

August 14, 2022



South Grandville Church

**SPOTLIGHT**

*Connect - Equip - Reach*

## **Council Announcements:**

- Council is scheduled to meet Monday at 7:00PM. Some of the items on the agenda for Council are: review the plans for the Fall programming, discuss ways to help Hope CRC, review a Ministry Team Proposal to move excess funds from the General Fund to Capital Improvements and repave the parking lot, and discuss preparations for a Congregational Meeting in September or October. Please pray for wisdom as we seek what is best for God's people here.

## **Church Announcements:**

- **This Sunday** we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and we welcome Rev. Ken Baker to bring us the Word. His message comes from 1 Samuel 1 and is titled "When Things Look Bleak".

**Next Sunday** Pastor Will brings us a message titled "Balcony People", with the text from Acts 9:26-28.

- **The Administrative Office** will be closed August 19-21.
- **Men's Bible Study – Fall 2022:** Come join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 to study the Gospel of Mark as taught by Professor NT Wright. The study will cover 13 sessions, but you do not need to make everyone. Come when you can. Each week will be about 1 hour and 15 minutes. It will begin on September 8 and conclude Lord willing on December 8. A sign-up sheet is in the back to help determine where to meet based on the expected group. There is also a handout with the schedule. You can come to this class without doing any preparation, but I would challenge you to read the Gospel of Mark. If you read one chapter a week you will finish about the time we are done. If you read one chapter a day, you will read the Gospel of Mark 6 times by the end. If you read 2 chapters a day, You will have almost made my challenge of reading it each week.
- **All women are invited to study the parables of Jesus this fall.** We will be using a book called "The Kingdom Equation" by John Timmer. Our first lesson will be on September 22 and we will meet on consecutive Thursdays at 11AM, finishing before Thanksgiving. **Please sign up** on the sheet on the counter by the bulletin board if you would like to be part of this group. A book will be placed in your mailbox once we receive them. Cost is \$14.
- As we prepare for welcoming a new pastor to our congregation, we want to make sure we have an **updated and complete pictorial directory**. If your family picture is outdated, or if you do not have a picture in the current directory, please email a picture to the church office at [office@southgrandvillechurch.org](mailto:office@southgrandvillechurch.org) as soon as possible. Also, please check to make sure that your contact information is correct and let Kristina know of any updates.

- **ADVANCE NOTICE:** On Sunday, November 6, we will be hosting an evening concert by the group “Jubal Brass”, an 18-member brass ensemble. This concert will be open to the public. Please mark your calendar and plan to invite family & friends to join us!

### **Search Team Update:**

- At our August 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor Search Team meeting, we considered two pastor candidates. We discussed the references of one pastor candidate, whom we had previously interviewed on Zoom, and held an initial interview on Zoom with the other. We decided to move forward with both candidates, extending a second interview request to one and a request for references to the other. We hope to be conducting that 2<sup>nd</sup> interview on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to support our team with your prayers as we seek to discern through the Holy Spirit’s leading the will of God for our church going forward.

### **Calendar:**

August 15 - Full Council Meeting 7pm. Elder and Deacon Meetings will follow

### **Schedule:**

**Interim Pastor Will Hensen: Phone 616-915-8757**

**Admin Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 2:30-5pm, Friday 12:30-2**

**Diane’s Summer Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9-2**

#### **August Offering Schedule**

#### **August Special Offering: Christian Schools International**

August 7: General Fund, Faith Promise

August 14: General Fund, Christian Education

August 21: General Fund, Baby Pantry

August 28: General Fund, Benevolence

- **Coffee Servers:**  
August 14: Orrie & Stacy Chaffin, Becky Wilson  
August 21: Gary & Sue Pipping, Marc & Nancy Faasse
- **Bus Drivers:**  
August 14: Ed Peters  
August 21: Brian Reed
- **Kids Own Worship:**  
August 14: Linda Schroeder - Creation Part 2  
August 21: Bonnie Williams - Creation Part 3
- **Nursery:**  
August 14: Sue Pipping, Taylor Dornbos  
August 21: Robin Dertien, Harper Remijn
- **Hospitality:**  
August 14: Art & Paulette Ackerson  
August 21: Art & Paulette Ackerson

# Prayer List

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Phillipians 4:6*

**South Grandville Prayer Line 616-532-5413 (option 4)**

## Requests

- Council Members: Steve Maring, Jim Mellema, James Toebe, Lori Vellenga
- Military: SGT Benjamin VandenBosch
- Missionary of the Month: Pastor Tony & Stacey Meyer, Madrid, Spain
- Members: Grace Dykstra, Rog VandeKieft, Bernie & Betty Vanderiest, EvenIn Allen
- Please remember our brothers and sisters in Christ from Hope CRC as they wrestle with decisions about their church closing. Pray for comfort as they grieve this ending. Pray for Wisdom as they make difficult decisions. Pray for peace as they seek a church home where they can be active in worship and other activities. Pray for wisdom for our congregation as we care for Hope's members while they are transitioning to their permanent church homes.

## Help & Healing

- **Paulette Ackerson** continues to convalesce at home following her recent hospital stay. She is gradually improving and hopeful for additional progress..
- **Fred Brunsting** received an encouraging post-op report from his surgeon on Wednesday. Please join him in a prayer for both patience and healing in the days and weeks ahead.
- **Gerrit DenHartog** continues to receive physical therapy in his apartment at Porter Hills. His condition has improved and he continues to gain strength..
- After a series of medical tests over the last several months, **Pastor Will** has been diagnosed with Stage 4 classic Hodgkins lymphoma cancer. The oncologist is confident the aggressive regimen of chemotherapy over the next six months may not only treat, but also possibly cure this cancer with an 80% success rate. Health and strength permitting, Pastor Will intends to continue to serve our church as our Interim Pastor. While obviously much will depend on how well Pastor Will handles the chemotherapy treatments, doctors believe that remaining active and engaged in his work is neither unmanageable nor unrealistic. So this is encouraging. The Council is committed to supporting Pastor Will and Janet during this journey and will make whatever adjustments to his pastoral and preaching responsibilities as needed. Pastor Will and Janet ask for your prayers during this time of uncertainty even as they affirm a strong faith in the providential care of a Sovereign and Loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Cards and notes of encouragement for Pastor Will and Janet can be sent to 7398 Augusta Lane, Hudsonville, MI 49426
- Give thanks that **Pastor Dan Mouw** is home and making good progress. He will continue with physical therapy. We join Pastor Dan and Pat in prayers of thanksgiving for the progress he has made and continued prayers for a full recovery.

- **Jim Schipper** is experiencing breathing issues and is hopeful of seeing a specialist soon to consider the possibility of having surgery on a problem with his diaphragm.
- **Beth Staal** continues to receive care and physical therapy at the Valley View Care Center, 1050 Four Mile, Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544. She has regained a significant amount of strength and is hopeful of returning to her room at Aurora Pond soon.
- **James Toebe**s was able to be discharged from Forest View and is making good progress.
- **Lori Vellinga** continues to deal with a series of health issues. She has been referred to a number of medical specialists and continues to undergo needed medical tests with the hope of receiving an accurate diagnosis and a helpful treatment plan.
- **Jim Vos** is scheduled to be in Madison, Wisconsin on Tuesday and Wednesday for a follow-up evaluation as part of the clinical trial that he has been participating in the last few years. With him we are hopeful of encouraging reports.

### **Happy Birthday!**

August 4: Walker Chaffin  
 August 6: Mike Blodgett  
 August 8: Keith Beavon  
 August 10: Barb Blouw  
 August 12: Betty Witvliet  
 August 14: Fred Brunsting, Jesse Ruler  
 August 17: Beth Staal  
 August 20: Cindy Alkema  
 August 21: Christy Toebe, Carter Netz  
 August 23: Pat VandenBosch, Rosa Padilla  
 August 24: Landen Brechting  
 August 25: Sue Pipping  
 August 26: Ashleigh Dornbos, Sal Padilla  
 August 30: Ava Toebe, Logan Toebe  
 August 31: Dylan Stewart, Liam Breuker