

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Dinner Boxes – A group of Oceana County Churches have been collecting food to fill boxes for Christmas dinners for recent years. The December, The Salvation Army is again providing 375 hams to place in those boxes. The New Era Christian Reformed Church has been asked to provide 375 boxes of stuffing. Rather than requesting individuals to purchase boxes of stuffing and being unsure of how many would be collected, we have bought 375 boxes from a local store in the county, at a reduced rate. If you would like to participate in the joy of showing Christmas generosity, please consider donating money to a Stuffing Box that will be located across from the mailboxes. Money that is donated will be used to reimburse the cost of sharing healthy dinners to Oceana County residents who find themselves needing a boost this year at Christmastime.

Missionary Gifts: Women's Fellowship is again collecting money for a Christmas gift for each of our missionary families: Schmidt's, Vermaire's, and Canche's. Bring your offering to our Christmas gathering on December 13 or give it to Barb Youngs or Sharon Zoller.

New Era Coffeebreak - Effective November 29, we have decided to cancel the weekly meetings of Coffeebreak (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and Dec. 21). We hope to continue meeting in January if COVID 19 cases are not as prevalent as they are currently. Questions? Call Sharon Zoller at 861-5606.

Women's Bible Study - Girls Gathering for Christ (formerly Monday Night Bible Study) will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. We will continue our study of The Chosen. A study linking the Israelites being God's Chosen people to our being God's Chosen. All ages are welcome.

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 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



New Era Christian Reformed Church

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



*"Let all that you do be done in love."
~ 1 Corinthians 16:14*

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Service at 6:00 p.m.**

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The Lord's Day ~ Sunday, December 5, 2021
Pastor Don Byker ~ Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship -

Welcome and Call To Worship

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song: ***O Come, O Come Immanuel***

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting – The Mark Weesies Family

*Song: ***All Earth is Waiting***

Preparation for Celebration of the Lord's Supper

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

Children's Worship:

Children Dismissed for Children's Worship

Song: ***View the Present Through the Promise***

Scripture - 2 Peter 3: 1-15

Message - "Expecting? Expect God's Patience"

Response Song: ***My Soul in Stillness Waits***

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: ***Soon and Very Soon***

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us for this time of worship and fellowship. Together with Christians around the world, we are continuing our celebration of the season of Advent. The four Sundays leading up to and including Christmas are all part of this season. During this time, we will be celebrating *both* Jesus' first coming as a baby and we look forward to His coming *again* as the King of the Universe on the clouds of heaven. Pastor Don Byker will continue a series of messages entitled, "Expecting?" Over the course of the weeks of Advent, various families will be leading the Advent reading and candle lightings leading up to our celebration of Christmas.

Preparation for Celebration of Communion: As part of our morning service, today, we will take time during our worship time to examine our hearts and lives as we prepare to receive **Communion next Sunday, December 12.**

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: Pastor Don Byker will assist with leading worship and preach the third sermon in a series of Advent messages focused on Jesus' second coming. He will also lead us in the celebration of Communion.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for Fred Newman, who is currently hospitalized with the COVID virus.

Praise! Pastor Larry Baar has been released from the hospital and is home, recovering from the COVID virus and pneumonia. Larry continues to heal. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Please pray for Margaret and the Bruinsma family on the passing of Margaret's mother, Jane Wilting.

Please pray for healing for Terri Maki, (friend of Sandy Whitaker) who was able to have surgery today to remove her foot.

Sunday ~ December 5, 2021

SCHEDULES

THIS WEEK:

TODAY:

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

Nursery Providers: Margaret Bruinsma, Amy Weesies

After Morning Worship: Coffee and Fellowship

Cookies – Jeff & Pam Weesies, Kathy Smith, Bonnie Westrate

Catechism for High School students: 11 a.m.

TONIGHT: Evening Prayer Gathering at 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY: Girls Gathering for Christ – 6:30 p.m.

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:

Cookies – Jake & Janessa VanderVelde, Dexter & Amy Weesies

Catechism: 11:00 a.m.

Evening Prayer Gathering: 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY: Manna Monday – Meal begins at 6:00 p.m.

GEMS & CADETS – Begin at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study – 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Offering Report – Thanksgiving Day

Total Offering - \$1,225 – General Fund

Offering Report - Sunday, November 28, 2021

Total Offering - \$1,555 - General Fund

TODAY'S OFFERING – General Fund

Next Week: Missions

Sermon Notes

Bible Passage II Peter 3: 1-15

Message: *Expecting? Expect God's Patience*

Your Patience

Expect God's Patience...

To match up with His

and

To match up with the Lord's

and

To match up with God's

and

Expecting patience shapes your **to match up**
with God's, so you can a godly expecting of Jesus'
coming in your hopeful thinking, feeling and living.

Prayer