



Communion Sunday

January 13, 2019

WE GATHER IN UNITY

*GATHERING SONG *Christian Hearts in Love United*

*WELCOME & GOD’S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONGS OF PRAISE *Before the Throne of God
Reckless Love*

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN *Jill Larsen*

WE GROW IN GRACE

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Julia Schuurman*

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD *Benevolence Fund*

OFFERTORY *Set Me as A Seal, Chorale*

FAMILY PRAYER WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

*SONG OF PREPARATION *God of Grace*

SCRIPTURE *Song of Songs*

SERMON **Song of Songs: Love**

PRAYER

WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND

THE LOVE FEAST (THE LORD’S SUPPER)

Passing of the Bread *Here is Love*

Passing of the Juice *We Will Feast*

WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE

*GOD’S BLESSING

*CLOSING PRAISE *They’ll Know We are Christians*

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Preacher Rev. Bill Van Tol
Musicians Shawnee Chorale with Aaron Polet directing
Barb Banaszak, Nate Jen, Matt Kraker,
Phil Van Eck

Welcome to Shawnee Park! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray God will bless your time here. If you are a guest, please stop by the Connection Center before you leave.

This morning, Rev. Bill Van Tol will preach as we see that human love is a gift and a key to understanding God’s own love for his people (Song of Songs). We will also remember and receive God’s grace through the sacrament of Communion as we celebrate the Love Feast.

Next Sunday, Rev. Calvin Van Reken will deliver a sermon from Isaiah.

GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES

During Pastor Nick’s leave of absence there will be various opportunities for members of the congregation to gather for reflection and prayer for Pastor Nick, Megan, and Shawnee Park CRC. Each household is encouraged to gather on one of the following Sunday mornings in the Lake Michigan room downstairs during the Adult Education time slot (11:00 AM to 11:40 AM) for reflection and prayer.

- Sunday, January 13, Households 1 and 2
- Sunday, January 27, Households 3 and 4
- Sunday, February 10, Households 5 and 6

If you are not able to come when your household is scheduled, feel free to attend on any of the other Sundays.

In addition, after the W.O.W. dinners on Wed., Jan. 16, and Wed., Feb.6 all are invited for a time of reflection and prayer for Pastor Nick, Megan, and Shawnee Park CRC.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Rev. Scott Stark, GVSU Campus Ministry

The Wells, our on-campus Sunday evening worship services, begin tonight. Pray for the Spirit to empower these 3 gatherings at 7 PM, 8 PM and 9 PM tonight.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

- The Council has arranged preaching responsibilities to be covered the month of January through our excellent guest preachers while Pastor Nick is on leave. The following preachers are:
 - January 13 – Rev. Bill Van Tol
 - January 20 – Rev. Calvin Van Reken
 - January 27 – Rev. Dale Slings
- **Seeking Nominations:** The Council has begun work on identifying nominees for new elders and deacons. Please submit the names of potential candidates to any Council member. Thank you.
- **Staff Note:** Melanie Veldman will be out of the office January 9, returning on January 18. Pastor Nick Hopkins will be on leave through February 17.
- **Women’s Bible Study**
 Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 9:30 AM
 Lesson: Mary and Martha, led by Laura Van Tol
 Refreshment: Mary Van Dyke, Lois Hoeksema
- **W.O.W. Wednesday, January 16:**
 For our W.O.W. dinner this Wednesday, we will be serving beef chili and chicken chili. There will also be Jell-o salad, rolls and root beer floats for dessert. Food is served from 5:15 to 6:15 PM.
 Everyone is welcome!
- **Disaster Response Team:** A World Renew Disaster Response Team is being formed.
 The team will help to rebuild homes among the poor in LaBelle, Florida from March 23-30. Plan to meet in the sanctuary immediately after worship on January 20, the deadline for turning in World Renew service applications. Please contact Bill Van Tol at 616-822-2607 with questions.
- **Shawnee Senior Adventurers:** The February 14 Valentine’s dinner and program has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule it at a later date. Due to various reasons it was not possible to do it at this time. Our next meeting will be Thursday morning, March 21 at 9:30 AM. Watch for more details.

CALENDAR: 2019 JANUARY

Sun 13	8:40 AM College/Career Breakfast 9:30 AM Morning Service, Communion Offering: Benevolence Fund Nursery, Children’s Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Education 5:00 PM Young Teens & Youth Group 7:00 PM Fellowship Committee
Mon 14	7:45 PM Worship Committee
Tues 15	9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study 7:00 PM Consistory, Deacons 8:15 PM Council
Wed 16	5:00 PM Worship Planning 5:15 PM W.O.W. Dinner 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal
Thurs 17	7:00 PM Building & Grounds
Sat 19	5:30 PM Game Night at church
Sun 20	8:40 AM College/Career Breakfast 9:30 AM Morning Service Offering: Ministry Fund Nursery, Children’s Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Education
Tues 22	9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study
Wed 23	5:00 PM Worship Planning 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal

▪ **Game Night at Shawnee!**

You are invited to a Shawnee Family Game Night on Saturday, January 19 starting at 5:30 PM at Shawnee Park Church. Bring a board game to share. A dinner of Sloppy Joes will be served.



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