

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Harold Hoftzyer is living with his son and family in Orange City, as he slowly regains his strength after contracting Covid.

Their address is: c/o Harold Hoftzyer, Jr., 607 Kansas Ave. SW
Orange City, IA 51041

Pray for '**Doc**' **Manwarren** (Jesse's dad) and his family, as they don't have any other treatment options for his cancer.

Let's remember to pray for those among us who will be celebrating Christmas without some family or friends due to COVID restrictions, confinement to care homes, broken relationships, or recent deaths.

Remember our Missionaries, especially at this time of year, when many are not near their families. Their addresses are in the back of your church phone directory and their e-mail addresses were listed on the Missionary Bio Sheet, which was handed out a couple weeks ago.

Wishing all of my Church Family *HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING* for the coming **NEW YEAR**. **Hazel Kuiper**

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Harv & Gloria Van Oort Dave Hofman
Terry & Lori Bootsma

Young Adult of the Week ~ Trevor Wiekamp, who is taking nursing classes at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines and working part time for UPS. His address is: 15920 Hickman Road, Suite#400
Clive, IA 50325

Keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers

Bible League – *Praise God* for opportunities to work with people in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. A *Gospel of John* study group was started and held before local Alcoholic Anonymous meetings with six people.

*Faith is daring the soul to go farther
than it can see*

We warmly welcome all who have come to Worship with us today. The ALS system is available for those with hearing impairments

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday morning's service will be on the Church Cable Channel at 9:30 and on our Church's website sanbornrc.com and the YouTube link (by noon) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd3_43I-0A8List-FOhhphg

[FYI: Children's Bulletins on the literature table \(Kids 3 – 6, 7 – 12\) correlate with the morning Message each week. Those children, especially those not taking Sermon Notes, can follow along too!](#)

ALL Sunday School and Catechism students – Go to your classrooms right away for cookies and juice; practice will begin shortly thereafter. Parents: your child(ren) will be done by about 11:55 a.m.

Church Christmas Program at 5 P.M. today – it will be broadcast live on the Church Channel and will be put on YouTube as well.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The **Church's nursery** may be used during the worship services, but is not staffed at this time.

Message from the Deacons ~ Praise God that the local status of the virus is going down. We plan to resume passing the collection plate again on January 3. The drop box is still available for those who are not comfortable with this. We thank you for patience through this process. **We are 2 weeks away from year end and are currently \$13,500 from our approved budget. Please consider this as you give.

Thank you

Food Drive for UDMO and Love, INC ~ Please bring your donations to church by Christmas Day.

At-home Faith Formation Tip – **"The Practice of Hospitality"**. . .
"and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? For more on faith practices visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you looking for a supportive community to grow and learn new skills? Love INC will be starting a new session of Loving Help classes to be held Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 from Jan. 7 – March 18.

~Faith and Finances is for anyone desiring to become more financially secure—for people with not a lot of extra room in their budget, those wanting to tackle debt, build a savings account, etc.

~Positive Parenting is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages—for those looking for guidance and suggestions, for those who feel alone in the parenting journey, people looking for additional tools for parenting, etc.

~Manning Up is a class for men only, discussing how to be a God man in today's world.

~Embracing Life helps a person evaluate their past, present, and dream and set goals for their future.

~ Bible Study is for anyone looking to deeper their understanding of the Bible.

Call the Love INC office to register: 712-324-9707

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ON-LINE RESOURCES

GROUNDWORK: *FOCUS ON JESUS* - There's no doubt Christmas comes with mixed feelings this year, but no matter what might be missing or different, focus on Jesus. Study Colossians 1:3-23 with Groundwork and listen as the Apostle Paul reminds us why our hope is strongest when we fix our gaze on Christ and the promises of reconciliation his birth brings. Listen now at

GroundworkOnline.com or listen on KDCR Radio 88.5 FM on Sunday at 8:30 AM and 9:30 PM

MARY'S MIRACLE - Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net Have you ever wondered what Mary thought about the very first Christmas? Was she scared, excited, or happy? Listen to Mary's Miracle, the story imagined through the eyes of Mary. Listen now at **kidscorner.net** and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

At Living Water Community Church – Parking Lot

~ Sheldon Area Unity Meal – Monday, Dec.21 - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

~ Food Bank – Monday, January 4 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Calling Senior Members for the week of Dec. 20 - 26

Don Uittenbogaard (Sanborn) Shane Sybesma (Sheldon)

Today ~ December 20

PPoint: Tonya Wiekamp, Shannon R.

Video: Brody Elgersma

Audio: Stefan Sybesma

Doors: Jack Elgersma

Pianist: AM Starla R. PM Jamie C.

Offering: AM Budget, Benevolence

PM Hope Haven

Hospitality: Jon & Pat Sybesma

Jenny Altena

Alice Zonnefeld

Next Sunday ~ December 27

Kristie Verhoef

Mike Verhoef

Ben Reitsma

Lee Reitsma

AM & PM Starla Reitsma

AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Mission India

Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven

Ray & Phyllis Elgersma

Amanda Vander Berg

TODAY

4:20 p.m.

Women's Chorus practice

4:30 p.m.

Choir practice

5:00 p.m.

Church Christmas Program

Friday

9:30 a.m.

Christmas Day Service

Offering: **The Banquet**

Pianist: Jamie Carlson

Doors: Larry Stanley

Power Point, Video, Audio: Tonya, Shannon, Brody, Stefan

An E-mail newsletter came from **Mike & Megan Ribbens** this week. There are a few copies on the Literature table.

The **Western Witness** is in your church mailbox today and there are a few copies of the **Unity Christian Bulletin** on the Literature table

THE LORD'S DAY – December 20, 2020
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma, piano; Joy Vander Werff, trumpet
Welcome
Advent Reading "GLORY" and Opening Prayer
Special Music "**Hallelujah Christmas**" Praise Team
*God's Greeting
*Song: "**Angels from the Realms of Glory**" LUYH 81 vs 1-4

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Romans 3: 23*
*Song of Confession: "**Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**" LUYH 638
Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 3: 21 – 24*
Responsive Reading of the Law (grey p 1013)
*Song: "**May the Mind of Christ My Savior**" LUYH 334
Announcements
Congregational Prayer

IN HIS WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 1: 18 – 25** (p 8400)
Message: "**Jesus Announced to Joseph**"
Prayer of Application
*Song: "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" LUYH 80

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing: *2 Thessalonians 2: 16 – 17*
*Doxology: "**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**" LUYH 70 vs 5
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude *stand if you are able

Offerings for **Budget, Benevolent Fund, & Goats**
will be received in the Fellowship Hall

Church Christmas Program at 5 P.M. today
Offering: **Hope Haven**

December 20, 2020 A.M. Sermon notes
"Jesus Announced to Joseph"
Matthew 1:18-25

Introduction: Matthew's Christmas Story

Matthew 1:1-17 answers _____

Matthew 1:18-25 answers _____

Matthew 2:2-12 answers _____

Matthew 2:13-23 answers _____

A. The Impossible Situation

1. Being Betrothed

2. Joseph's Two Options:

B. Angelic Revelation

1. the "unplanned pregnancy"

2. Matthew 1:21

C. Fulfillment of Prophecy - Isaiah 7:14

D. Joseph's Faith

1. A Man of Action

2. Jesus' Adoption

