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Bible Passage of the Month:

Luke 2:5-7

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ 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.

As we look towards celebrating the birth of Christ, let us not forget what this season really is about. It isn't hard for the real meaning to be overlooked in the hustle and bustle of the season. Let us reflect on some of the hymns that so nicely remind us where our focus should be.

What Child Is This, chorus only

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
This, this is Christ the King, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

O Holy Night, verse 1

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of the dear Savior's birth: Long lay the world in sin and error pinning. Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn: Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Silent Night! Holy Night!, verse 1

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Go, Tell it on the Mountain, chorus only

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere, Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

May you and your family enjoy this wonderful holiday season. And let us remember why we truly celebrate.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Communion

We will be celebrating communion on Sunday, December 4.

Family Celebration

The Annual Family Celebration (Congregational Meeting) will take place on Monday, December 5. We will begin with a catered meal at 6:00 p.m. Childcare will be available following the meal. Please RSVP for the dinner so we have an accurate count and if you need childcare. We will then have a time of worship and celebrations after which you will have the opportunity to approve the proposed 2023 general budget and vote on nominees for Elder and Deacon. Anyone may attend the Family Celebration. Only communicant members (age 18 and older) of Coopersville Reformed Church are eligible to vote.

S.A.L.T. Events

On Friday, December 9, we will go to a 3 Heath Brothers concert and dinner at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds. December 30 will be our annual Christmas party in the Activity Center.

Children's Christmas Program

Come out and see our Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. The kids have been working hard to make this a great program.

Christmas Cantata

Our Choir of Praise will be presenting a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 18, at our 9:00 a.m. traditional service. We invite everyone to come and hear this special musical program.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for candle lite Christmas Eve Services on December 22 at 7:00 p.m. and December 24 at 5:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this special evening. There will be no in-person services on Sunday, December 25.

W.O.W.

Our Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W.) continues from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All kids ages 4-5th grade are welcome to join us for a time of worship, fun, and most importantly, learning about Jesus.

Women's Quilt Group

The Women's Quilt Group is up and running for the season. We get together from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We meet the second Friday of the month in the Activity Center. Come and go as your schedule permits to sew, knit, and crochet for missions.

Coopersville Blood Drives

Coopersville Blood Drives are at Coopersville United Methodist Church, 105 68th Ave. N, Coopersville, MI!

- 4th Tuesdays every month - 1:30-7:00 p.m.

- 2nd Friday of even months - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Next drives: December 9 and December 27. We need YOU! and bring a buddy to donate with you.

MISSIONS/MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

The Gideons International 8671 Buchanan St. West Olive, MI 49460	Western Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge 440 Pontaluna Rd. Muskegon, MI 49444	Jeff Totten Baseball Chapel Leader The Detroit Tigers PO Box 99026 Troy, MI 48099-9026
Jaime & Martha Amaro 2da Privada de Madero 13 San Lorenzo, Cacaotepec, Oaxaca 68263 Mexico marthaborja@hotmail.com	Grace Covenant Ministries P.O. Box 340 Annville, KY 40402	Words of Hope 700 Ball Ave., NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503
G.V.S.U. Campus Ministry G.V.S.U. 1 Cook-DeWitt Center Allendale, MI 49401	Love INC. 6633 Lake Michigan Dr. P.O. Box 131 Allendale, MI 49401	Coopersville Cares 180 68th Ave. N Coopersville, MI 49404
Paradise Bound Ministries & Chuaquenum Church Plant P.O. Box 652 Allendale, MI 49401	Bob Van Zyl United World Mission Email: bandkvz@gmail.com	Bruce VanDusseldorp ChristAid International PO Box 1374 Arvada, CO 80001

SICK, SHUT-INS, AGED ONES (Birthdays)

Joe Corindo (June 28) 2855 10 Mile Rd., NE Rockford, MI 49341	Lucy Folkema (April 29) 6156 Pebble Dr. Allendale, MI 49401	Lavina Van Beek (May 15) 13320 48th Ave Coopersville, MI 49404
Ed (May 27) & Gert (February 17) Vander Kolk 616 East St. Coopersville, MI 49404		

MILITARY (Birthdays)

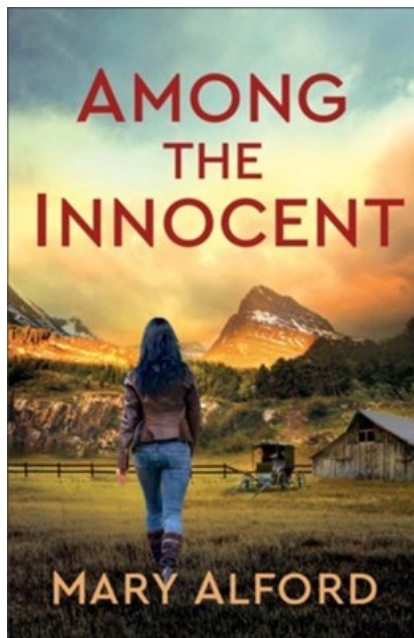
LCpl Jacob Kooistra (July 15) 11893 Cline Rd. Ravenna, MI 49451	Bryce Hanenburg (July 27) PO Box 8711 Camp Lejeune, NC 28547	SSgt Andrew Hewitt (A.N.G.) (November 15) 448 Stowell St. NW Comstock Park, MI 49321
SrA Jonathan Hewitt (May 1) PSC 2 Box: 1192 APO, AP 96264	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Smoes (September 13) 3931 Arbor Mill Circle Orange Park, FL 32065	Samuel B. Vander Ark (July 12) 3710 Arapahoe Trail San Angelo, TX 76905

“You can’t judge a book by its cover” certainly is true in the case of *Among the Innocent* by Mary Alford. Alford’s fast paced, white-knuckled suspense story will have you captivated from page one. This reader set out to browse through the story, but was quickly drawn in to read the first half of the book in one evening, only to stop as it was past her bedtime. Sleep however did not come quickly as the adrenaline was pumping. As I continued reading the next day, I felt like I was on an exhilarating roller coaster ride about to cruise to a halt, only to be whipped in another direction. I really enjoyed the pace of this book and the surprises along the way kept me guessing until the end.

Heirlooms by Sandra Byrd is set the beauty of Puget Sound and revolves around four women, two from the mid century and two in modern day. It intertwines across generations to explore the secrets we keep, the love we pass down, and the heirlooms we inherit from a well-lived life. This intergenerational story has a bit of everything - mystery, culture, courage, romance and hope that demonstrates God’s hand in families and how very much He cares for each of us and our families. Pour yourself a cup of tea and settle in for a delightful read.

It's been a busy year in the library, and I've asked several of our regular readers to give their recommendations on some of the favorites they have read. Their answers included *Under the Tulip Tree* by Michelle Shocklee, *LifeMark* by Chris Fabry written in book form from the movie by the Kendrick Brothers, several titles by Colleen Coble, Lisa Harris, and Irene Hannon. For those who enjoy a lighter read *The Sweet Life* by Suzanne Woods Fisher and *Meet Me in the Margins* by Melissa Ferguson were recommended. Popular nonfiction titles include *Present and Powerful: A Testimony of God's Working in Medical Missions* by Mary Broeckert M.D.

Speaking of LifeMark, the DVD is due to arrive in the library sometime in mid-December. It will be a one-week loan due to its expected demand.



Birthday Celebrations

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- 1 Reagan Hill, Dick Van Dop**
 - 2 Jamie Hill**
 - 3 Trisha Schippers, Abigail Visser**
 - 8 Katie Powers**
 - 9 Karen Gish, Dale Schaaphok**
 - 10 Stephanie Rosel**
 - 11 Gavin Baker, Curt Lemmen**
 - 13 Mark Speet**
 - 14 Amanda Casler, Kimberly Downs**
 - 18 Chris Cushway, Jim Hall**
 - 19 Wayne Bos, Matt Poliski**
 - 20 Helen Hines, Cameron Neumann**
 - 21 Mikayla Bakker, Ben Bukrey, Ellie Bukrey**
 - 23 Ann Lemmen**
 - 24 Isaac DeVries, Aaron Powers**
 - 27 Jerry Bos, Alexa Davis**
 - 28 Jan Metten, Samuel Quist**
 - 29 Chuck Heinz, Chris Mayeaux**
 - 30 Harlan Schmidt**
 - 31 Kali Chatman**

Nursery

The current nursery schedule is posted by the women's bathroom in the lower level of church. This is updated regularly to accommodate changes due to illness and vacations.

Little Tykes

The current Little Tykes schedule is posted by the women's bathroom in the lower level of church. This is updated regularly to accommodate changes due to illness and vacations.

9:00 a.m. Greeters

December 4	Rick & Marcia Draft, Gary & Karen Rollenhagen
December 11	Wes & Bonnie Busman, Debbie Weemhoff
December 18	Rodney & LeaAnn Tibbe, Scott & Tami Schoolcraft
December 25	No church services

Coffee Fellowship

December 4	Deb Mauk, Lynda Johnson, Marcia Draft, Mary Bialas
December 11	Beth Mast, Amanda Casler, Jan Jordan, Norma Busman
December 18	Evonne Erhorn, Carolyn Cushway, Jody Baker, Lisa Wiltenburg
December 25	No church services

Calendar of Events

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December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship 5-6:30 pm Crossroads 6-8 pm Women's Bible Study 7-8:30 pm One Way	5 6:00 pm Family Celebration	6 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer 7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	7 6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:45 pm The Vineyard	8	9 9:00 am-2:00 pm Women's Work Bee S.A.L.T. Event	10
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25 NO Church Services NO Youth Groups	26 Office Closed	27 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer	28	29	30 12:00 pm S.A.L.T. Event	31

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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