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## Bible Passage of the Month:

### Matthew 16:29-33

Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech." <sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

<sup>31</sup> "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. <sup>32</sup> "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

<sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

## 2023 Important Information

**ARC Vote:** Sunday, January 8, after each service we will officially vote on leaving the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and joining the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC). All communicant members 18 years and older are eligible to vote. If you can't be here on the 8<sup>th</sup>, absentee ballots are available from the church office during normal office hours.

**Directory:** A new printed church directory will be prepared this month. If you have any changes in address, phone number, or family member listing, please call the church office (616-837-8949) by Friday, January 6. We would like to include all regular attenders; please let us know if you are not currently listed and would like to be. Note: Please let us know if you want cell phone numbers and/or email addresses included in your listing.

**Offering Envelopes:** The boxes of 2023 offering envelopes are in family mailboxes in the church's main lobby. This is also a good time to look into online giving if you would like to save a step. Thank you for your continued financial support this year and please see a deacon if you have any questions. If you no longer use the offering envelopes, please return them to the church office so they may be reassigned. If you currently do not have envelopes but would like to use them, call the church office (616-837-8949) or email [tami@coopersvillereformed.com](mailto:tami@coopersvillereformed.com).

**Love Link:** If you would like to be added to the email list to receive this monthly newsletter, please call the church office or email [heather@coopersvillereformed.com](mailto:heather@coopersvillereformed.com).

## Family Celebration Update

**Elders Affirmed:** Doug Sietsema, Dick Van Dop, Ron Veldman. (three-year terms)

**Deacons Affirmed:** Tom Bergy, Doug Casler, Zach DeMull. (three-year terms)

The proposed budget for 2023 was approved as presented.

The Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons will be on January 8, 2023, at both morning services.

**A very heartfelt *thank you* goes out to the past Consistory members and to the incoming new members. Your sacrifice and service to God is a blessing.**

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- 1 Marvin Downs**
  - 4 Ezra Langeland, Jenna Van Klompenberg**
  - 6 Tresa Sparkles**
  - 9 Diane Rozema**
  - 11 Lisa Rosel, Ethan Saigeon**
  - 12 Michelle Budai, Judith Bouwman, Jacob Hill, Mark Mol,  
David Vander Ark**
  - 14 Norma Busman**
  - 16 Peter Bassette, Samuel Bassette, Ava DeVries**
  - 17 Staci Lamsma, Julie Neumann, Kathy Van Klompenberg**
  - 18 Kylee Bennink, Tom Harsay**
  - 19 Casey Van Antwerpen, Curt Visser**
  - 22 Peterson Keller, Laureen Mayeaux, Kaitlyn Tibbe**
  - 23 Kevin Wieringa**
  - 24 Naomi Smoes**
  - 25 Jody Baker, Zoe Cheadle**
  - 27 Mary Bialas, Louise Boom, Sidney Kooistra**
  - 28 Matthew DeYoung**
  - 30 Connie Clauson, Lynda Johnson, Owen Schoolcraft, Steve Sunde**
  - 31 Kalene Sietsema**

# Calendar of Events

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## January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>1</i> 10:00 am Combined Worship	<i>2</i> Office Closed	<i>3</i> 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	<i>4</i>  6:45 pm The Vineyard	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 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	<i>9</i>  7:00 pm Consistory Meeting	<i>10</i> 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	<i>11</i>  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:45 pm The Vineyard	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 9:00 am-2:00 pm Women's Work Bee  One Way Winter Retreat	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	<i>18</i>  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:45 pm The Vineyard	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Office Closed	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 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	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice	<i>25</i>  6:00 pm W.O.W. 6:30 pm Cuddle Up Time 6:45 pm The Vineyard	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>  Crossroads Fun Night
<i>29</i> 9:00 am Worship 10:45 am Worship  5-6:30 pm Crossroads 7-8:30 pm One Way	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer  7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice				

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

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