

## Worship Volunteers for Today

**Worship Leader:** Maureen Sweet    **Children's Worship:** Amy Walma  
**Sound:** Mike Randall    **Library:** Judy Barszcz  
**Camera:** Donna Randall    **Welcome Center:** The Laningas  
**Computer:** Becky Schultz  
**Prayer Room:** Dave Alverson    **Nursery:** Sherri N. & Allie B.  
**Greeter:** The DeVrieses

## Worship Volunteers for Next Week

**Worship Leader:** Todd Hendricks    **Children's Worship:** Debbie V.  
**Sound:** Mike Randall    **Library:** Tami Munro  
**Camera:** Donna Randall    **Welcome Center:** The Laningas  
**Computer:** Becky Schultz  
**Prayer Room:** Bob Russell    **Nursery:** Jeanne H. & Nicole D.  
**Greeter:** The Donkers

## Our Leadership

### Staff:

Rev. Wayne Otten  
Drew Zuverink  
Danielle Gummere  
Melissa Behrenbrinker  
Tom Nieboer

### Elders:

Dave Alverson  
Malik Amandou  
Tom Beckwith  
Eric Behrenbrinker  
Todd Hendricks  
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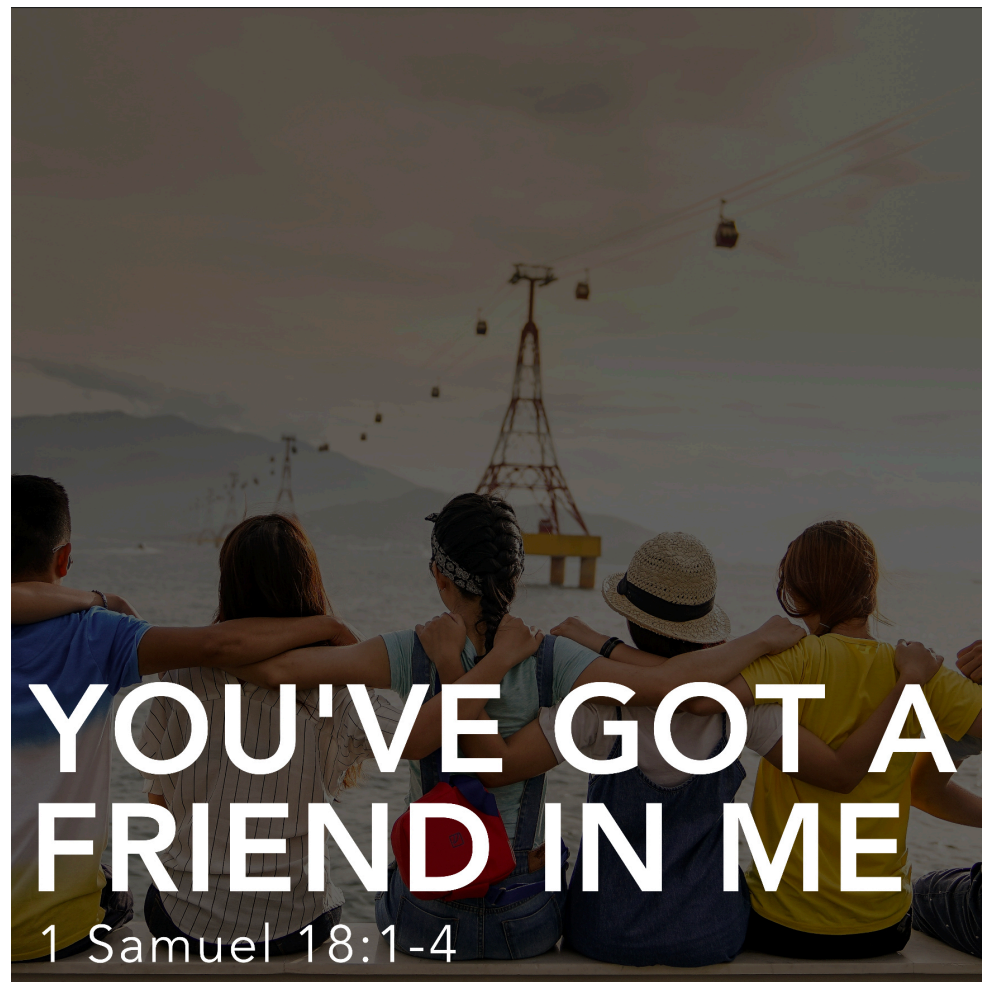


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# Welcome to Worship!



# Upcoming Events...

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*In Christ Alone*  
*What If It Were Today?*  
*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Congregational Prayer & Offering

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-4  
Sermon: You've Got A Friend In Me  
Reverend Wayne Otten

*Make Me A Blessing*

Announcements & Benediction

*Thank You Lord*  
*The Doxology*

## **Senior Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 10a.

## **Prayer Group**

Wednesdays @ 6:30p.

## **Men's Bible Study**

Thursdays @ 8:00a.

## **Youth Group**

Today @ 4:30p.

## **Prayer Service**

February 2 @ 5:00p.

## **Lit'n Lattes**

February 10 @ 5:30p.

### **Welcome to Unity Reformed Church!**

We are glad you're here worshiping with us! If you are visiting and would like to learn more about Unity, please fill out an information card at our Welcome Center. Kid's Worship Too is a special service for children ages 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade downstairs (in room #102) during the morning service. Kids are dismissed during the service.



## Remember in Prayer...

## Sermon Notes

### Our Mission Partners

Gateway Mission  
Talking Bibles International  
The Servant Center - Grand Rapids  
Boss & Missy Petit - LiftKids Haiti

Jeong & Misook Gho - Japan  
Pregnancy Resource Center  
W. Michigan Teen/Adult Challenge  
Cody Kerstin - Wycliffe Bible - Mexico

### Our Family

#### Ongoing Health Concerns

Art Visser  
Ron Rysdyk  
Thom Adams  
Wilma Pursifull  
Dorene Beckwith  
Jackie Russell

#### Our Home-bound Members

Ruth Topp - Storybook East  
Joyce Hoffman - Mission Point  
Carolyn Geers - Rivertown Ridge  
Char DeMaagd - Edison Manor  
Marilyn Nance - Metron  
Carolyn Jager - Home  
Art Visser - Greentree  
Connie Vanlier - Beacon Hill  
Judy Verstrate - Greentree

Tammy - John & Carolyn Lobbes's daughter  
Char DeMaagd - recovering from surgery for a broken ankle

## Announcements...

### **Lit n' Lattes**

Lit n' Lattes will be meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, February 10th at Judy Bergsma's. We will be discussing the book, "A Prayer for Owen Meany", by John Irving.

### **Thank You**

Peace and grace to you, I praise God for His goodness and faithfulness! Wednesday's event, aimed at supporting Simon's effort to bring his daughter to safety and opportunity in a new country, left us in awe of what God has done. We were prepared with Plans B, C, and beyond to raise the full amount, but God exceeded our expectations. Simon, Anna, and I, along with everyone praying and working behind the scenes, want to express our heartfelt thanks to the Unity Reformed Church family and you personally for embracing Simon's burden to reunite with his daughter and grandchildren. In ministry, we often encounter people with varying interests—some seeking spiritual growth, others seeking material resources, and some leaving after their needs are met. Your willingness to support this effort without hesitation or open questioning humbles us and speaks volumes about the heart of your church family. For many of us, asking for help is not easy, but we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support in this journey to reunite Nathalie's family. Soon, we will share updates about the next steps, which involve finding five American citizens willing to apply on their behalf and lead the process. We will be ready to move forward with this and the funds in place. Please know how grateful we are. May God richly bless you and your congregation! Blessings,  
Giscard Ngendo (Simon's son)

### **Mailboxes**

Please note the mailboxes have been moved to the first coat room. Be sure to check yours!

*Happy Birthday to You*

Wednesday: Arla Riemersma  
Saturday: Stephen Beers & Pat Williams

## Get Involved...

We have many opportunities to get involved in the life of our church. Below are some areas we would love extra hands.

### **CommUNITY Pantry**

This ministry serves our neighbors and community by offering grocery basics as well as household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene supplies. There are two ways you can help out: food donations and volunteering for a shift to work in our pantry. If you'd like more information, please see Jackie Russell.

### **Sound Booth**

Whether you consider yourself a technology pro or a technology newbie, you can help out with this vital piece of our morning worship. There are three main positions you can help with: running the computer, the camera, or the sound board. Training is provided so no need to feel intimidated! Please see Marisa Hendricks if you'd like to help out.

### **Children's Church**

Our Children's Church is well underway and we would love your help! The curriculum has been recently changed, creating a more streamlined experience for the leaders and the children. If you'd like to sign up, even a week helps! The sign-up sheet is located on the Youth & Family Ministries table.



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