

**THE LORD'S DAY, JANUARY 16, 2022**  
"Welcome to worship at MRC today!"

***WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP***

**THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE**  
"GOD'S UNEXPECTED WAYS"

**THIS MORNING'S TEXT**  
Genesis 48:1-2, 10-20 (Pew Bible: Page 80)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.  
Both are available on request.*

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**Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.**

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**THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE**  
"CONFRONTING UNBELIEF"

**THIS EVENING'S TEXT**  
Acts 21:17-24, 27-32, 40-22:10, 17-22 (Pew Bible: Page 1731)

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**MEMBER MINISTRY**

**NURSERY TODAY**  
**NEXT WEEK**  
**KIDS OF LIGHT**  
**HALL MONITORS**

Lisa Mensch, Sara Schipper, Emily Veld (AM)  
Katie & Anna Jager, Linsey Jager (AM)  
Cristy, Jenna & Aiden Mohr, Lacy Hulst  
**TODAY:** Brian DeMann, Don VerHage  
**NEXT WEEK:** Kyle Katje, Tyler Sikkema  
**TODAY:** Michael Dutton, Earl Helder, Jake Sybesma  
**NEXT WEEK:** Jon Nieuwenhuis, Mike Pavlak, Jake Sybesma

**USHERS**

We express our sympathy to Brian and Myssi DeGood and family as they grieve the recent death of Brian's grandfather, Karl Hofstra.

It is our joy to celebrate Christian baptism for:

- ◆ **Nathan Russel DeGood**, son of Brian and Myssi DeGood; AND
- ◆ **Kara Louise DeGood**, daughter of Brian and Myssi DeGood

Please join us in the Narthex Area following the morning service for a time of fellowship and refreshments as we celebrate the baptisms.

Mark your calendars for a **game night** for all those who are high school freshmen and older on Saturday, January 29, 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite game if you wish. Hope to see you there! Bring friends!

**Adult Sunday School** (meets in the Sanctuary): If you enjoy a class with a variety of different topical discussions, please join us today! Jim Schipper will be leading this class and it will meet near the organ.

**MRC Quilter's:** At our Saturday, February 5th meeting, we will be working on the missionaries quilt after learning the Twin Sisters quilt block from Irene. So please plan on staying later for lunch & sewing. We have to complete this quilt before March in order to send it. Thanks.

**Women's Bible Study** has been postponed due to health concerns. The new start-up date is Tuesday, February 1. We will be studying Lysa Terkeurst's book entitled, "*It's Not Supposed to be This Way*"...finding unexpected strength when disappointments leave you shattered. We will meet in the Youth Room at 6:30 p.m. Contact Nancy DeWolff at 269-808-7844 with questions.

The **MRC Church Campout** is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 – Sunday, August 7. There are currently still four more sites open. If you would like to join us, please reserve your spot by January 25. You can contact SON-Life at 269-792-2081 or email office@son-lifecamp.org. A 50% deposit is due at the time of booking.

**Attention Treasurers:** Once your books are closed for 2021, please prepare a **financial report** for the year. Deadline: Sunday, January 30. Any questions, please contact Jill Wolthuis.

The consistory is considering the purchase of **new pew Bibles** and is discussing a change of translation. Presently we have the New International Version (NIV) which has been out since 1984 but, for reasons of being a more literal translation that maintains beauty of language, many Christians have been moving toward the English Standard Version (ESV). The consistory is considering the ESV, but it also realizes that much of the congregation has come to love the NIV after decades of use. Before we make a decision, we welcome your input.

**Martin Resource Center Collections for January** include: bar soap, body wash, toothpaste, mouthwash, razors, deodorants lotion, diapers and wipes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

The **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Faith Mission Offering** is designated for LEMA Institute. This ministry equips Christian pastors in Africa to be Biblically strong leaders. If you would like to donate, please mark your offering accordingly.

Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the thoughtful prayer shawls and blanket given to our family following the death of mom and grandma. ~The Schaafsma Family

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**WORSHIP WITH US: 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**

### **MRC ELDERS:**

Charlie Jager, Doug Geurink, Jerry Pols,  
John Schipper, Troy Timmer, Mike Wolthuis.

### **MRC DEACONS:**

Kevin DeMann, Kyle Katje, Matt Modreske,  
Steve Pott, Ben Schipper, John Smit.

# Life of the Congregation January 16, 2022

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.  
**10:35 AM** Children's Choir – Three's thru Grade 5th: Meet in Fellowship Hall.  
**10:45 AM** Sunday School classes for all ages until 11:30 a.m.  
**6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.  
**6:00 PM** Jr. High Youth will meet in the Youth Room – until 7:30 p.m.  
**6:00 PM** Sr. High Youth Group will meet in the downstairs Fellowship Hall – until 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY

- 8:00 AM** Open Gym for Walkers: Monday-Friday – until 10:30 a.m.  
**7:00 PM** Women's Volleyball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- **NO Women's Bible Study** this week. (Postponed to February 1.)  
**7:00 PM** Men's Basketball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 PM** MRC Prays in the Narthex Area.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \*\*\* **Wes Bloemsma** was admitted to Borgess Hospital due to covid, low oxygen and blood clots. Pray for strength and healing.
- \*\*\* **Sandy McVean, Charlie Jager and Linda Zeinstra's mom**, has been put on Hospice Care and is quite weak. Pray too for all the family during this difficult time.
- \*\*\* Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** in her battle against cancer.
- \*\*\* **Kellen Sikkema, Chad & Sarah's son, and Roger & Sharon's 9-year-old grandson**, recently experienced a seizure. Pray that God heals so that he has no reoccurrences.
- \*\*\* **Pray for all those recovering from covid.**
- \*\*\* Pray for our **missionaries and the people in Papua, New Guinea** as they struggle with gang violence.
- \*\*\* Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.
- \*\*\* Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's niece); **Doug** (Wes & Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Sharon Fitzpatrick** (Sandy Knooihuizen's mom); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Daryl VanderPloeg** (Pat DeHaan's brother); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); and **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director).

## REASONS FOR PRAISE

- \*\*\* As we baptize **Nate and Kara** this morning, we praise God for the blessing of family.

**Sunday Evening - January 16, 2022**  
**Pastor Mark Heijerman**

**6:00 P. M.:**

**We Gather As God's People**

Prelude – Carol Jager  
Welcome

**We Praise God in Song**

Opening Prayer  
Song Service (John Schipper)

**We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation**

Time of Prayer  
Time of Reflection  
Song of Preparation #87: “May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture: Acts 21:17-24, 27-32, 40-22:10, 17-22 (Pew Bible: Page 1731)  
Message: “*CONFRONTING UNBELIEF*”  
Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #231 (vs. 1-3): “Jesus Shall Reign”  
Parting Blessing

**We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God**

Parting Song #231 (last verse): “Jesus Shall Reign”  
Postlude