

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAISE!** – Ron and Jacque Weesies have committed to be the church Custodians. They will begin their duties on Monday, January 3. Please direct any requests for church facility use to Ron and Jacque in January.

**Thank You!** The church is very thankful to Doug Westrate for being the interim custodian since September. We thank you for your dedicated service.

**Sunday Prayer Gathering:** There will be no Sunday evening prayer service until some time in January.

**Monday Night Activities:** There will be no Manna Monday, Cadets, Gems, Men's and Women's Bible study on December 29. These events will resume on January 10, 2022.

**NECS News:** New Era Christian School is seeking its next principal to provide comprehensive leadership to their PK-8 Christian School. The position will begin in July of 2022. It is a full-time position that includes part-time teaching duties. Interviews will begin in February 2022. There is more information at <http://newerachristian.org/open-positions.html>. If you are interested, please contact Phil Morse at [pmorse@newerachristian.org](mailto:pmorse@newerachristian.org) with questions and/or your resume. Please pass along this opportunity freely.

### **2021 Council Members of New Era CRC:**

**President** - Mark Weesies    **Clerk** - Dick Walhout    **Treasurer** - Jeff Weesies

**Chairman of the Deacons** - Jim Bush

**Growing in Relationship with God:** Elders - Dave Wagner and Bob Eekhoff

**Growing in Relationship with Each Other:** Elder - Wes Weesies    Deacons - Dexter Weesies, Jim Bush

**Growing in Relationship with Community:** Elder - Dick Walhout    Deacons - Evan Eilers, Todd Goodrich

**Bulletin Announcements** can be sent to Bekah Goodrich at [necrc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:necrc.secretary@gmail.com) cell: 231-450-0410

Announcements should be turned in by 5PM on Thursdays.

**Prayer Requests** can be sent to Diane Adema at [diane.adema@gmail.com](mailto:diane.adema@gmail.com)



## ***New Era Christian Reformed Church***

*"Growing in Relationship with God, with Each Other,  
and with our Community"*



*"For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son  
that whosoever believes in him shall not perish  
but have everlasting life."*

*~ John 3:16*

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**

**1820 Ray Avenue - New Era, MI 49446  
(231- 861-5554) [www.neweracrc.org](http://www.neweracrc.org)**

*The Lord's Day ~Sunday, December 26, 2021*  
*Pastor Don Byker - Fifth Sunday of Advent*  
*Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.*

Prelude

Special Music: *In the First Light* – Anna & Patti Weesies

**God Calls Us Into Worship -**

Welcome and Call To Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* - Verses 1,4

*The First Noel* - Verses 1,3,5

*While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks* – Verses 1,4,5

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting – The Jeff Weesies Family

\*Songs: *What Child Is This* – Verses 1,3

*The Birthday of a King*

**To Give Thanks**

Congregational Prayer

Solo: *Welcome to Our World* – Anna Weesies

**To Listen to His Word**

Songs: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* – Verses 1,4

*Silent Night* - Verses 1,3

*View the Present Thru the Promise* - Verse 3

Scripture - Revelation 12

Message - "Expecting? Expect Victory"

Songs: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* – Verses 1,2,4  
*Angels We Have Heard On High* – Verses 1,3,4  
*Hark The Herald Angels Sing* - Verses 1,3

**To Go Out and Serve**

\*God's Blessing

\*Sending Song: *The King is Coming*

\*Postlude

~ A special Thank You to the Brassers for their musical addition to today's service.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Welcome:** Merry Christmas and welcome to this time of worship and fellowship with New Era CRC! Today's service will be our celebration of Christmas at New Era CRC. This service is the culmination of our celebration of Advent. "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come," and Jesus is coming again! Our service will feature an abundance of Christmas songs and special music.

**If you are at home** and would like to join us in worship via live stream click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJnzI7vpo5Hr9u3dxOULcA> after 9:20AM and you should be able to watch the service live. You should also be able to watch the service at a later time by clicking on the same link.

**Next Week:** This service will be our celebration of New Years. We will be installing our new Deacon, Tom TenBrink and new Elder, Dave Zoller. Pastor Don Byker will assist in leading worship and will preach the sixth and last sermon in the "Expecting?" series of messages.

*Sunday ~ December 26, 2021*

**SCHEDULES**

**THIS WEEK:**

**TODAY:**

**Prayer Time** in the council room at 8:59 a.m. Everyone welcome!

**Nursery Providers:** Mary Weesies

**After Morning Worship:** Coffee and Fellowship

**Cookies –** Cliff & Ellen Prince, Margaret & Henry Bruinsma,  
Barb Youngs

**NEXT WEEK:**

**SUNDAY:**

**Prayer Time:** 8:59 a.m. A time of prayer seeking God's presence and blessing as we worship Him. Everyone welcome!

**Nursery Providers:** Sarah Bofysil, Danielle Bush

**Cookies –**

**Offering Report - Sunday, December 19, 2021**

**Total Offering - \$10,796**

**Love INC - \$101**

**General Fund - \$7,695**

**Farmer's Market - \$3,000**

**TODAY'S OFFERING** – General Fund

**Next Week:** General Fund

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please continue to pray for Dave Brace, who is currently fighting the COVID virus.

Please uphold Daphne Smith in your prayers. She is currently fighting the COVID virus. The latest updates state that she is on a positive healing path. She is still on a ventilator, but Dave is able to visit her.

Please continue prayers for Lincoln, Emily, and Trevor Folkema. Lincoln is suffering from a blood disease.

Please pray for Jan and Ron Brinks (Marcia Vermaire's sister and brother in law), Ron was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. They are asking for prayers for correct treatment decisions and for treatment to commence in a timely manner.

Please uphold Dorothy Neinhuis as she is currently in Blodgett Hospital and will be moving to Hospice Care. Please pray for Dorothy and her family.

Please pray for Tessa Kate, Mary and Jim Vanderwerp's granddaughter. Tessa Kate suffered a major fracture of her tibia yesterday. She has brittle bone disease and this is a major break. Please pray she can have surgery, her pain managed, and will be home for Christmas Eve.

Please uphold the Ben and Nicole Babinec family in your prayers. Their daughter, Cecilia (Cece) passed away on December 22. Cece was born with Aicardi Syndrome, a rare disorder that is similar to Epilepsy. Cece's grandmother, Linda, is a long time friend of Betty TenBrink.

Please pray for the family of Officer Mike Grillo. Officer Grillo was a member of the New Era Police Department and passed away due to complications from COVID. Officer Grillo frequently helped with the New Era Farmer's Market events.