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*Believe. Love. Evangelize.
Support Christian Education. Serve.*



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

7/21: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Jasmine Snyder
Coffee Fellowship: Laurie & Jack DeJonge
7/28: Nursery: Dale Johnson & Tayla Vlasma
Coffee Fellowship: Pastor Mark & Stephanie Hofman
8/4: Nursery: Lis Miedema & Asher Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Ron & Kristen Vlasma
8/11: Nursery: Sherrie Wolffis & August Hofman
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda



ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES

***Pray for the * Missionary this Week**

Stephan and Alicia Lutz – Kenya
Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries
Angel Community Church – Muskegon

***Paul & Charlotte Mpindi – Mission French Africa**

Charles & Hensel Oh – Philippines



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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| 1) Joann Deitz | 4) Wilma Doctor | 7) Jim Doornbos |
| 2) Vicky Fisher | 5) Lois Grinwis | 8) Joel Stefanits |
| 3) Betty TenBrink | 6) Ro VerHeul | 9) June Walcott |

*Please call or send a card to **“Care List Member” June Walcott!**
12300 Quincy St., Room 111, Holland, MI 49424

*We pray for you, our Care List Members,
and thank God for each one of you.
No matter what you face,
Jesus is present and each one of you matters
and is never forgotten. You are LOVED!
Warmly, Your Church Family*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The deacons are sponsoring a food drive on Sunday, July 21 and Sunday, July 28. The food received at church will be brought to Love INC for distribution in our community. While all non-perishable food items are welcome, the following, in no particular order, are suggestions: Canned fruits and vegetables; canned tuna, chicken, ham, beef; Vienna sausages; Spam; baked beans; stew; beef and vegetable soup; chicken and vegetable soup; mac and cheese; tomato/spaghetti sauce; pasta; cereal; pop-tarts; peanut butter and jelly; cooking oil; crackers; salt and pepper; brownie mix; muffin mix; pancake mix; pancake syrup; juice. (Keep in mind, too, that low sugar or sugar free varieties of foods are also needed.) There is also a particular need for those with shelter challenges. **Many of the previously listed items are helpful, especially if it comes with a pop-top and in single serving sizes.** Soups, stews, pastas; single serving cup noodles; instant cereal/oatmeal packets; fruit cups; tuna or chicken salad packets; applesauce cups; juice boxes/pouches; bottled water; instant coffee; hot chocolate packets; dehydrated milk; shelf stable milk substitutes; raisins/dried fruit; Ravioli, spaghetti, etc in a pop-top can. Let's look at the abundance in our own pantries, then shop the sales & fill the front of church with food for our neighbors in need.

The deacons are thankful for the June special offering gifts for Thrive of \$276. They are also grateful for the general fund gifts of \$19,171. While this amount is short of our monthly budget, strong giving at the beginning of the year helps bring our six-month total to \$144,000, over \$16,000 above budgeted expectations. For the same six months, our expenses totaled \$132,000 which is in line with the anticipated costs for that time period.

You may have noticed not only do we have brand new Bunn coffeemakers to enhance our fellowship time, but that delicious coffee is now being served in earth-friendly, recyclable cups!!! To make recycling them easier, please rinse the cups out and place them in the garbage bags provided for you in the kitchen. They will then be taken care of by Ames Disposal Service. Thanks for your help in our efforts to be better stewards of God's planet and leave it better than when we came! Together we can make a difference!

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
JULY 21, 2024

A Warm Summer Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, Members! We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Sunday as we celebrate and serve our Savior. This is our seventh service in Pastor Mark's summer sermon series where he's been linking some Lake Michigan lighthouses with scripture passages about how God's light shines in the darkness. From the LORD leading Israel through the wilderness with a pillar of fire, to the army of angels revealed to Elisha and his servant – God's people have seen a great light, and that light was always shining from its source: Jesus our Savior. He's our anchor of hope, our shelter in the storm, and our final harbor home when the sea will be no more. Please join us after the morning service to enjoy a time of fellowship together!

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

We lift our **Council** - for vision, wisdom, leadership, steadfastness, and unity...for preparedness and discernment & joy in the journey: Brian Schuitema, Sherrie Wolffis, Gabe Vlasma, Jean Botting, Pastor Mark, Judy Vaandering, Dave Miedema, Scott Schuitema, Charry Snyder, Barb Malda, Mary Kortman, Amber Johnson, Nate Schout

Deb Vlasma:

- Thanks, that her sister, Paula, was discharged from Trinity! (ruptured bowel)

Dave VanRees:

- Praises that he is recovering well from his gallstone surgery last week and was well enough to be in church on Sunday!

Karen Alphenaar:

- Continued prayers for Serenity's great uncle who is in his 40's and suffered a stroke last week. He has no movement on his left side and blood clots in his brain.
- Praises that Karen's coworker is doing better and expects to return to work in a couple weeks.

Becki and Randy Fisher:

- Prayers needed for the Rodriguez family as Aida's (Randy & Becki's daughter-in-law) nephew was tragically killed in an ORV accident in CA, this is just over a year after his dad was murdered in Mexico. So hard to imagine the pain and grief that they are going through. Arrangements are very difficult to make for many reasons with financial difficulties being the hardest part.

Charry Synder:

- Prayers for their safe return from Charry's sisters in New Mexico. Grateful that they were able to help in so many ways.
- Also, Charry will be going through some tough medical surgeries this fall on both her feet. Please pray for God to prepare her and all those involved in her medical care so that she may have few or no complications.

Pastor Hough and Evelyn:

- Praises for the beautiful tribute on ABC news for Pastor Hough's sister Robbie who passed away last week. She was remembered with love at Muskegon HS where she worked in the kitchen for many years. Our hearts go out to the Hough's in their loss on earth but promise of a beautiful heavenly reunion.

Allen and Angel Churches:

- We are so thankful for the beautiful King's Kids week and for the wonderful friendships we share with each other. We are all blessed!
- We pray for those 40 children who came, the two grandmas, and for the young woman that Barb was able to talk with that first day. May God be glorified.

Stan and Peg Rop:

- Continued prayers for our friends, Diana and Christian. They are at U of M, and she is receiving her donor STEM cells. This is the 6th day of treatment, and she is suffering the "normal" 6-8 day after chemo issues. Sores in her mouth, nausea, tiredness. We pray that she has a miracle with a full recovery. We are so thankful for the donor from Germany. God is so good.
- Thanks for the many prayers offered with our covid bout while we were "supposed" to watch our granddaughter in Duluth. So thankful none of their family were infected and that we were taken care of so well.

Mike Fongers:

- Praises that Carol is doing better and healing from her broken ribs.
- PTL that God has answered our prayers for camp workers and a nurse.

We pray refreshment for parents, students, teachers, and all those in education both at Allen Avenue and in private and public schools during these summer months.

Our Students: Simon, Nora, Serenity, Yeabsira, Tekalegn, Maelin, Tayla, Taylor, Danny, Luke, Addy, Joel, Kayla, Devin, Asher, August, Aethan, Emily, Molly.

- We pray especially for **Danny and Luke Maat** who are leaving on a youth mission trip to Cuba with others from Calvin Church. We pray for safety, guidance and growth as they and those with them touch the lives of others in a different country. May God lead them into a deeper love for Christ and those they meet. Also, be with those at home waiting for their safe return.

We lift up our **Missionaries** as they are led to lead a life of service for God.

· Stephan and Alicia Lutz – Kenya Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries Angel Community Church – Pastor Jeffrey Hough Evelyn), Muskegon Paul & Charlotte Mpindi – Mission French Africa-- Charles & Hensel Oh – Philippines

· **Paul Mpindi** was not feeling well and asked that we support him in all the issues he and other Christians are facing. He reports he is feeling so much better and now asks for a new meeting place as the one they had reserved and planned for was double booked. Also, help him through the many meetings and responsibilities. May Jesus Christ be praised!

- We prayed for the past three years for **Marie's (from DIBS!) niece Princess** and her battle with leukemia. She has just completed three years of chemotherapy, and this little six-year-old is now considered cancer-free!!!
PRAISE GOD FROM WHO ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!