

Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

7950 **CHURCHILL RD**

Welcome

JANUARY 3, 2021

Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the
past.

See, I am doing a new
thing!

Now it springs up; do
you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the
wilderness
and streams in the
wasteland.

Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV



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On the web at **manhattancrc.org**

JANUARY 3, 2021

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

A Time of Worship Preparation

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

*God Greets His People

*We Greet One Another

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**Rejoice the Lord is King* - LUYH #224:1-3

*Apostles' Creed

**Crown Him With Many Crowns*

- CH #45:1,3,4

GOD REMINDS US OF HIS WILL

**Whiter Than Snow*

- CH #653:1,2,4

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund

Christian Education Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

**Take Time to Be Holy* - CH #656:1,2,4

Text: John 3:1-5; John 4:5-18

Message: **Soul Satisfaction**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Not What My Hands Have Done*

- PH # 260:1-3

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People

**Praise God From Whom*

All Blessings Flow - PH # 637

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Randy Van Dyk

preaching

Laurie Grosskopf

organ

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

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**One Day*

- CH #294:1,2,4,5

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

- CH #293:1-3

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Evening Prayer

Offering - Christian Education Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

**O Word of God Incarnate* - CH #414:1,2

Text: Matthew 2

Message: **What Do You See?**

Prayer

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**Shine, Jesus, Shine*

- CH #431:1-3

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MCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST PASTORS

This morning we welcome Randy Van Dyk to the pulpit to bring God's word and this evening John Skillman will be our guest preacher.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Our worship services will be held indoors. Livestream will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Masks required as per governor's directive.
- Life Groups will be divided between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. For January 3, Life Groups 6 & 7 will be in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, Life Groups 8 & 9 will be in the FH.

OTHER DETAILS

- Please bring your own Bible. We will seek to avoid using the books in the pew. If you do need to use them, don't put them back in the holders, but set them on the bench so they can be wiped down.
- No coffee/punch time available yet.
- The upstairs restrooms will be available for use, one person at a time. The downstairs restrooms will be closed.

LORD'S SUPPER

Prayerfully prepare your hearts, as we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday in the morning service. If you have questions regarding your participation, please contact the pastor or an elder.

COVID – 19 UPDATE

The Worship Committee has outlined how we can worship together while following the physical distancing practices outlined by the governor. It is important that we do all we can to create a safe atmosphere for worship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deb, Jana, or your elder.

COUNCIL MEETING

The council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m.

DESIGNATED PEWS

- For those that worship in church, we will be sitting in designated pews in order to keep an appropriate distance according to guidelines given to us. Ushers will be help you find a seat.

Ushers January 03 - Walt Sales,

Karsen Kredit, Vince Van Dyken

Ushers January 10 - Mike Kamp,

Dallas Van Gelder, Brett Heidema

TOT CHURCH

Tot church will resume on January 10.

Teachers January 10 & 17 - Julie Witte,

Cavan and Lydia Visser

NURSERY

For the next few months there will be no volunteers staffed for nursery. The nursery and wiggle room/cry room will remain available for anyone who needs to use them during the worship service. While children are always welcome in the sanctuary, taking your little one downstairs and listening to (in nursery) or watching (in wiggle room) may be a good option for those of you with young ones. Thank you for your understanding!

~ The Nursery Committee

TODAYS

The Today devotionals for January/February have not yet arrived as they are experiencing unusual shipping delays. We are hoping they arrive soon. A few copies of the first week of January are available on the table by the mailboxes if you would like one.

JANUARY OFFERING SCHEDULE

- 01/03/21 - General Fund
Christian Education Fund
- 01/10/21 - General Fund
Denominational Ministry Shares
- 01/17/21 - General Fund
Special Missions
- 01/24/21 - General Fund
Warren Hiebert
- Bozeman Prison Ministries
- 01/31/21 - General Fund
GEMS

COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY

This week is diaper collection week.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

- Send your weekly or monthly gifts to Manhattan CRC, 7950 Churchill Road, Manhattan, MT 59741.
- Give on-line by going to manhattancrc.org and clicking the "Give Now" tab.
- Hold your gifts in an envelope at home, send in monthly, or bring back to church when you feel comfortable.
- If you have any questions about giving please contact Larry Klompfen (282-7697). Thank you!

VULNERABLE POPULATION

According to CDC guidelines, vulnerable populations include those over 65 and those with heart disease, diabetes, asthma, etc. Those to whom this applies are encouraged to worship via livestream. Also, those exhibiting any symptoms of illness are asked to worship via livestream.

INVITATION NOT OBLIGATION

Worshipping in the church is an invitation, not an obligation. If you feel uncomfortable coming to church at this time, please worship via livestream. The service will be livestreamed. Go to our church website (manhattancrc.org) on your computer, scroll to "News", and under this heading find the live stream. The digital archive will be available shortly after the service concludes.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Please keep in mind that physical distancing applies not only during worship, but also before and after.
- Maintain appropriate 6' distance between families or household groups (including children). Please arrive on time to avoid bunching up in the back.

YOUR LOVE INC MINISTRY IS HIRING!

Love INC is seeking a Project Manager/ Marketing Coordinator. Please contact CJ at communications@loveincgc.org to apply or to request more information.

GROUNDWORK

COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP - Following Jesus is not always easy. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 13:3-23, Luke 14:25-33, and Hebrews 12:1-3 to better understand the spiritual discipline of commitment and learn how we can cultivate the lifelong discipline of following Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BEING GOD'S COPYCAT

Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In Colossians 3:12, God shows us how we can do what he does by acting with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

BLOGGERS WANTED

Do you enjoy writing on topics related to faith and ministry? If so, Staci over at The Network (crcna.org/Network) would love to hear from you! The Network is open for anyone to post—all you'll need to do is create an account and add your blog. Or, if you'd prefer, email network@crcna.org, we'd be happy to help!

CRCNA POSITION OPENING

Resonate Global Mission, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part time (24 hr/ week) Administrative Specialist to manage all administrative and office support activities of the West Coast Regional leader. The ideal candidate will be located on the west coast. This position will work remotely from their home. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for a detailed position description or to complete an online application, attaching a resume and cover letter, no later than January 3, 2021.

DIGITAL MARKETING CAREER

OPPORTUNITY AT WORLD RENEW

At World Renew we are compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy. We currently have an opportunity for a Digital Marketing Associate to be based in either Canada or the USA! This position will support the team acquiring leads through managing content, coordinating social media and email campaigns, and championing our peer-to-peer fundraising platform. Details can be found at worldrenew.net/careers or worldrenew.ca/careers

CRCNA POSITION OPENING

Ministry Support Services, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time Curriculum Developer for the Thrive project. Thrive is a 5-year grant funded project. Hours for the first year will be up to 18 hours a week and will decrease over the remaining four years. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for a detailed position description or to complete an online application, attaching a resume and cover letter, no later than January 8, 2020.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray fervently that God arrests this spreading virus. We pray for those infected. We pray for health workers on the front lines of this pandemic. We pray for leaders who must make hard choices on how to respond. We pray for calm.

We trust God our Father who is always in control, even when our life feels tenuous and uncertain.

CHURCH FAMILY

Continue to pray for our community as a number of people are dealing with COVID. Keep all our **teachers and school staff** in your prayers for strength, good health and energy to do their work. Include our **college students** in your prayers as well as they deal with holiday travel, remote learning, and other challenges.

Continue to pray for the **Kuperus family** as they recover their health and strength.

Pray for those church **members with unspoken needs**. Some deal with chronic pain, depression, and loneliness.

Rob & Julie Hager thank you for your prayers. Please pray for strength, peace and wisdom as Rob's health declines. His dementia is significantly worse, and he has other health issues.

Remember to pray for all our senior church members who are living in various retirement homes: **Jerita Andriesen, Ret Blanksma, Ethel Dykstra, Grace Douma, and Edith Vander Molen** (in Personal Care at the Churchill Retirement Home), and **Jeanette Visser** (at Gallatin County Rest Home).

Keep **Pastor Tim and Heidi** in your prayers as they minister with us.

Please pray for our part-time staff: **Deb Flikkema, Jana Van Dam, Kathy Eekhoff, Lisa Heidema, Jim & Bonnie Potts, and Bob Poelman**.

Be in prayer for **our council members**.

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Eric Danhof passed away December 25. He is now without pain and at home with the Lord. The family is very thankful for the prayers of our congregation. Please pray that our loving God will wrap his arms around Eric's family, and the extended Danhof family, and bring them peace and comfort as only He can.

Continue to pray for **Bob Kincaid's cousin** and his family. Praise God that **Forrest** is continuing to improve after having surgery to put a permanent shunt in his head. They are hoping that he will be able to come home soon! The family is thankful for all the prayers and ask for them to continue!

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

Pray for **Keith Heidema** as he makes his final preparations to leave for Costa Rica on January 7 for a year long mission through Resonate Global Missions.

Pray for **Mark Eekhoff** as he is traveling in Lesotho and Kenya for the next 5 weeks. Pray for his safety and that his time there will be blessed as he makes connections and works further on setting up the Shepherd Project. Pray also for the **new missionaries** that are joining in the work of Africa Inland Missions. Mark arrived in South Africa on December 29. Please pray that his travel and Covid testing will go smoothly. He welcomed in the New Year with a group of shepherds.

Pray for **Kurtis Schutter** as he works with the Navigators. He is thankful for students who have remained connected with him through this year and the second lockdown.

Pray for **Lauren & Connie Runia** as they work in Bible translation for Wycliffe. Give thanks that The Papua New Guinea Scripture Media Ministry (SMM) team has continued their work over the past few months.

Please pray for **Mark & Jennifer Underhill** and **Jesse & Megan Radoslovich** and their work with Cru.

From **Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou**:
"We ask for your continued prayers for God's peace here in West Africa. We covet your prayers for God's special mercy, compassion and divine protection."

Prayer requests from **Jeffery and Melissa Bos**:

Pray for continued health for our family and the social circles with whom we interact.

Pray for meetings and church services in Muscat to resume in person.

Pray for decreasing COVID infections, increasing understanding of precautions, and affordable vaccines.

Pray that we may travel to the US next summer and reconnect with family, friends, and supporters.

Remember to pray for **Dorothea Kirkendall** as she serves on the International Prayer team for the Wycliffe Global Alliance.

Pray for **Chaplains Warren Hiebert and Randall Jones** as they minister to officers, 1st responders, and dispatchers throughout Gallatin County.

DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR THE PRAYER LIST?

Call the office at 282-7442, your district elder, or John and Eileen Scheffer 388-3032

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

9:00 AM NO Sunday School Grades K-12
 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 Life Groups 6 & 7 in FH
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Council Meeting

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School Grades K-12
 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 Life Groups 8 & 9 in FH
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

LOOKING AHEAD

January 10 Communion
 January 10 Sunday School & Catechism
 Resume

OUR GIFTS

Giving as of 11/30/2020

Month Year

GENERAL FUND

Goal	\$29,926	\$359,113
Rec'd	<u>\$31,524</u>	<u>\$73,469</u>
Over (Short)	\$1,598	(\$285,644)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Goal	\$33,017	\$396,209
Rec'd	<u>\$36,616</u>	<u>\$92,607</u>
Over (Short)	\$3,599	(\$303,602)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Goal	\$2,000	\$24,000
Rec'd	<u>\$1129</u>	<u>\$2,989</u>
Over (Short)	(\$871)	(\$21,011)

OFFERINGS

TODAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

The second offering is for the Christian Education Fund which is used to cover the tuition costs of families who are participating in the Christian Education Fund. It is for the exclusive benefit of students whose families belong to Manhattan CRC.

UPCOMING

JAN 10 GENERAL FUND
 JAN 10 #2 DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY SHARES
 JAN 17 GENERAL FUND
 JAN 17 #2 SPECIAL MISSIONS
 JAN 24 GENERAL FUND
 JAN 24 #2 WARREN HIEBERT - BOZEMAN PRISON MINISTRIES
 JAN 31 GENERAL FUND
 JAN 31 #2 GEMS

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