

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Jeffrey Hubers

January 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. Service

Call to Worship Senior Choir
"Everybody Sing Praise to the Lord!" J.W. Peterson/N. Johnson
*Greet One Another
*Hymns of Praise #267 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
Prayers of God's People Steve VanGenderen, elder
Ministry of Music Senior Choir
"Savior, Like a Shepherd" Bradbury/Artman
Offering Our Gifts to God Scott Pietz, deacon
Please sign the worship registry during offering time.
4 yr. olds - 2nd graders dismissed for Children & Worship
*Hymn #366 "I Surrender All"
Scripture Mark 2:1-17
Message "The Point" ~ Seth Severtson
*Benediction
*Hymn #504 "He Touched Me"

Scripture reading for Feb. 4: Mark 2:18-28

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## 11:00 a.m. Service

Greet One Another  
\*Praise Songs  
Prayers of God's People  
\*Praise Song  
4 yr. olds - 2nd grade are dismissed for Children in Worship.  
Scripture Mark 2:1-17  
Message "The Point" ~ Seth Severtson  
\*Benediction  
\*Ending Song

\*\*\*\*To listen to the service on the phone, dial 990-6338 & put in 13201 as attendee number.

Congratulations to our newly elected elders: John Koons & Scot VanderPol; and deacons: Dennis Butterfield & Dan Pranger.

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

Pray for individuals & families dealing with serious health issues:  
Steve Huber's aunt Scott Appletoft's sister, Lori  
Ryan, Shirley Baas' grandson, Clarice Adema  
Dale Houchin's cousin, Lynn, Jeff Hoffman  
Vicky Graves, brother-in-law, Bryan Loren Menning  
Jean Marie, Dan Moller's sister Gregg Hielema  
Mike Ligtenberg had more tests on the 25th

## Needing our prayers:

\*Twila Raul had a complete knee replacement on Tuesday, pray for pain relief, healing and restored mobility for her  
\*Clarice Adema for rising white blood counts & strength  
\*Kim Vermeulen's mother, Bonnie, as she struggles with Crohn's disease & is hospitalized at Queen of Peace  
\*Corinne Ligtenberg had cataract surgery on the 23rd & the next eye in two weeks  
\*Jared, Dana Hansen's brother, is now under hospice care  
\*Ray Bleeker, Pamela Davis, Dave Christenson, Martha Weg, Doug Bleeker, Loren Menning & Donald Rueb to regain their strength  
\*Pray for the workers on the church's construction site for safety and timely progress in completing the building  
\*Continued prayers for all those struggling with cold/flu and other seasonal illness especially in nursing homes that are fighting the flu and RSV  
\*Pray for the tragedies going on around the world - terrorist attacks, suicide bombers, earthquakes, disease and famine  
\*Pray for the military and those fighting against the war on terrorism  
\*Pray for the president and administration and faithful leadership  
\*Pray for the victims and families of the school shooting in Kentucky  
\*Pray for the family of the farming accident outside Alexandria this past weekend

## Mission/Outreach

Continent of the month: Antarctica

Mission of the week: Youth for Christ ~ Blue Earth, MN ~ Aaron Evenson

Classis Church of the week: City Church plant ~ Sioux Falls ~ Daniel Brunz

Mitchell Church of the week: Wesleyan Church ~ Dan Zeibarth

FRC local mission of the week: Food Pantry

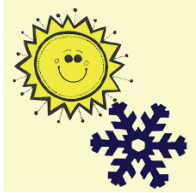
Persecuted Church of Christ: Nigeria

**WELCOME TEAM:** (for both 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services)

| Welcome Team                | Date    |
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| Dale/Sharon Houchin         | Jan. 28 |
| Dave/Pam Punt               | Feb. 4  |
| Dennis/Jane Butterfield     | Feb. 11 |
| Rosalie Spaans/Judy Berkhof | Feb. 18 |

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:**

Jan. 28: Judy Barnes  
 Feb. 4: Verla Vlieger  
 Feb. 11: Vicky Graves  
 Feb. 18: Marge Engel



**BASIC INFORMATION:**

Attendance January 21: 177  
 General offering received January 21: \$5,896.00  
 Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92  
 Mission fund offering: \$3,006.00

**NURSERY**

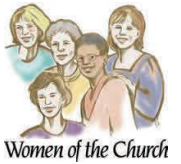
**NURSERY** for babies - 3 yr olds.  
 Today: 8:30 a.m. ~ Kim V. & Emily A.  
           9:45 a.m. ~ Nancy P. & Kim V.  
           11:00 a.m. ~ Jessica P. & Kathy M.  
 Feb. 4: 8:30 a.m. ~ Mavis A. & Janet K.  
           9:45 a.m. ~ Angie V. & Kari H.  
           11:00 a.m. ~ Jeff Schoenfelder family  
 Feb. 7: Dixie & Molly S.  
 Feb. 11: 8:30 a.m. ~ Joann M. & Kobie K.  
           9:45 a.m. ~ Scott Pietz family  
           11:00 a.m. ~ Severtson family  
 Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday - No kids' activities tonight

**CHILDREN and WORSHIP** for 4 yr. olds - 2nd grade

Today: "The Mustard Seed"  
           1st Leader - Randi; Greeters - Hannah S. & Dawson A.  
           2nd Leader - Gloria; Greeters - Tom S.  
 Feb. 4: "The Great Pearl"  
           1st Leader - Kari; Greeters - Betsy V. & Dawson A.  
           2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Kathy M. & Sean P.  
 Feb. 11: "The Good Samaritan"  
           1st Leader - Randi; Greeters - Sara B. & Erin S.  
           2nd Leader - April; Greeters - Alyssa & Anthony G.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

Tuesday, the 30th:  
 7 p.m. ~ RCW ANNUAL MEETING  
*All women of the church are welcome to attend.*  
*Finances will be discussed and new officers for 2018 will be elected. Dessert will be served.*  
 Wednesday, the 31st:  
 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ~ Midweek activities for K-5th grades  
 6:15 p.m. ~ Love Bible study  
 6:15 p.m. ~ Hope Bible study (Sharon H.)  
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. ~ Jr. & Sr. Hi. youth group game night  
 7:45 p.m. ~ Senior Choir practice  
 Saturday, Feb. the 3rd:  
 8:00 a.m. ~ Ladies' Bible study at Klingers  
 Sunday, the 4th:  
 Celebration of Holy Communion  
 Installation & Ordination of elders & deacons  
 Monday, the 5th:  
 1:30 p.m. ~ Hannah Circle members are invited to gather at Wesley Acres for coffee and cake. Hope to see you there! If you have questions, call Judy Berkhof or Judy VanderPol



**Mitchell Christian School Benefit Auction**

Friday, February 9th &  
 Saturday, February 10th

*Our goal is to enable students to attend MCS who might not otherwise have the financial means. Students pay tuition which covers less than 60% of our operating expenses. Therefore, we make up the difference through gifts and fundraising events such as the auction.*



Mandy is asking for the congregation's help in collecting empty shoeboxes that the kids will be using for the Wednesday night projects. Any size will do.

On behalf of the Stephen's Ministry Team, we are bringing to your attention the need for additional support, leadership, guidance, and participation. Stephen's Ministry has been a vital source of care for this congregation and surrounding community. The ministry has reached a current season where our care team and ministry leaders are exhausted and struggling to discern the next steps for Stephen's Ministry. This is a request for:

1. Prayer for and suggestions on how to move forward with this ministry
2. Increase in membership on the care team
3. Leadership for the care team and Stephen's Ministers

If you are interested or have ideas about any of the requests made above, please feel free to contact the following:

Pastor Jeffrey ([jeffrey@mitchelltelecom.net](mailto:jeffrey@mitchelltelecom.net))

Beth Walz ([bethjwalz@gmail.com](mailto:bethjwalz@gmail.com))

Gene Juffer([genesphoto@santel.com](mailto:genesphoto@santel.com))



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We ask you to take a moment to try to imagine the Life of an Abused or Neglected Child.

* Imagine being scared and alone and crying in the night - with no father or mother to comfort you.

*Imagine going to a strangers' home for the holidays because you have nowhere else to go.

* Imagine moving two or three times a year, and starting over at two or three new schools.

* Imagine living in a group home with delinquent kids, and your only crime is that you have no one to care for you.

It is hard for most of us to imagine the life of an abused or neglected child, but the situations above are real and are happening in your community...

We are challenging you to be involved with the local First Circuit CASA (Court Appointed Support Advocates for Children). How can you help?

✦ Make a basket with contents of your choosing that will be auctioned off at our Baskets of Hope Luncheon & Auction being held on March 24, 2018 at the Mitchell Wesleyan Church - for details call

Jackie at 996-1212 or e-mail jackie.horton@mitchellcasa.org

✦ Take a special collection on behalf of CASA.

“Lift up a child’s voice, Lift up a Life.”

Love Feast

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

On Thursday, FEB. 22, First Reformed Church will again sponsor the 'Love Feast' at First United Methodist Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve those in need in our community.

A free supper will be provided for about 350+ people. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Can you assist in any of the following ways?:

***FOOD DONATIONS** - a list of needed items is on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please bring items to the church no later than SUNDAY, FEB. 18th.

***FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** to purchase food and milk for the meal can be placed in the collection canister in the lobby. (Checks payable to First Reformed Church).

***VOLUNTEER WORKERS** - We need 12-14 people (beginning at 6:15 p.m.) to help with preparation on February 21 and 30 workers for the Love Feast on Feb. 22. Youth, adults, and families are welcome! Details on the signup sheet in the lobby. If you work at the Love Feast on Thursday, your meal is provided, and you will be done by 7 p.m.

*And we need small plastic containers (yogurt, butter, etc.) to take meals out to our shut-ins.

PLEASE LEAVE ALL DONATIONS IN Mona's office, except for refrigerated items. THANK YOU.

Please contact Audrey Juffer (999-6177) or Verla Vlieger (996-5856) if you have questions about the Love Feast.

*Sign-up sheets out
on the bulletin board.*

Hope Bible Study will begin a new study on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. We will be studying "Dwelling in God's Peace" by Sarah Young. In this 8 session study par-