

# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 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

October is moving right along. I have been hearing of some cooler temps coming this week. We did have a little frost last week, which I rather enjoyed. I was ready for that. We can hold off on cold for a while longer, but a frost now and then is not that bad. You can really see the fall colors this week. I always wish that could stay longer, but it doesn't last. A little rain and wind and they are all gone. We all know what that means. Cooler weather is coming. Right now, enjoy the beautiful colors.

As November gets closer, I get excited knowing that my hunting time is getting close. I am hoping for some good weather and some good time out there in those river hills. It puts me in a different frame of mind, and a good place to be in more ways than one. I enjoy the hunting, but I enjoy the place I am hunting even more. Soul food. I am sure there are many of you who understand that. We all need that kind of place or that kind of setting. It is good for us to have these kinds of gifts in our lives.

Our MidWeek programs are going. We can see a little gain each week in the numbers. I have a feeling that slow, steady increase in numbers is how all of these things will go for this fall season. It is a part of how life is right now, and we are going to have to live in that space. Thanks to everyone who is giving us so much help right now. It will make a difference in the lives of many. That is the best part of what we do and something we can all celebrate!

I have been watching many of the happenings in Tucson this week with the gathering of our General Synod and all the business they are attending to. I waited to write this letter so I could provide an update. However, there are still some important votes yet to happen and so at this point I don't have all the information. Our church will be working on all of these things much more now that all of that business is over. I am still processing the information and talking to my friends in our Classis. We are not alone in this friends...remember that. We have plenty of neighbors who are working on this too. The Consistory is listening too. We will be having a meeting for all of you in the near future and you can expect to hear plenty more in the days ahead.

Choir will be starting this Sunday afternoon at 4pm. We waited a couple of weeks just to see how all the virus things would go. There seems to be some good progress there and that is a good thing to see. We are still looking for singers. We will be singing in the big worship center just to give everyone a little more space. I am really looking forward to that. It has been a long time since that group has met. Join us!

Our Sermon series this Sunday stays on the personal side of the Kingdom of God. Jesus watches over us. He looks upon us with eyes that understand who we are and what we are going through. We are not just another face in the crowd to him. Once again, it is that personal side of God that so many people never connect to. We will talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

STARTS Sunday, Oct. 24  
4:00-5:30pm

### COMMUNITY MISSIONS ACTION TEAM

Tuesday, Oct. 26th  
6:00pm

### MISSIONS FAIR

Sunday, Oct. 31st  
8:45am-10:45am  
Visit with missions representatives at booths  
in the lobby.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### 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](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).**

### TAKE NOTE

Adult class sizes were a bit larger than expected this past week so we've switched up where each class is meeting.

Clyde's Class: Fellowship Hall  
John's class- Chapel  
Liz's Class- Sanctuary

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 20:

5:30-6:30pm- Meal- 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

### SATURDAY, OCT 23 :

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

### SUNDAY, OCT 24:

8:00am, 9:00am & 10:45am-  
In-person Sunday Services  
10:00am- Sunday School  
10:10am- Learn more about Mentoring  
4:00-5:30- Choir Starts  
6:45- H.S./M.S at Heartland Corn Maze

### TUESDAY, OCT 26:

6:00pm- Missions Action Team  
7:00pm- AA Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 27:

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

## OTHER MINISTRIES

### 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, Nov. 8 at 9:30am

### BAPTISMS

We'll be doing individual family baptisms after the 10:45am service. If you'd like to request baptism, please email the church office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).

### AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs ([tjstonegate@gmail.com](mailto:tjstonegate@gmail.com)) for meeting access.





# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I don't have many updates for you this week. Sunday School and Midweek are both going well. I'm spending a little time in my office getting ready for the Kids Christmas Program. That will happen on 12/5/21 and we'll practice during Sunday School and on the day of the program. I'll get more details out on that in the next few weeks.

The pictures this week are from Preschool and 2nd Grade during Sunday School. The Preschoolers enjoyed some puppets to go with their Bible lesson. The 2nd graders were creating some Noah's Ark paper crafts so they can retell the story from the Bible for their parents.

As a 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.

See you soon!

-Heather



## 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.



**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
9AM OR 10:45AM SERVICES**

[605.church/nurseryvolunteers](https://605.church/nurseryvolunteers)



DOYLES'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

October is over halfway through! That does not feel right as I type that out. Our middle school and high school night out at the corn maze is coming up this **Sunday, the 24th**. We will meet out at the **Heartland Corn Maze at 6:45** for fun night in the corn. If your student is planning on joining us, please let me know so I have an idea of how many people we have coming. Friends are welcome to join as well! We will be finished by 7:45, and for all the parents who will be bringing students, feel free to stay and join us as well!

We had our parent meeting this past Sunday and I am so thankful for the parents that came. While there may not be a whole lot of things new from me for parents who have had students in the ministry the last three years, I value those times together a lot as I learn and grow in my ability to serve in youth ministry through those conversations. I appreciate the feedback and the insight into issues and struggles you see your students going through. One of the series I will be doing this next Spring will include those insights as we compare what students and parents say as issues facing our middle school and high school students. From the meeting's response last night, those responses from parents overlap so much with what students have already shared. I'm looking forward to working with those two things and putting that series together.

Before I get too far ahead of myself though, we continue our October series the week. The middle school is in a series "You Are Known" and we transition from creation to the fall. To hear and look at God's knowledge of us fully includes the times we have sinned and fallen short of God's desire for our life. This lesson then leads to the final night – redemption. I love the good news given to us through scripture and look forward to the next two weeks together. The high school group is in a series "You Are Loved". Following up the same known series as the middle school is going through, we move to the love God has for us. One that is sacrificial, personal, inviting, and never ending! As we carry on in October, I pray our students continue to seek Jesus as he is the source of love, joy, peace and hope!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle  
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery to remove tumor)
- Carol Baker (surgery)
- Darla Anderson's daughter, Emma

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alida VerBerg's son-in-law, Jim (ICU)
- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (car accident)
- Lux (3-month old had open heart surgery)
- Jenny Getting
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnice (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)

## CONDOLENCES

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO SHAWN BLOM AND HIS FAMILY, AS WELL AS ARIC BLOM AND HIS FAMILY ON THE PASSING AWAY OF THEIR GRANDMOTHER JEAN.

OUR CONDOLENCES ALSO GO OUT TO AL HOOGENDOORN ON THE PASSING OF HIS BROTHER, GILBERT. PLEASE KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.

## FINANCES

Sunday, October 17, 2021

General: \$16,390  
Vision: \$1,355  
Missions: \$225  
Wednesday Night: \$237

General YTD: \$640,219  
Vision YTD: \$74,871  
Vision Account Balance: \$185,606



# CONSISTORY NOTES

OCTOBER 14, 2021

Attendance: Clyde, Shawn, Grant, Mike H., Joel, Robyn, Russ, Tom J., Rick, Tom V., Tom B., Logan, Duane, Matt M., Steve, Matt W., Corey, and Kenny

Opening Devotional and prayer – Kenny Hartzell

MSA the minutes from September

MSA of the financial reports for September given by Logan

## Old Business

RCA & ARC Updates

- General Senate is meeting this month. We will know more and have some direction after their meetings in October.

Budgets from each budget team were turn into Logan. We will have the annual budget meeting November 17th.

## New Business

Reports – Liz and Heather were reviewed.

- Liz

- o Mid-week is off to a good start. We served 182 people for the meal. We had well over 100 stay for the adult classes.

- o A request for credit card for the Mid-Week meals was requested. Pastor Clyde will discuss this with the Deacons.

- o Going to bump the start of the Journey to January. There were several people interested but no commitments. Hoping January will work better.

- o Choir start date bumped to Oct. 24th. Almost have enough people to sing.

- o Liz is hoping to record a new worship CD sometime late this fall.

- Heather

- o Sunday school numbers are low. Heather thinks this will increase over time as the COVID numbers come down. Starting 30 minutes seems to be working well.

- o 3rd grade Bibles – It looks like we will have quite a few kids join us on 10/31 so Heather order some more Bibles.

- o Midweek – The group was smaller this year so far but we had a great time. We are reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe together and having some interesting discussions. Also playing games and other fun activities.

- o Christmas Program – There will be a single practice on the afternoon of the program. This idea comes from parents who loved online option last year because it is a challenge to make weekly practices.

- o School Action Team – Several things going on here.

- o Inspiration Elementary really appreciated the gift for their PTA.

Inspiration and Ben Reifel schools both said that the back-to-school supply gifts were very much needed and were thankful for our help.

- o Lori B has built a relationship with staff at Inspiration

- o Jolene L. is serving at Inspiration by helping with lamination needs.

- o Community provided a Taco Buffet for the teachers on 10/7. The teachers were very thankful and a great connecting point.

- o Ben Reifel School has some opportunities for involvement coming up. We will keep you posted.

Please join us to learn about serving as a mentor between services (10:10-10:30) on Oct. 24th. There is a waiting list of students who need us.

Care Teams – Members of the Consistory met with several of the staff to see how they are doing. Heather, Holli, Liz and John were reviewed with the Consistory.

Drainage – Ronning asked if they could connect to our drainage pond.

MSA to not allow Ronning to connect into our drainage pond.

Navigator Program - Jeff McKee reached out to the Consistory for a donation. Jeff is a full-time missionary for the Navigator program. Jeff represents Eagle Lake where they do Christian Camps across the country. Jeff works with college kids to train them to share Christ with others. It was decided to have the Deacons investigate how much we could help contribute to Jeff.

## Other

- Rick presented quotes for fixing cracks in the asphalt. Both quotes came in around \$10,000. Building Repairs Budget will be used to pay for the work.

- o MSA to move forward with sealing the parking lot.

Clyde closed in time of prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Jacobs, clerk

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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](mailto: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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