Welcome to Worship at Unity! We love that God's story is your story. As each of us personally gets to know our story, embrace our story, grow in our story and someday tell our story....maybe today is that day. Your story might be a story; where it's at right now, that someone needs to hear today or relate to when their story unfolds.

We are excited for our guests joining us today on this Celebration Sunday as we welcome new families to our congregation and hear testimony from missionaries of their story in Cameroon. We will be joining at God's Table for Communion, and we invite everyone to join us after the service for a potluck meal and fellowship.



Welcoming of New Families

- ~ Travis & Becky Berry with Clayton & Lydia
- ~ Todd & Stacy Broberg with Riley & Andrew
- ~ Nate & Tolli Duininck with Sidney & Bo
- ~ Bill & Pam Harrington with Christopher & Ryan
- ~ Barb Lewandowski
- ~ Levi & Katrina Post with Thalia
- ~ Nick & Karissa Sing with Kaleb Sing, Kyndra Sing, Coltyn Marcus, Blake Marcus, Xara Sing, Etta Marcus, Berklee Sing, Layne Sing
- ~ Emma Swierenga
- ~ Katie TeBrake

Global Testimony from Cameroon - dear friends and ministry partners of Jeff & Sheryl Brown, Patrice & Nadege Tchagang

Unity Testimonies

Communion

Celebration Potluck - you are all invited to join us in continuing this Celebration by gathering with food and fellowship after the service.



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.

Friday

6:30a.m.: Men's Bible Study

College Graduates...

Congratulations to **Katie TeBrake** on graduating from Trinity Bible College with degrees in Elementary Education and Biblical Studies. She will be starting her teaching career at CMCS this fall in the 2nd grade.

Congratulations to **Dieula "Lala" Moise** in receiving her nursing pin in the LPN program at Ridgewater College. For now, she plans to continue working at Bethesda.



A Blessing Meal is being planned by our Fellowship Team, **Friday evening, June 3rd from 4-7pm** to bless our community and the visitors coming for the area wide garage sales. All are invited to join us for this meal.



Every year, Children of the Promise holds a Spring Campaign. This year our theme is Fanmi = You belong.

Family, or "Fanmi" in Haitian Creole, is at the core of Children of the Promise's ministry. We ask that you join with us in learning about and celebrating the ways God uses unique family structures to serve the needs of the children we serve. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 towards general operations, which will allow us to sustain the day-to-day ministry of providing support and care for at-risk children and families in Haiti. We are excited to announce that we have already raised just under \$17,000 in the first two weeks! We are excited and prayerful about what the next four weeks will hold for us as we trust in God's provision. Please consider partnering with us in prayer and giving. Visit our website to give at childrenofthepromise.org. Every \$30 donation will receive a unique spring campaign t-shirt in the mail or we can set up a time for you to pick up in our Willmar Office! And follow us on Facebook/Instagram to receive unique spring campaign content!



We would love to give you an opportunity to submit a family photo for our updated, revised **Unity Church Directory** coming out in August. You are welcomed to submit to : unitycrcoffice@gmail.com before August 1.

Call to Prayer:

Continue to lift up **Roger Ulferts** as he adjusts to a new chemo regimen. Prayers for strength and appetite as well as for God's sustaining peace to uphold him and the family.

Please lift up **Carl Bloomberg, brother-in-law to Harris and Lee Duinick** as he remains hospitalized following heart surgery. Recovery is slow and prayers are needed for healing.

Keep **Lois Cook's brother, Clarence Ledeboer**, in your prayers this coming week as on Tuesday he will be having a full day of chemo treatments for two spots in his liver.

Former member and church officer here at Unity, **Gene Troyer**, passed away following a 15-month battle with cancer. The Visitation and Memorial service will take place Sunday, May 22 in Kalona, Iowa (Gene's hometown). Details and service information can be found here: <https://www.peterseimfuneralhome.com/obituaries/gene-troyer-1> The family is requesting memorials go to the Mennonite Central Committee, a relief agency that Gene and Louise regularly volunteered for. Cards can be sent to: Troyer family, 6376 156th St. Apple Valley, MN. 55124

We continue to pray for God's peace for all in **our ag community and their families**. Pray for the timing of God such that this will allow for timely planting and a full harvest.

With this the recent economic surge of inflation is beginning to strain homes and budgets. **Pray for wisdom** for our leaders and for the mercy of God to intervene.

If you would like to receive prayer requests and notes regarding the needs and joys of families within our church and community, please email Kerry Breems with your preferred email address to kerrybreems@gmail.com

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
Marilyn Wieberdink
Willis (& Gret) Wubben
John Negen
Jeff (& Sheryl) Brown
Jim Himmelspach
Norm (& Val) Duinick
Shirley Bonnema
Dorothy Slagter
Bob & Rosie Huizenga
Tonya Larson's sister Deb*

*Kerry's brother-in-law, Herm
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
Greg Verner's mom, Sharon*



Trinity Hill Prayer Requests - Pray that God would continue to lead them and empower them by His Spirit as they are sent into their neighborhoods and communities to share His love in word and deed.

Pray that the Spirit would help them connect with their neighbors and that they would be salt and light in the world.

Pray for their youth and children's ministries. Their GEMS program just wrapped up for the year. They have a new children's ministry during Sunday worship and they are planning Vacation Bible School for June 15-17 and 19. Pray that those ministries would grow and flourish and that many kids would hear and know about God's love for them.

Pray that God would lead them and provide for them as they consider their location long term. It could mean simply staying where they are, or perhaps moving to a more permanent location that they could call their own. Pray for discernment and wisdom as they seek God's leading and that God would continue to provide for their needs.

Pray for their church as they continue to mourn the loss of their pastor, Arlan Koppendrayer. Pray for healing, comfort, and peace. They miss Arlan and they are thankful for all that God did through him, and they are grateful for the way that God has walked alongside them during this time of change and transition.

The Lunch Box Café -

Tuesday, May 24th - Lasagna & Garlic Bread

All Meals are \$5.00/Serving.

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



CMCS Community Listening Sessions - May 31 - We invite you to attend an additional Community Listening Session on Tuesday, May 31 at the AG Church Encore Building, beginning at 7:00pm. These opportunities for constituent feedback will provide us with valuable insight as we develop future educational plans and initiatives. Please RSVP on the school website or by calling the High School Office.



God's Wonder Lab: Jesus Does The Impossible VBS will be held in the **1st CRC church June 20 - 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** each evening. Our God makes the impossible possible! A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us. He does marvelous things!

- **Registration is now open** for kids ages 4 yrs. (by Sept. 1) through 5th grade. To register, go online to www.firstercofprinsburg.org or the First CRC Facebook page. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Sarah Van Dyken at 320-220-4600. *Those who register by May 29 will receive a free CD/DVD of VBS Music.*
- If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Punt at 320-979-6941 or Melissa Bonnema at 320-894-2822.