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**Morning Worship Service – Pastor Adam**

Scripture: James 4:1-17

Message: “Perspective on Spiritual Compromise”

**No Evening Worship Service**

## Congregational & Community News

### December Heartbeat Deadline:

Because of the upcoming holiday, the deadline to submit articles or information to be published in the December Heartbeat has been moved up to Friday, November 20, at 8:00am

### I am Thankful for: Throughout the

month of November, you are encouraged to write down what you are thankful for on a leaf and place it in the basket outside the library (extra leaves are available next to the basket).

We will display them on the windows in the lobby as a reminder of all God has blessed us with. 1 Thess. 5:18 reminds us to “give thanks in all circumstances”. That means even when life isn’t going the way you want... even during COVID-19.

### Christmas Cards for Our Friends

at Home: This year has been especially hard on those who are not able to worship with us regularly. You are encouraged to send some Christmas cheer to them by sending them a card (addresses can be found in your address directory with a list of names near the front). You can also bring unaddressed cards to church and place them in the box on the ledge outside the library by Sunday, December 13 – please bundle your cards together with a rubber band. We will include the cards when we deliver poinsettias.

### *Urgent Update from the COVID Task Force*

The COVID Task Force (CTF) met on Thursday, November 12, to reevaluate how HRC might move forward in ministry given the current surge of positive COVID cases in our area. A significant amount of time was spent discussing how to keep our church family and our community safe and what actions the Consistory might want to consider taking as we move forward. With that said, the CTF has mutually decided along with HRC's ministry leaders to stop all Wednesday night gatherings for the remainder of 2020. The CTF is working to convene with the full Consistory before its regularly scheduled meeting in order to address a number of concerns. Please stay tuned and in prayer for our leadership personnel as we make decisions that may impact how we worship, gather, and minister in the weeks ahead. More information will be coming soon.

~The COVID Task Force

**Attention Secret Pals:** Things sure are different this year, but the fun of having a secret pal is not! Would you like to participate in the secret pal program next year? Forms are available outside the library – please return it to the box on the ledge by Dec. 6. On Dec. 13 we will draw names for next year. We will not be holding our annual secret pal reveal this year and as December approaches, we ask that you reach out to your secret pal with a small gift and let them know who you are.

**Out of the Office:** Pastor Adam will be out of the office on November 16-17. For pastoral concerns please contact an Elder, or the church office.

**Mailings & DVDs:** If you don't feel safe joining us for worship but would like to stay connected, please contact the office and we can mail you our printed publications. Let us know if you would also like a DVD copy of the worship service.

**Attention Students in Gravitate & The Gathering:** Keep an eye on your email for details on how your youth group will continue virtually. Gravitate will have its first virtual meeting at 6:30pm this Wednesday, November 18. The Gathering will hold their first virtual meeting at 6:00pm on Sunday, November 22.

## Prayer Corner

### Please Pray for:

- Our community and schools as we deal with the ongoing effects of COVID-19

### Recovery & Rehab:

- Ken Haverdink
- Greg Kalmink

### Undergoing Treatments:

- Brandon Boerigter

### Friend at Home of the Week:

Alvina Klein

### Missionary of the Week:

Sandi Nyboer  
Teen Life on Campus  
4275 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Hamilton, MI 49419

### Missionary Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Dean & Christine Van Farowe and Calvary Reformed Church in Cleveland as they minister to their inner-city area, that they may bring hope and faith to those they serve.

### November Mission of the Month

Zeeland Classis Planning  
& Development - Asking

## Tithes & Offerings

November 8 Total - \$5,575  
Dropped Off - \$4,595    E-file - \$980  
*\$7,560 needed weekly to maintain budget*

## Happening this Week

### **Sunday, November 15**

9:30am Pastor Adam  
Children In Worship

### **Monday, November 16**

8:45am Preschool  
10:00am Pantry

### **Tuesday, November 17**

8:45am Preschool  
1:00pm Quilting Group

### **Wednesday, November 18**

8:45am Preschool  
10:00am Pantry  
6:30pm Gravitare – Virtual

### **Thursday, November 19**

8:00am Moms In Prayer  
(Moms of Adult Children)  
8:45am Staff Meeting  
8:45am Preschool  
5:00pm Pantry  
6:30pm Discipleship Committee Mtg.

### **Friday, November 20**

8:45am Preschool  
10:00am Pantry

### **Saturday, November 21**

6:00am Men's Bible study

## A Look Ahead...

### **Sunday, November 22**

9:30am Rev. Dave DeHaan

## Congregational & Community News (continued)

**Church Usage:** The COVID Transition Team and Consistory have approved the use of the church for gatherings, not related to church ministries. Please contact the office to schedule your gathering. ALL meetings, activities and gatherings must be scheduled through the office. The office has a new usage form that will need to be filled out which indicates your responsibilities for room set-up and cleaning. There will be a refundable \$50 deposit required for all non-church related gatherings. Thanks!

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service:** You are invited to join us Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00pm for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. The undesignated offering collected will be divided 50/50 for Love INC and Hungry For Christ.

**Congregational Meeting:** Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held Tues., December 8, at 7:00pm.

**Mozambique Mission Project:** Audio Scripture Ministries is in the beginning stages of assembling another container to be sent to Chad and Dara Vanden Bosch in Mozambique next spring. More information on what we can contribute and gather for the project will come when the list is complete. For now - washable hats (homemade or purchased) of all sizes (infant to adult), shapes and colors will definitely be needed, so get the needles out this winter and knit or crochet on those long winter evenings. Thank you for all your support!

