



**Mt. Hope Community**  
Christian Reformed Church

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 8, 2023 Pastor Joel Bootsma 10:00 a.m.

Music: John & Ellen Hunse, Alyssa Tisch

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\* (denotes please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Romans 12:9,10 **Doug Nagtegaal**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* God's Greeting

\* Opening Prayer

\* Call to Worship - Litany (Psalm 100)

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #6 "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"**

**GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE**

Time of Confession / Words of Reconciliation - Litany (Psalm 106,103)

Song: **LUYH #358 "Give Thanks"**

Children's Ministry (Children ages 3-5, grades 1-4)

**GIVING THANKS ....**

**..... for our daily bread**

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8

Prayer - Henk Van Tuyl

\*Song: **LUYH #398 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"**

**..... for the church community**

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4, 11-12

Prayer - Mark Demik

- solo - "A Song of Thanksgiving" (Carl Fredrickson)

**..... for Christ Jesus**

Scripture Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Message - "The Best Gift Ever"

Prayer

Song of Response: **LUYH #17 "Beautiful Saviour"**

**GOING OUT IN JOY**

Offering: **Budget & World Renew - Free a Family**

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #543 "Now Thank We All our God"**

## October 8, 2023

We welcome all who join us this morning for our Thanksgiving Service! We are being led in worship by **Pastor Joel Bootsma** and in music by **John & Ellen Hunse**, and **Alyssa Tisch**. Our offerings are for the **Budget & World Renew - Free A Family**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to [treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com](mailto:treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com). We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and some pie in celebration of Thanksgiving.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: [www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org](http://www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org), or from our YouTube Channel: [Mount Hope Community Church](#). Those members who have the Bridge App, can view the service directly on the app, by using the "YouTube" icon on the main page. Those who watch on DVD will continue to receive their copy following the service.

### Church Family

We congratulate the following who will celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for a special blessing on them as they celebrate with their families:

**October 8 - Frank Buwalda**

**October 10 - Bill Visser, Greg Schuurman**

**October 11 - Shae Knevel**

**October 13 - Nelly Okkema-Gutter, Ben Winter**

### Announcements

**Part-time Bookkeeper:** Mount Hope Community CRC is seeking a part-time bookkeeper for an average of 6 hours per week to begin January 1, 2024.

Full posting details can be found on our church website [www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org](http://www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org). Any further information may be requested via email addressed to [treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com](mailto:treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com).

**Sunday evening studies** - This Fall we're jumping into *Jonah*. Our first gathering will be on **October 15, 7 p.m.** - there will be a dramatic presentation of the biblical story of *Jonah*, and then we'll have time to discuss and ask questions and drink coffee and eat goodies. We'll dive deeper into the book for 3 more sessions; every other Sunday until November 26. We hope that you can join us!

**Fall Food Drive:** It is that time of year again when we go out into the village of Mount Hope to deliver flyers and later on pick up food for our N2N Food Drive. **WE NEED YOU TO HELP!** On **Saturday, October 21st** at **10:00 a.m.** we will be meeting here at the church to assemble the flyers and bags and deliver them around Mount Hope. As well, on **Saturday, November 4th** also at **10:00 a.m.** we will be driving throughout Mount Hope to pick up the food that is left on doorsteps which is brought back to the church. If you are able to help on either day or BOTH of these days, we would very greatly appreciate it. Please let **Shae Knevel** or **Marlene Knevel** know so that we can proceed accordingly. Thanks so much, the Community Service Team.

## CRC Announcements

### ReFrame Ministries

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

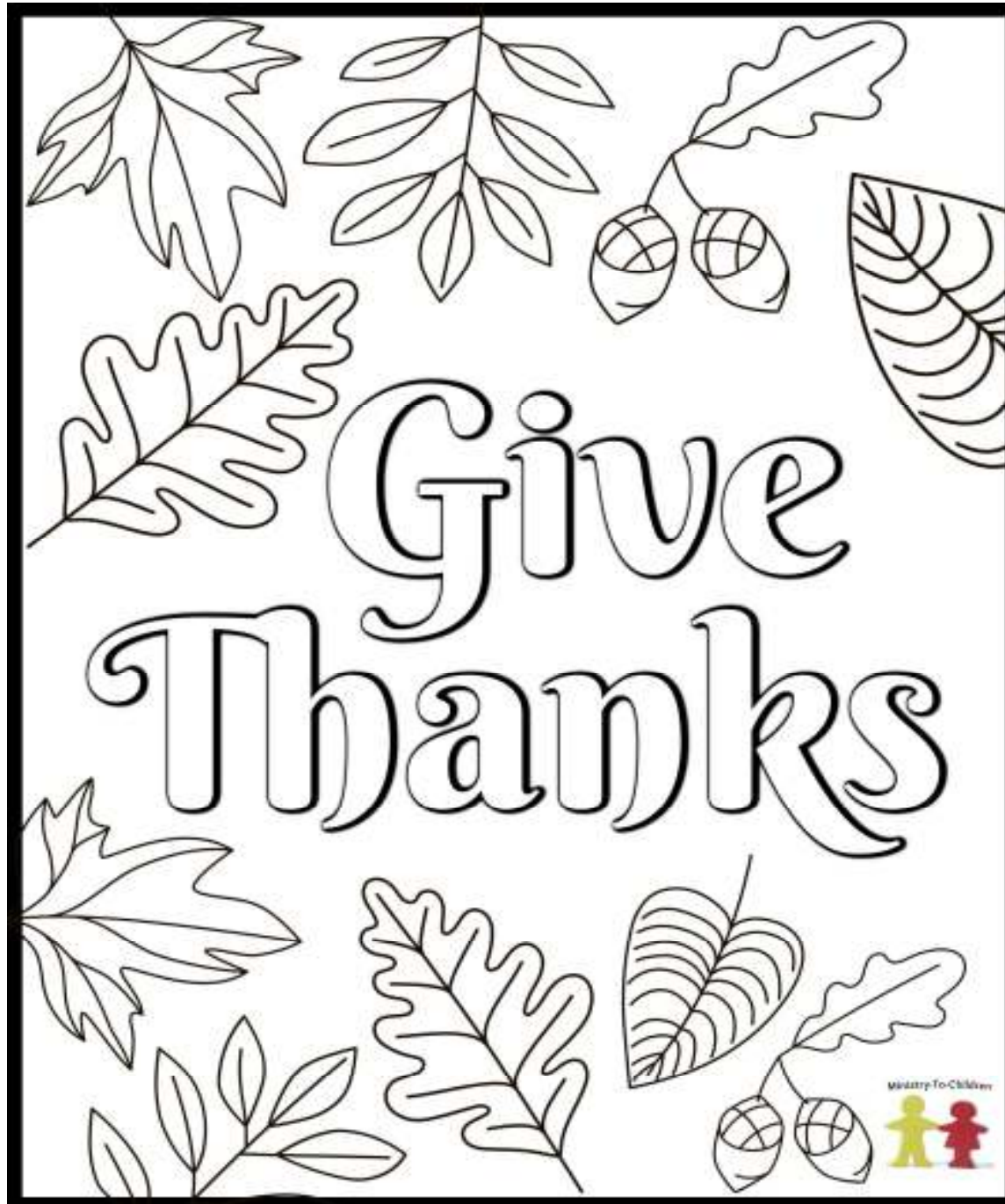
**Kids Corner:** God's Presence Gives Us Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Sometimes, life isn't easy. This week's devotion is all about how wonderful it is to know that God is there in good times and bad times. He is with you and he loves you. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Kids in Action video "Wherever You Go."

**Revelation: A Comfort for Believers** - Groundwork has a new Bible study ebook and podcast, called "Revelation: A Comfort for Believers." It's a six-episode series that answers some of our biggest questions about the book of Revelation. It's great for personal or group study. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at [groundworkonline.com/revelation](http://groundworkonline.com/revelation).

**Groundwork:** Trusting God When Evil Abounds - Unfair realities are part of life. But when those circumstances threaten our way of life, it can be tempting to compromise our beliefs and values to preserve ourselves. Join Groundwork as we study the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den in Daniel 6 to give us the courage to trust God even when evil seems to be winning. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### World Renew

**Giving Thanks with our Offerings** - As we give thanks to God this weekend, we are grateful for mothers in the village of Ka Chi in Laos who are receiving medical support through World Renew from community health volunteers for prenatal check-ups, nutritional training, and preventative care. With your support in today's offering, more families will be able to participate in the Free A Family® program and receive the training and tools they need to journey away from poverty. For more information, visit [worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily](http://worldrenew.ca/FreeAFamily).



# Being Thankful

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FOUR SEASONS  
MERCY  
GOD  
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PLANTS  
LOVE  
JESUS CHRIST  
CONTENTMENT  
CROSS

BOOKS  
GRACE  
FRIENDS  
GIVETHANKS  
SON

THE BIBLE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
FOOD  
HOPE  
THANKS

## Church Duties

Date	October 8	October 15	October 22
<b>Welcome</b>	Doug Nagtegaal	Rien Bassie	Len Moelker
<b>Music</b> <b>Congregational Prayer</b>	John & Ellen, Alyssa	New Shoots	John & Ellen, Alyssa
<b>Open / Close</b> <b>Coffee Duty</b>	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl (John & Ellen Coffee) Marlene Knevel	Marlene Knevel (Greg & Lisa Coffee) Neil & Kristen Roth	Frank & Sandi Buwalda Alex & Maegan Demik
<b>Sound</b>	Rebecca Bootsma	Ryan Flokstra	Frank Buwalda
<b>Streaming</b> <b>Overhead</b>	Meagan Demik Marlene Knevel	Henk Van Tuyl Rebecca Bootsma	Rebecca Bootsma Mark Demik
<b>Library</b>	CLOSED	Louise Dekker	Sando Buwalda
<b>Nursery</b>	Trish Demik Eileen Nagtegaal	Sandi Buwalda Eileen Nagtegaal	Shae Knevel Lisa Schuurman

If you are **unable** to fulfill your duties, it is your responsibility to find someone else. Thank you.



## Church Calendar

<p><b>Monday, October 9 (Thanksgiving Day)</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 10</b> 7:30 p.m. - Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 12</b> Noon - Bulletin announcements</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 15</b> 10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma Offerings: Budget &amp; Ministries of our Denomination (Disability Concerns) 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study on Jonah</p>	<p><b><u>UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>October 22</b> - Budget &amp; Indwell</p> <p><b>October 29</b> - Budget &amp; tbd</p> <p><b>November 5</b> - Budget &amp; World Renew / World Hunger</p> <p><b>November 12</b> - Budget &amp; Benevolence</p>
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<b>Chairman of Deacons:</b>	Louise Dekker	

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## Our Mission Statement

"To glorify God as a vibrant community of disciples that actively and joyfully serve one another and our community."

### Vision: Grounded, Growing, Going

**Grounded:** Through our Reformed tradition, we are rooted in the nourishing soil of God's Word and the saving grace of Christ

**Growing:** We are becoming more Christ like and Spirit filled as God works in our hearts and minds to grow closer to Him

**Going:** Out of gratitude to God for his work in us, we seek to bear fruit by being the hands and feet of Christ to each other and our community

*\*\*see paintings made by Petra Zantingh in Fellowship Hall \*\**