

Week at John Knox Presbyterian Church

Mon. Wed & Fri.	10 – 2pm	Community Food Pantry
Thursday Evening	6 - 8pm	Community Food Pantry
Mon. – Weds.	10 – 2pm	THRIVE
Weds. Evening	4 – 7pm	THRIVE

Sunday, Dec. 3 **Pulpit Guest, Kyle Kooyers**
 10 am Worship Service/Fellowship
 1 pm Grand Rapids Matu Christian Church (GRMCC)

Mon., December 4 **Church Office Closed**
 10 am ESL- Thrive
 11 am Citizenship – Thrive
 7 pm Good News Community

Tues., Dec. 5

Wed., Dec. 6 **Staff Luncheon**
 10 am ESL- Thrive
 11 am Citizenship – Thrive
 Noon-1 pm Staff Christmas Luncheon – Bob Evans Restaurant
 7 pm GR Scottish Society
 7 pm Handbells

Thurs., Dec. 7 **Commodities**

Fri. Dec. 8

Sat. Dec. 9
 10 am Grand Rapids Matu Christian Church – Classrooms
 6 pm Grand Rapids Matu Christian Church – Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 10 **Communion Sunday**
 10 am Worship Service/Fellowship
 1 pm Grand Rapids Matu Christian Church (GRMCC)

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December 3, 2017

Announcements

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADER

Rev. Christine Barnes, Pastor; **Kyle Kooyers**, Pulpit Guest
Laurie Rhodes, Lay Reader
Maureen Sweet, Organist
Thom Adams, Sound & Video Tech

Last week's attendance: 30

Coffee Hour: Our thanks to The Pantry for their donation of cookies.

Explore Team Update: During today's worship service, the committee will update the congregation concerning the sale of the building.

Church Office: The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 4th and Dec. 11th.

Wednesday, December 6, there will be a staff luncheon at Bob Evans from noon to 1pm. Please call the church office at 455-5060 if you can attend.

Pastor Bert Nelson would like to pass on his appreciation to the congregation for the sympathy card.

Noisy Offering: The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund is now at \$162.50 for the month of November.



Our faithful Sunday offering counters, Cara and Peter Paplawsky, are relinquishing the duty as of Dec. 31st, 2017, so that there is time for them to show the ropes to a new count team. Session would like to assemble 2 teams (4 people) to share the duties. Counting the offering does not need to occur on Sundays following worship. Find a partner and contact the office at 455-5060.

Staff Gifts: It's that time of year when we express our love and appreciation to church staff for their work and dedication over the past year. Please have your donations in by December 10th. Envelopes will be available on the kiosk and in the parlor during coffee hour. Make sure your donation is marked with "Staff Gifts" on the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

Lighting of the Advent candles:

First Sunday in Advent HOPE: Henry & Karen Koetsier
Second Sunday in Advent PEACE: Sandy Grooters & Laurie Rhodes
Third Sunday in Advent JOY: Sharon & Richard VanDyk
Fourth Sunday in Advent LOVE: Luanne Lindquist & Joanna Ludwig
Christmas Eve: Thom Adams

We will have 2 services on Christmas Eve. The 10 AM service will be lessons and carols. The 7 PM service will be more traditional with candle lighting.

**Help make Christmas brighter
for families with children in need.**

Gift tags have been placed on the giving tree in the foyer at the front entrance. The tree will remain only until Sunday, Dec. 10th. Presents must be returned with the tag attached no later than Sunday, Dec. 17th.



BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Service of Hope and Light

Sunday, December 17, 3 P.M.

Those who have experienced a significant loss in their lives sometimes find the holidays bring painful memories and feelings of grief.

These services seek to provide a time to remember and reflect away from the hustle and bustle of the season.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/03	Linda Miller	12/30	Elaine Pomeroy
12/04	Norm Sharp	12/30	Cara Paplawsky
12/12	Gretchen Wilson	12/31	Bob Wylie
12/18	Maxine VanderPloeg		
12/22	Kelli Coburn		
12/28	Rich Eavey		

Please remember our Home Members:

Helen Bosch, Betty Clements,
Johnalee Hebron, Anita Snodgrass
Wilma Knoohuisen and Marge
Harmelink



Elaine Bendle's friend, Sue Koll, who will begin chemo treatments for breast cancer, is asking for prayers of peace as they "travel this journey."

Former member, Nina Daly, is grateful for the Birthday wishes from John Knox. Over 50 relatives and friends attended her open house.

Rev. Michael & Rachel Ludwig and Family, Mission Co-Workers in Niger

The Ludwig's October Newsletter just arrived and copies are available in the literature rack.

Thank you for supporting Michael and Rachel Ludwig as they work with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger. Your continued prayers and financial support make a difference in the lives of people in Niger.

