

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

This very hour, this very minute, we have the wonderful opportunity to come before the Lord with rejoicing. In a spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come. Please join us in the narthex after worship for refreshments and so we can know each other better.

Prelude
Announcements
Call to Worship
Silent Prayer
Time of Praise
Ministry of Music Worship Choir
Congregational Prayer
Presenting our Gifts

The offering is for our members and regular attendees. If you are a visitor or a guest, please do not feel obligated to give. This morning's special offering is for our General Ministries Fund.

Children, age three through third grade, may leave for Kids' Own Worship held downstairs in the east wing.

Please fill out the Fellowship Pads at this time, and pass them down the row. When the pads get to the end, please pass them back so that you can get to know everyone in your row.

Message "Thoughts Along the Way"
Luke 24:13 - 35 page 1047

Closing
Benediction
Postlude

A "Toddler and Me Room" is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents and their children.

A staffed nursery is located downstairs for newborns to three-year-olds.

Personal sound systems are available for those who have a difficult time hearing. Ask an usher for details.

Song sheets are available at the Information Station or from the ushers if you are unable to see the monitors. Enlarged Song Sheets and Bulletins are located at the Information Station for those who would like to use them.

Assisting Today

Greeters: Dan & Michelle Lagestee, Doug & Shannon Marshall,
Scott & Sherry Misch

Ushers: Dan Donohue, Dana Everett, Jason DeYoung, Mark Kuiken

Nursery: Marvin & Rhonda Toppen, Carissa Lovely, Shelby Hickman

Library: Emma Allen, Evelyn Koster

Children's Worship: Micah Schaefer, Robert Sittema, Tammy DeVries,
Brandon Van Soest, Lorin Scheeringa, Elijah Schaefer, Kim Scheeringa, Abbey Sittema, Greg Boer, Chris Schaefer, Jesse Hoffman
Coffee Table: Rich & Tabby Heemstra; Cookie Helper: Carol Toppen
Prayer Room: Diana Hoffman, Evelyn Koster, Cheryl Schaefer

This Week at the Church

Today

4:30 – Senior Choir practice!

Youth Opportunities

4:00 – 5:30 Overboard (6th – 8th grade) meets in church basement.

5:30 – Marvin Toppen's Small Group will meet at Marv's home. Bring your Bibles. Marv will pick up boys from Overboard.

6:00 – Molly and Michelle's Small Group will meet at Molly's.

6:00 – Rhonda and Darla's Small Group will meet at Rhonda's.

6:00 – Darlene and Cheryl's Small Group will meet at Cheryl's.

7:10 – Chris' Small Group will meet in the Youth Building.

Monday

7:00 – Nomination Team meets in the Consistory room.

Tuesday

12:30 – Living Fire Year 1, Jan DeYoung's group, meets in the Lounge.

7:00 – Property Ministry Team meets downstairs.

Wednesday

We will not have Family Night activities tonight. All activities will resume next week!

Thursday

9:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Day service.

Saturday

No Men's Bible Study today.

Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School!

- Little Lights (age 3 thru Kindergarten) meet in the green room downstairs.
- Beacons (grades 1-5) meet in the main area downstairs.
- Junior High and High School meet in the Youth Building.
- Adult Opportunities:
 1. Current Events with a Biblical Perspective Class with Dan Hoffman meets in the Lounge. Bring a Bible.
 2. "Unchristian: What a new generation REALLY thinks about Christianity." Join the discussion with Pastor John in the class that meets in the East Wing upstairs.
 3. Living Fire class with Rich Heemstra meets in the Consistory room beginning at 7:30 a.m.

News & Notes

Faithweaver Friends are collecting **NEW** items for newborns. If you would like to donate, check out our Blessing Babies Kit table downstairs.

We are looking for a creative person to do the children's bulletin. We have many books and a website to help you. You would do it two weeks every other month. If interested, please contact Diane Kingma 987-5790.

Could you or someone you know in the church or community benefit from having someone come alongside of you or that person for an hour a week as a listening ear and to give support and encouragement? If so, give your name or ask that person if you may give his or her name to Pastor Rog to arrange that kind of support.

A Living Fire group is looking for **clean, gently used** or new coats, hats, mittens, etc. for children in our area who don't have these items. All sizes will be needed for kids through age 12. Check your closets, or if you are a savvy shopper, check out the great sales and see if you can find a way to help kids stay warm this winter. You may place them in the large box in the Lounge.

The **Decorating Committee** is in need of willing hands and hearts to decorate church for Christmas on Monday, December 1. To help during the day, contact Starla Van Soest 219-405-7746 or the church office 987-5156.

Each year the Sunday School collects a special offering called the **White Christmas Offering**. This year, it will go to the **Panama Stove Project**. In June, a group of teens and adults from our church will be going to Panama to help with this project. They will be building and installing stoves in villages to improve the health of the people living there. Each stove costs \$75.00. The White Christmas offering started today and will end on December 21. The bulletin board downstairs will track how many stoves we have purchased.

The **Kankakee Valley Ministerial Association** is again coordinating a special mission of mercy outreach this Christmas season. We will partner with the Salvation Army by placing a Salvation Army bucket at various store locations in DeMotte. Of the donations we receive, twenty percent will be used to assist the Salvation Army in their ministry and eighty percent will be used to provide assistance for those in our community who are in need of food, shelter or utilities. There are 95 bell ringing hours to fill and our church has been asked to fill the schedule for **Friday, December 5 at Tysen's. A sign-up sheet is located on the Information Station in the narthex.** Please consider volunteering and keep this special outreach, along with the bell ringers, in your thoughts and prayers this Christmas Season.

Youth Events

Coming Events:

- "Acquire the Fire" – April 3-4, 2009

Questions, call Youth Director, Chris Schaefer 987-5156 or 219-863-8037.

College Students of the Week

Jill Hamstra
231 Carnation Street NE
DeMotte, IN 46310

Scot Wilder
Brandt Hall #335
1710 Campus Drive E
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Jill will celebrate her birthday on November 26!
Scott celebrates his birthday on November 24!

November 23, 2008

Prelude
Song Request Time
Opening Hymn
381 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture I Corinthians 10:1-13 page 1134
Message "Don't Be So Sure..."
Closing Hymn
328 "Have You Any Room for Jesus?"
Benediction
Postlude

Ministry Dollars (Giving for week 46 as of November 16, 2008)

General Fund (for operating fund)	\$ 8,992.21
Average budgeted per Sunday	\$ 12,135.00
Year-to-date weekly average	\$ 11,276.68
Percent on Budget	93%

Special Offerings	
Mission Fund	\$ 835.00
Other	\$ 68.00

Our Harvest Drive total is \$60,336.00. We praise God and thank you for your generosity. Harvest Drive gifts may be placed in the offering. Next week's Special Offering is for our Benevolent Fund.

Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 2 Gro-N-Glo Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 7 Community Christmas Service at Bethel CRC, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 21 Sunday School Christmas Program
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Connect with God
Develop a Christ-like Character
Build the Kingdom

Remember in your daily prayers

Our Church Family:

Bess Bult has returned to her home and is doing better.

Roy Schlarp began radiation treatments this week.

Judy Hamstra had surgery at Porter Hospital this week.
Pray for a good recovery.

Ellen Mullins had outpatient surgery for a broken bone
in her foot on Friday.

Be in prayer for Bess Bult, Christine Goetz, Arlene Hamstra,
Lorretta Hamstra, Pam Peterson, Pat Price, Roy Schlarp,
Alvin Seegers, and others who have health concerns.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Mark and Kim Beenes and family
in the death of Kim's mother, Karen Hall on Wednesday.

For those in Extended Care Facilities:

Oak Grove

Ann DeFries	Millie Hamstra
Marie Hamstra	Tony Kudrecki
Betty Wognum	

Bethshan

Becky Przybylski	Joey Swart
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Corpus Christi Group Home

Abigail Mullins

Mission of the Month

John & Teresa Swart & family
HCJB Global Technology Center
Home address: P.O. Box 4308
Elkhart, Indiana 46514-0308

HCJB Global Technology Center helps dozens of ministries
worldwide spread the good news of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.
Through phone calls, emails, and trips overseas, we provide
consultation and assistance to Christian radio stations.

To Make a Prayer Chain Request:

If you have a prayer request, Monday thru Friday, call the Church
Office at 987-5156, or email at frcod@netnitco.net.
After 4:30 p.m. or on weekends, contact Sally Hamstra
At 987-2297, email bashfarm@midwaynet.net, or
Carol Eenigenburg at 987-3311, email eburg@netnitco.net

John Huff, Pastor of Preaching and Administration
Roger Huitink, Pastor of Congregational Care, 987-4323
Chris Schaefer, Director of Youth Ministries



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