

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

OCTOBER 13, 2021

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom or in person in our chapel.

People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website:
<https://zoom.us/j/862139432>
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with questions.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Gideons International

The Gideons International is dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments across the globe.

CLYDE'S UPDATE

I have been hearing of a weather change coming our way. Maybe a little snow in the Black Hills. We knew it was coming at some point. We have certainly been loving this amazing fall thus far. I know the farmers are getting lots of harvest done and I am hearing different reports on yields depending on where the rains fell. It is that season. Hunting season is not far off, and I am hoping the weather is nice for that. I got injured last year, if you remember, and didn't really get to finish up my time like I would have liked so, I really want to get back out there again. I hope you have all been enjoying all this colorful season. It won't last forever, but right now it is wonderful.

We have been working our way through the fall season activities. Sunday School, MidWeek, Choir and all the other things. We are noticing smaller groups, but we know what that is all about. People being cautious. I have believed and continue to believe that we just need to get a bit further down this "virus" road. We can do it together, folks. We will keep everyone up to speed and always communicate how things are going. I am so grateful for all our volunteers who are doing so much to keep all these things going. Great job!

This is October, so our denomination is finally meeting after nearly 2 years of meetings being cancelled from COVID related things. I am watching that very closely. Things are divisive there for sure and there are plans being offered to get out of that rut. It will be most interesting to see how all of this will finally unfold. There have been so many opinions on how that might go. Now, we are all going to see. That will be helpful. We will watch, we will evaluate, and we will plan. God is bigger than this. I am trusting first in His kingdom and from there, we will do our next things. Pray it up folks. Go God Go!

My first MidWeek class starts this week. I am excited about spending some time with folks and growing our faith by doing new book study. It is a class that I hope to make so that if you can't be there for all the classes, it would still work. I can do that. We will be ordering books this week, once I know how many we need. It's good stuff. Join us!

My sermon this coming Sunday is now going to look at the connection we have to our Savior. I think it might be more correct to say the connection he has to us. In John's 2nd letter, John points out that we love because Jesus loved us first. It was Jesus who chose the disciples and when Jesus says come and follow, he has made a decision that is motivated by his unfailing love toward us. That love is not empty! God's love has power! It has a kind of heart infiltrating purpose that brings new life to us. The kingdom of God is a place where that love is manifested...eternally. The world can offer no such gift like that. We will talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Thanks Pastor!

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



Check The Link for updated printed directories. These are printed every quarter to keep current with changes.

NEW START DATE: THE JOURNEY BIBLE STUDY

Starting after the 1st of the year
Register with Jeannette Jennings
E-mail: jlkoch19@gmail.com
Phone: 605-360-7230

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SERVING AT THE BANQUET

Community will be serving at
The Banquet downtown on
Tuesday, Nov. 16th.

We'll need:
8 volunteers to prepare the meal
at 2 PM - 5PM &
25 total volunteers to serve the meal
at 5:15 PM-7:30 PM

**Sign up on the table in the lobby or by
emailing connect@communityrc.org.**

PACKING COLLEGE CARE BOXES

Do you have a family member or friend in college this semester? Join us for 30 minutes- to an hour as we gather to assemble boxes of goodies and encouragement, sprinkled with prayers, to be delivered to these students.

No college student? Consider joining us anyway.

To participate, or for more information, email robinmjacobs98@gmail.com or text 612-730-7754 by October 15th.

When: October 18th, at 6:30pm
Where: Robin Jacobs' garage (Southside SF)
What to Bring: 1 empty box/bag for each of your student(s) and a single item to be shared in all the boxes. Examples are pretzels, gum, meat sticks, cookies, encouraging verses

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, OCT 13:

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Chicken or Taco Salad
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children, Middle School Youth Group & Adults (Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

SATURDAY, OCT 16:

7:00AM-Prayer Ministry (chapel)
10:00AM- AA meeting

SUNDAY, OCT 17:

8:00am, 9:00am & 10:45am-
In-person Sunday Services
10:00am- Sunday School

MONDAY, OCT 18:

6:30pm- Packing College Care Boxes

TUESDAY, OCT 19:

7:00pm- AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCT 20:

5:30-6:30pm- Soup Night
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children, Middle School Youth Group & Adults (Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on October 19th at 7:00pm. Carol is hostess and Donna has the lesson.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at Noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Next date: Nov. 8. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

JOY CIRCLE

Monday, Oct. Nov. 8 at 9:30am

BAPTISMS

We'll be doing private baptisms after the 10:45am service. If you'd like to request baptism, please email the church office at connect@communityrc.org.

BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 9am at the church. They will be discussing *My Sunshine Away*.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, October 19, at 7 pm at the church. They will be discussing *Glass Castles*.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues. at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We had a wonderful first night of Mid-Week last week! We served just under 200 people for dinner, and we had a large number of adults stick around to hear about the adult classes we will be offering this year. For those of you who were unable to attend, here are the details for those adult Mid-Week classes.

Pastor Clyde will be doing a book study on the book, "A Deeper Journey" by Robert Mulholland. This study will focus on God's transforming work in us. It's a fairly easy read, but the content is profound. His class will meet in the chapel area from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday nights. If you want to order the book, I know he will be working on gathering a list of people so the books can all be ordered together. However, you do not need the book to participate in the class.

Pastor John will be doing his study from an online source called "The Wired Word." The first topic will be on the challenges of living with chronic pain while following Christ. His class will meet in the office area around the double tables from 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday nights.

And I will be doing a study called "A Word or The Word?" Each night, we'll compare Scripture with other words that are often incorrectly attributed to Scripture. Our weeks will include topics like "Hymn Lyric or Bible Verses," "Wise Sayings or Scriptures," "Famous Songs or Bible Verses," and several others, and we will discuss the implications of attributing things to the Bible that aren't in the Bible and vice versa. And along similar lines, a couple of the nights will be about Scripture only and will include strange things you never knew were in the Bible and cherry-picked verses or whole sections of scripture. I think we'll have a lot of fun while learning about what the Bible actually says. My class will meet in the Sanctuary (the big room) this year in order to clear out the fellowship hall after the meal, and to give everyone just a bit more space to spread out if they so choose.

If you have any questions about Mid-Week, please let me know!

Don't forget that we have decided to bump the starting date of choir back just a few weeks to October 24. If you missed the meeting but you want to sing, PLEASE contact me so I can add you to our list of singers. I have had several people contact me, so we do have enough to form a choir, but we will always take more! ☺ Remember, our choir rehearsals will run from 4:00-5:30pm (with childcare provided), and the concerts will be December 5 at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. If you are planning to sing, please let me know!

Lastly this week, I need to update everyone who was considering The Journey class. Jeannette has done a marvelous job of connecting with people and sharing information about this study, but it's looking like the fall is not the best time to begin this group. In light of that, she is going to bump her starting date to some time after the first of the year. Friends, this study is outstanding.

Please give some prayerful thought to participating in it. I know you will be blessed. Have a great week and enjoy this gorgeous fall weather!
Liz

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TO COMPLETE A
CONTACT CARD**



KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

We had a nice group of kids for Midweek. It is always so fun to be together. Kids are welcome to join us any time. The meal begins at 5:30 with lessons at 6:30. We wrap up by 7:30 (that's when High School Youth Group starts.)

In the last few weeks, I've been thinking about parent/ teacher conferences. Quite a few kids from Community had their conferences recently. It struck me that during conferences, kids receive feedback from their teachers about how they are doing academically and sometimes socially. They may get reminded to talk a little less in class or encouraged to speak their mind a little more often. They may be encouraged to read more or do their homework on time. They might have an opportunity to have their hard work celebrated. Test scores may be reviewed, and assignments shared. They may even be recognized as a kid with great character or as a kid who always goes out of their way to be kind and helpful. Regardless of the content of parent/ teacher conferences, the reality is that even the best teachers (and parents) cannot understand the entirety of a child's gifts, talents, or personality. Only God understands our true identity. God is shaping us, helping us grow, and He knows us perfectly and entirely. He sees our children not as musical, athletic, smart, creative, nice, funny, struggling, excelling, etc. but instead as HIS. He sees every one of us through perfect eyes that understand our hearts, our motives, our past, our present and our future. Not only does He see things as they are, but He also knows what is best and needed. That is a truth that I hope we can instill in kids. I think we probably all need that reminder.

We're giving Bibles to 3rd Graders- Sunday, October 31, 2021, 9 and 10:45am. Kids can come to either service to get their Bibles. Also, if you or your child (older than 3rd grade) need a Bible, feel free to let me know. We want to get God's words in everyone's hands so we have plenty of Bibles stacked up in my office, ready to hand out.

See you soon!

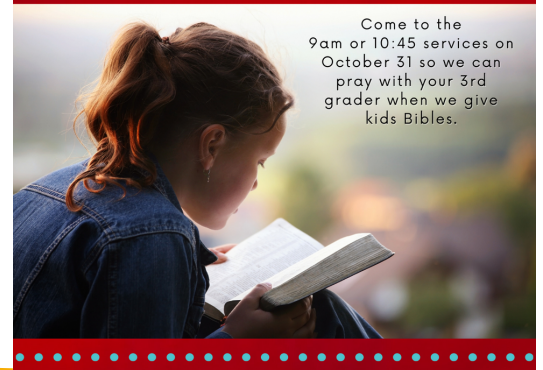
-Heather

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9AM OR 10:45AM SERVICES

605.church/nurseryvolunteers

Bibles for 3rd Graders

10-31-21 9am or 10:45am



Come to the 9am or 10:45 services on October 31 so we can pray with your 3rd grader when we give kids Bibles.

REMEMBER!

BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS

Sunday, Oct. 31st
At the 9am & 10:45am services



DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

We are officially in full swing for midweek and Sunday morning. While the high school group may miss having the entire church to themselves on Wednesday's, it was so fun having everything going again. Our series for the month in Middle school follows the high school's from September – "You Are Known". I'm so excited to get into the story of creation this week as we see the depth of knowledge God has of us, His creation. The high school moves into a new series "You are Loved". This is always one of my favorite topics to talk about with anyone as we explore the fullness of God's perfect love for us.

Along with midweek and Sunday school, our monthly events are also starting back up. This month, our middle school and high school students are going to the Heartland Corn Maze. On **Sunday, October 24th** we will meet at the maze at 6:45 p.m. Students, if you are free to come join us for a night in the maze, let me know by Wednesday the 20th.

Rewind one week to **Sunday, October 17th**. I will be hosting a parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. here at church for the middle school and high school parents. I will be going over the fall calendar, talk through the series for the next few months and seek out some insight and thoughts from you all as parents. My prayer is that we can continue to find ways to partner together throughout the year as you journey through your students middle school and high school years. If you have any questions, bring them with you to the meeting or feel free to reach out anytime.

That's it for this week.

Doyle
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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alida VerBerg's son-in-law, Jim (ICU)
- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (car accident)
- Scott Irwin's mom
- Lux (3-month old having open heart surgery)
- Jenny Getting
- Mary Warner (heart)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- Harriett Valentine's grandson's wife, Amy
- Jim Fisher's brother, Dan
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/ long-term rehab)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

FINANCES

Sunday, October 10, 2021

General: \$10,598
Vision: \$750
Missions: \$260
Sunday School: \$4
Wednesday Night: \$327

General YTD: \$623,829
Vision YTD: \$73,516
Vision Account Balance: \$184,251

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REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org. We are doing private baptism after the 10:45am service until further notice.

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our Vision Fund at church.

THE GIVE

CHECK OUT THE GIVE WALL IN THE LOBBY.
IT'S A PLACE TO DONATE TO LOCAL MINISTRIES

Church on the Street

Men- Boxers of all sizes
Women- Panties of all sizes,
stretch bras of all sizes

Inspiration Elementary School (our neighbor)

New Sweatpants & underwear
(sizes 4, 5,6)

Family Visitation Center

Juice boxes and baby wipes

Ben Reifel Middle School (our neighbor)

Teen Size gloves, hats, scarves, socks,
gently used coats

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