

## SERMON NOTES:

**Scripture:** Proverbs 13:24 & 17:1-17 (Pew Bible pg. #920)

**Message:** "Household Wisdom"

# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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**Pastor Mark Hofman**  
**February 15, 2026**  
**Worship~10:00am**

# Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, February 15, 2026  
Pastor Mark Hofman

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**People: May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

*Opening Hymn of Praise	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i>	<i>LUYH 343</i>
	<i>I Lift My Eyes Up</i>	<i>LUYH 652</i>

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## Time of Renewal

Call to Confession ~ Psalm 39:4-8

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God,  
so many of King David's psalms show a heart out of tune,  
sighing, crying, and breaking with sorrow,  
yet still clinging to faith in you.  
So too, O Lord, are our hearts.

In Jesus Christ, you have given us what we need most:  
his cross makes our forgiveness possible,  
and his Spirit tunes our hearts again to sing your praises.

**People: Humbly we beg your pardon for our sins.  
Eagerly we plead your help  
to enthrone in our hearts your Son:**

**People: Christ Jesus, King of the universe, our Savior and Lord.  
And with King David we declare our trust  
in your unfailing love. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon ~ 1 Peter 4:7-11

Sung Confession of Faith      *I Am Not My Own*

*Children's Blessing*

***The Lord loves you.  
He promises to go with you.  
Praise him for being so good.  
May he bless you as you worship him.***

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

## God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation	<i>How Great is the Love of the Father</i>	<i>LUYH 683</i>
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Scripture Passage	Proverbs 13:24 ; 17:1-17	Pew Bible pg. #920
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Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message      « *Household Wisdom* »

Prayer of Application

## We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings      General Fund & World Renew  
*[offerings may be given online at [allenavechurch.org](http://allenavechurch.org)  
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*Song	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	<i>LUYH 730:1,2</i>
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\*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	<i>LUYH 730:3</i>
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\*Postlude

# We Live to B.L.E.S.S.

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



## NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



2/15: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Renee Vlasma  
Sunday School/Catechism  
Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda  
2/22: Nursery: Dale Johnson, Violet & Hope  
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma & Kelly Dauser  
Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema, Katelyn Overkamp  
3/1: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Tayla Vlasma  
Sunday School/Catechism  
Coffee Fellowship: Carolyn & Justin Wilson  
3/8: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Mary Maat  
Children in Worship: Amber Johnson, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan  
Coffee Fellowship: Dean & Amber Johnson

## ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



### **\*Pray for the \* Missionary this Week**

Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization  
**\*Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries**  
Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church  
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa  
Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan

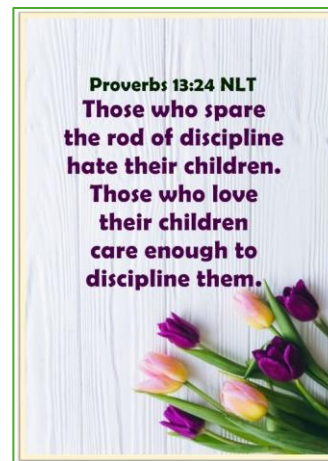


## ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

- 1) Betty TenBrink
- 2) Joel Stefanits
- 3) Wilma Doctor
- 4) Ro VerHeul
- 5) **Jim Doornbos**

\*Please call or send a card to Care List Member, Jim!  
Poppen House, 2065 E. Mt. Garfield Rd., Muskegon, MI 49444.

*Dear Care List Members, This season is not wasted. Quiet moments can be powerful times for reflection, creativity, and connection with God and others in new ways. Hope is still alive. Even in stillness, life can surprise you with joy, beauty, and blessings. Remember today & always, you are loved!*



## **A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, and Members!**

We are so blessed to have you worshiping with us this Sabbath Sunday! This week we finish our sermon series in the book of Proverbs as we journey on to greater wisdom in our Christian pilgrimage. Today we will be looking at Proverbs 13:24 & 17:1-17 - "Household Wisdom. "Please join us downstairs after the service for a time of reconnecting with the family of God here at AACRC!

## **COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS**

**Our special offering for Sunday, February 15 is for World Renew.** World Renew is compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, joining communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

**"Dear Friends at Allen Avenue,  
Thank you for standing with World Renew this past year.** Through the generous giving of churches like yours across United States, totaling over \$1.9M USD in 2025, families facing poverty, and disaster have been met with practical help and lasting hope. We are grateful for the way God continues to work through His Church to bring renewal to communities around the world. Your congregation's gifts in 2025 contributed to a larger impact, one that reached 720,633 participants in 1,449 communities across 30 countries worldwide in 2024-25. Your generosity is providing families with access to essentials like medical care, education, food, and crisis support, while also strengthening long-term efforts for communities to thrive. Thank you for helping families experience God's love and find a hopeful future."

**With appreciation, Andrew Rienstra**

**"Thank you for your recent gift in support of ReFrame's Chinese Language Ministry** and thank you for your faithful prayers. Your generosity is a meaningful expression of partnership in this work, and we are grateful for the ways your support helps share the gospel through ReFrame's media ministry around the world. May God bless your church community!" --**Jessica Fox, Church and Donor Relationship Manager of ReFrame Ministries**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

### **Allen Avenue will be hosting the Classis meeting on Thursday, February 26.**

Many hands are needed for this important event, so if you are feeling called to volunteer, please talk to Sue Sytsema, Kelly Dauser, or Pastor Mark.

### **The Men's Bible Study** will meet at church on Monday, February 16, at 6:15PM.

We will be studying lesson 14.

**"Hearts on Fire" Women's Bible Study** will meet on Thursday, February 19, from 1:30-3pm. Prepare Session Six in our personal Bible study on pg. 141-169.

**GEMS meet in the church basement this Wednesday, February 18, from 6:15-8pm** for our Special GEM/Favorite Him night. Each GEM is asked to bring a special adult male in her life (dad, stepdad, grandpa, uncle, etc.) to this get together. We will have supper and play some games and just have a fun time. If your Favorite Him is unable to attend, please come anyway. See you all there Wednesday!

**Muskegon Christian School** has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 2:50-4:30pm: March 2 & 9, April 13, and May 4 & 11.

### **CONNECT Group will start back up on Sunday, February 15 from 11:30-**

**12:30.** Interested in what CONNECT is? Contact Charry Snyder or Denise Koetje!

**"Hi, Allen Ave! Emily Snyder here! I'm doing a fundraiser called the "BIG FREEZE" to earn some money to put towards my college tuition. I will be taking a plunge in freezing cold water. Money donated will go directly towards this scholarship opportunity and essentially my tuition. Thank you for your consideration! If you would like to donate, **this is the LAST day to donate online...**here is my link:"**

**<https://my.onecause.com/fundraiser/organizations/0c2e730a-7a8e-49b3-b19b-6eed7ffb9382/fundraisers/fundraiser:16e65094-6b83-4738-a15f-da07abb3f410/personalfundraisers/personalfund:d7dca28f-921e-4900-8314-ba2c97b0bd64>** . **If you would rather just give a check or cash to my dad Phil Snyder TODAY instead, he will be able to get your donations to me before the deadline.**

**We, as a congregation, are going to once again love on our missionaries** each month. The month of February we are going to begin with **Pastor Jeffery & Evelyn Hough**. Please shower them with cards/letters/emails of encouragement. Send your encouragements to: 1064 Wood St., Muskegon, MI 49442 or by e-mail to [pastorjah@angelcc.org](mailto:pastorjah@angelcc.org). Let's fill their mail box this February!

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

**Continued prayers for my father Steve Brinks** as he has had some pretty rough days lately. He has a doctor appointment on Friday 2/13 to discuss radiation on his femur. They think that may help alleviate some of his pain. We are so appreciative of the prayers being offered. **-Melisa Vlasma**

**Ron Vlasma** asks for continued prayers for him and **Kristin** as they journey through this cancer together. He has a lot of fatigue after his treatments and is just not feeling well. This is his "off week" for treatments.

Continued prayers for **Jim Doornbos** who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and is presently at the Poppen Hospice. May God hold Jim, Mary, and Ed very close in the days ahead. Cards may be mailed to: 2065 E. Mt. Garfield Rd., Muskegon, MI 49444.

We lift up **Mike Fongers** for the Botox injections to control his bladder spasms... that they would be successful and would alleviate the issues he is having.

**WMC-Chris Ruiter, staff, students, parents**-We have mid-winter break this week, so the students have Thursday, Friday, and Monday off while the teachers have professional development.

**MCS-Nate Schout; staff, students, parents**- Please pray for great teaching days and then fruitful professional development on Thursday and Friday..

**We pray for our charter schools' and public schools' communities** as they love on and educated the children entrusted to their care. Also, for some local schools who have lost students in tragic deaths and accidents. May God hold them all so very close during these difficult days of grieving and healing.

**Lord Jesus, heal Your world & our land**—the injustices, the abuse, the persecutions, the war-torn countries, the crimes committed, and the suffering. May we show up everyday to make a difference and fight to right the wrongs.