

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:1

THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Life Plus (online)
Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Dennis and Lois Mennen, who will be observing their 53rd anniversary on November 10.

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card in these trying days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will not be any coffee after the service this morning.

The second offering next Sunday will be for Faith Promise.

Due to Covid-19, the Aplington Parkersburg Honor Society will not be holding an in-person Veterans Day assembly. This year it will be a virtual experience. We still hope to honor the specific veterans in our community which means that we need your help. Veterans, please send us your name, the branch of the military that you served in, and a photo. Either email your information to Jonna.Junker@a-pcsd.net or Staci.Brungard@a-pcsd.net, drop it off in the office at the High School, or mail it to 610 N Johnson St, Parkersburg, IA 50665.

It's Shoebox Time! There are opportunities aplenty to help with Operation Christmas Child this year! Here's some ideas to get you started...and if you have any questions, please contact Angie Meester.

> Take home a prefolded shoebox and fill it with items listed in the brochure, such as school supplies, toys, hygiene items, and return it during National Collection Week, Nov 16-23.

> Sign up to assist with the collection of shoeboxes at our church during National Collection Week. You can volunteer for one hour segments, or longer if you're able! Curbside Drop-Off this year will require some extra help to carry in shoeboxes. Kids of all ages, you are welcome and encouraged to help!

> Pray for each part of the shoebox ministry...people preparing shoeboxes, drivers delivering them, children and families receiving them.

Are You or Do You Know an Active Member of the Military from Our Community? Parkersburg American Legion Auxiliary Unit #285 would like to send Christmas gift to our local active military members. This is our way of saying thank you for serving our country and that we back home are thinking about them. We have been doing this for a few years now and would like to make it a tradition. We ask that military member is active and from our local area (Parkersburg and Aplington). It doesn't matter if they will be home for Christmas or stationed away from home, we will still want to show them our appreciation. We would like to have names and addresses submitted by Saturday, November 28, 2020, so we will have time to get these gifts to soldiers abroad. Please contact Becky-346-2238 or Carolyn-319-269-5628 for Parkersburg. Aplington call Marty-347-6626. If not available please leave your name and phone number and we will get back to you. We are also looking for auxiliary members or Jr. members. If you are interested you can call one of the numbers above.

If you would like to send your offerings in by mail, the church address is: Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church, 807 Grant St., Parkersburg, IA 50665

The General Fund Collection for November 1 was \$5,343.97. The target amount for each week is \$2,070.20. The collection for Home Missions totaled \$93.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

November 8, 2020 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: **Psalm 122:1, 8-9**

*Song: TCH 153 **Worthy of Worship**

*God's Greeting

Song: TCH 325 **Why Should He Love Me So**

God's Will for Our Life: **Deuteronomy 5:6-21, 6:1-9**

Hymn of Response: TCH 318 **I Believe in a Hill Called Mount
Calvary**

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering: 1) General Fund
2) Butler County Christmas Cheer

Hymn: TCH 644 **The Greatest Thing**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 22:34-40**

Message: **THE PROBLEM TODAY**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 324 **When I Survey the Wondrous**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: TCH 158 **Think About His Love**

*Postlude

Council Notes of November 2, 2020

Council meeting of November 2, 2020 was opened by reading I Corinthians 13. It reminded us of the need to demonstrate love in all of life's situations—including our experiences with COVID-19 and the present political environment. Opening prayer by Pastor Rus.

Article 1: Minutes of the October 19, 2020 council meeting were read and approved.

Article 2: Correspondence was reviewed for information.

- A “thank you” note was received from the Ascher Family for the church expressions of sympathy on the death of Jim Ascher.
- The deacons reported the receipt of a check in the amount of \$200 from the Iowa State Bank.

Article 3: Ministry Reports:

- Pastor's Report: Monthly report of visits, activities and mileage was received for information.
- Elder's Report: A new Church Directory is being planned for 2021.
- Pulpit Committee: Marlyn Allspach - No pastor “fill-ins” are needed for the present.
- Worship Committee: Ken Meester - No Report
- Attendance: The average Sunday morning attendance for the month was 38 people.
- Outreach Committee: Marlyn Allspach – No Report.
- Discipleship Committee: Mike Ascher - No Report.
- Building Committee: Harold Coplen – It was reported that the flags at the church had been taken down for the winter due to damage caused by strong winds and weather conditions. The bell had also been turned off for the winter months.

Article 4: The October 2020 financial report was presented by Mike Sterling. Receipts of \$12,536.27 were received. The target monthly budget amount (for 4 Sundays) is \$8280.80 which resulted in a monthly surplus of \$4295.47. YTD shortfall is \$2959.32.

Article 5: Old Business: The difficult work of preparing a budget for the new year continued:

- After careful review of our financial situation, it was decided to reduce the salary and fringe benefits of our church

custodians. A motion was made and passed to pay the custodians \$300 per month with no church contribution to Social Security. The duties of the custodians will include all interior cleaning of the church and the opening/ locking of the doors for Sunday morning worship. The Council is asking for volunteers from the congregation to assist with the set up/storing of tables and chairs during funerals. This motion was approved.

- The Pastor had requested Life Insurance coverage in the amount of \$100,000 for five years. A motion was made to offer a \$100,000 life insurance policy for five years, which would be paid by the church if the pastor remains an employee of the church. Motion carried.
- A motion was made to offer a salary increase for the Pastor at the “cost of living” rate offered to retirees—presently 1.3%. Motion carried.

Article 6: New Business

- Discussion took place regarding the impact of the COVID 19 virus on church and community life. Recent spikes in virus outbreaks in Butler County were of concern. It was decided that prior to Sunday morning worship services, the Fellowship Hall would be opened for social gathering following safe distance guidelines. This is designed to alleviate the present social gathering in the rear of the sanctuary prior to the beginning of the service.

Article 7: Motion made and supported to adjourn. Carried

Article 8: Concept minutes were read and approved.

Article 9: Mike Ascher closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Pastor: Rus Boersma

Clerk: Darrell Druvenga

Members present:

Pastor Rus
Marlyn Allspach
Mike Ascher
Harold Coplen
Darrell Druvenga
Kenny Meester
Mike Sterling

Members absent:

None

Next Meeting: December 7, 2020