

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION TODAY!

We welcome all guests today and are very glad that you are here with our congregation as we worship God together. At Coopersville Reformed Church there are no strangers, only friends we haven't yet met! Please fill out a connect card (place it in the offering plate) so we can get to know you better. Visitor welcome gifts are located at the "Welcome Desk" in the lobby.

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Traditional Worship Service

9:00 Morning Service

*Please stand if you are able

Prelude
Welcome Video
Choir of Praise: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
Welcome/Announcements
*Hymn #64: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 1-5)
*Hymn #60: "Morning Has Broken" (v. 1-3)
Prayer of God's People: Abby Mast
Children's Dismissal
 (Preschool-Kindergarten dismissed for Little Tykes)
 (1st-6th Grade dismissed for Kids Zone)
Choir of Praise: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Scripture Reading
Scripture (pg. 977): James 1:1-8
Message: *Trials*
*Hymn #486: "Faith Is the Victory" (v. 1, 2, 4)
*Benediction
*Postlude

Contemporary Worship Service

10:45 Morning Service

*Please stand if you are able

Pre-Service Video
Welcome Video
*"Open Up the Heavens"
Welcome/Announcements
Prayer
*"King of Kings"
*"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"
The Sacrament of Baptism
Children's Dismissal
 (Preschool-Kindergarten dismissed for Little Tykes)
 (1st-6th Grade dismissed for Kids Zone)
Scripture Reading
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*"It Is Well with My Soul"
*Benediction

Join us for Coffee Fellowship in the church main lobby between the morning worship services.

Requests for a CD of the 9:00 a.m. worship service may be made on the connect card.

Baptism: We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism today and congratulate Rory & Emily Ribnicky as they present their daughter, Lena Rose Ribnicky, to be baptized (10:45 a.m.).

Adult Sunday School starts today at 10:30 a.m. in the Activity Center. Feel free to join us as we study Michael Card's, A Sacred Sorrow, the lost language of lament. We'll look at some of the Bible's spiritual "heavyweights" who set examples of how we can pray. Lament is an honest and painful prayer that states exactly how we feel. It's a prayer that says, "I'm not okay with this!"

The Church Office will be closed this Friday, September 22.

Ballots: Nomination ballots for elders and deacons were mailed recently to all communicant members (18 years and older). Boxes are available in the church lobby and in back of the Worship Center. The deadline to submit nominations is next Sunday, September 24.

Small Group Signups: Looking to get connected and grow in your relationship with Christ? Small group signups (men's, women's, couples) continue today in the church lobby following services or on the church website under ministries.

Choir of Praise: The next rehearsal for the Choir of Praise will be this Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. All former members and any new members (high school age and older) are welcome.

Senior Events: **1.** Bible study begins weekly this Monday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Activity Center. **2.** On Saturday, October 28, we will enjoy a chicken & roast beef dinner at the Blue Gate at 12:00 noon and see the Shipshewana Amish Gospel Jubilee with Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Qt, Joseph Habedank, and Inspirations at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center at 2:00 p.m. We have 64 tickets available, \$48/person. **Sign up and pay Deb Mauk by today.** **3.** Save the date: Saturday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. for the Collingsworth Family Christmas Tour at the Jenison Center for the Arts. More details and a signup sheet coming soon!

Teachers & Staff Support: We are gathering paper products to show love to teachers and staff at Coopersville South Elementary School in support of their weekly breakfasts. Please drop off paper plates, cups, or napkin donations to the church office by September 20.

Men's Retreat: Sign up now to guarantee a fun, Spirit-filled time with other men. The retreat will be at Lake Ann Camp from September 29-October 1. Cost is \$155 which includes your food and lodging. Register online at www.coopersvillereformed.com under events.

Women's Retreat: Join us for the women's retreat at Grace Adventures from October 13-15. Cost is \$165 which includes food, lodging, and lots of fun! The speaker is author and teacher, Amy Siefert. Register online at www.coopersvillereformed.com under events.

Benefit: On Saturday, October 14, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Rockford Masonic Lodge, there will be a benefit to raise money for a new wheelchair van for Audry Schippers. If you can help by donating items for the raffle, please email Daniel Schippers at schippers0831@gmail.com.

CHURCH STAFF

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Zach DeMull
Homer Hill
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Rory Ribnicky
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Cory Visser

CHURCH CALENDAR EVENTS

W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) Wednesdays (October-March), 6:00 pm
One Way (9th-12th grade) Sundays (September-May), 7:00 pm
Crossroads (6th-8th grade) Sundays (September-May), 5:00 pm
The Lord's Supper January 15, March 5, April 7, May 7, June 4, August 6, October 1, December 3
Baptism Dates February 12, May 14, September 10, November 5
Church Newsletter Deadline (Heather Smoes, Editor: heather@coopersvillereformed.com) 15th of each month
Alcoholics Anonymous Tues. 6:00 pm/Sat. 6:00 pm

CHURCH-SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES

Jaime & Martha Amaro (Mexico)
Dr. Pablo Freille (Brazil)
Bob Van Zyl Jr. (Colombia)
Grace Covenant Ministries (Kentucky)
Western Michigan Teen Challenge
Plus Numerous Other Mission Organizations

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