

WELCOME

Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 5:15-20

Today's Message with Jon DeGroot
Kingdom Capitalists

Offering Lead Worshipper
General Ministries Krista Slagter

The Weekly Calendar

Sunday (Today)

9:30a.m.: Worship Celebration

Monday

6:30 - 8:30p.m.: Open Rock - Van will leave Unity at 6:00 and return after

Tuesday

9:15a.m.: Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

11:30a.m.: January Series - Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung: Glittering Vices: Soul Care for Struggling Christians

6:30p.m.: Cadets

6:30p.m.: GEMS: Serve One Another (Lesson 5)

7:00p.m.: SRYG HS meeting - Van will leave Unity at 6:30PM and return after SRYG

Thursday

11:30a.m.: January Series - Matt de la Pena: The Power of Story

Friday

6:30a.m.: Men's Bible Study

11:30a.m.: January Series - William Garvelink: The Future with Pandemics

UNITY FAMILY

Today we welcome **Jon DeGroot**, pastor in the Reformed Church in America and currently serving as Superintendent of CMCS, as he brings the Word!

We grieve along side **Pastor Steve, Angela and their family** after the sudden death of his mother, Ruth Zwart, on Wednesday morning. Celebration of Life service will take place on Tuesday, January 5th at 10:30a.m. at the Hawarden CRC in Hawarden, Iowa.

Rejoicing with **TJ and Tara Stoel** that baby Avery was able to come home. There has been a MealTrain setup for the family. Please check out <https://mealtrain.com/849yk8> to reserve a date to bring a meal to this new family.

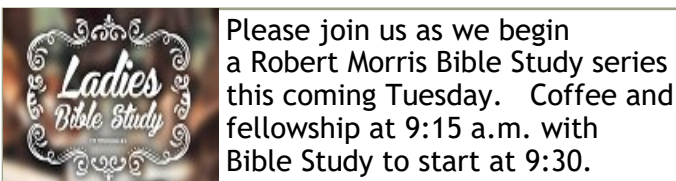
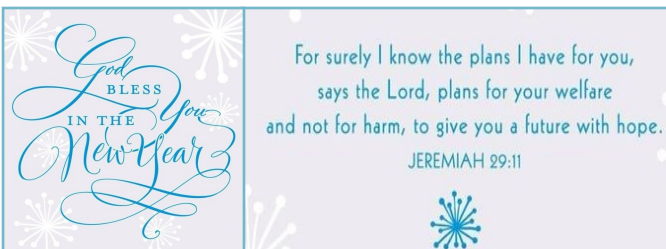
Lord willing, next Sunday, January 10th we will be joining the TeBrake family in the baptism of **Calder John TeBrake**.

In an upcoming service we will be welcoming these new families to our congregation:

Jon & Kara DeGroot and sons; Moses & Griffin Dave & Tammy Elsing

Ross & Tonya Larson and family; Hailey, Reed, Tigabu, Mattea, Desi & Abe

Jeff & Denise Morris and daughters; Angelina, Natalia & Cecelia



This past week **Pastor Steve' mother, Ruth Zwart**, passed away suddenly from a major cardiac episode. Gratefully, the family had just gathered with her last weekend for Christmas and shared in great memories together. **A Celebration of Life service will take place on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 10:30am at the Hawarden Christian Reformed Church in Hawarden, Iowa. A time of visitation will take place Monday evening, January 4, at the church from 5-7pm.** A public committal service and private family gathering will happen immediately after the service on Tuesday. The family is deeply touched by the outpouring of love from our church and the community during this tragic time. Please continue to uphold the family with your prayers. NOTE: Plans are coming together for livestreaming the service. A link will be posted on Facebook as well as sent out on Monday when that is finalized.



"Strong and Steadfast"

The world has been full of extensive change and flux these last 12 months. Turning the calendar to 2021, we know not what change lies before us but we do know that our God is steadfast and strong. When God's people trust this steadfast strong God, it shows and it flows everyday. Unity Family, you are strong and steadfast as again this past calendar year you faithfully tithed and gave in ways big and small. Together Unity is strong for 2021 and poised to remain steadfast whatever may come! Thank you for again making a difference here and around the world through your commitment to God and to one another!

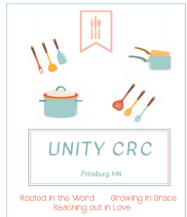


Starting this coming Wednesday will be beginning of the January Series. This year you will be able to view it two different ways. Join either virtually from your home or office or in our church sanctuary from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Registration is required for the virtual January Series. Simply visit this site www.calvin.edu/january.

If you join us at church there will be a box lunch available from The Lunchbox Café.

Please check out the speaker listing for the full series.



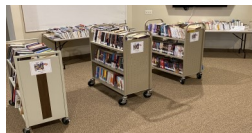
The Cookbooks are READY!

There are many yummy, drool-worthy recipes that you will be looking forward too. Each cookbook will be \$10 and the money will go towards our kitchen fund. There is a link in

the online email that was sent out but you may also contact the office to order yours.



The Lunchbox Café Senior Meal Schedule. These meals cost just \$5/serving! If you or a loved one are in need please place your order with the Lunchbox at 320-978-4187. **This week: Tues., Jan. 5 - Meatballs & Cheesy Potatoes. Thurs., Jan. 7 - BBQ Pork Buns & Potato Salad. Call to place order by 1:30 p.m. the day before.**



Books, Books, Books...

Come check out our selection. All the proceeds go to Haiti Literacy

Program! Suggested donations are \$0.50-1.00 per item.



January Series will be starting this coming year on Wednesday, January 6th. Each session will start at 11:30 a.m. This year will be available at Unity or Virtually Online.

Wednesday, January 6 - **Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung:** Glittering Vices: Soul Care for Struggling Christians

Thursday, January 7 - **Matt de la Pena:** The Power of Story

Friday, January 8 - **William Garvelink:** The Future with Pandemics

Monday, January 11 - **Tara Westover:** Educated: A Conversation with Tara Westover

Tuesday, January 12 - **Flynn Coleman:** The Future of AI

Wednesday, January 13 - **Danielle Allen:** Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century

Thursday, January 14 - **Jeffrey Rosen:** The Future of the Supreme Court

Friday, January 15 - **Andy Crouch:** The Limits of Technology and the Hope for a More Personal World

Monday, January 18 - **Jemar Tisby:** What is the Color of Compromise

Tuesday, January 19 - **Akbar Gbaja-Biamila:** Everyone can be a Ninja: Overcoming Obstacles

Wednesday, January 20 - **Peter O'Connor:** Arts: Healing Balms for a Sick World

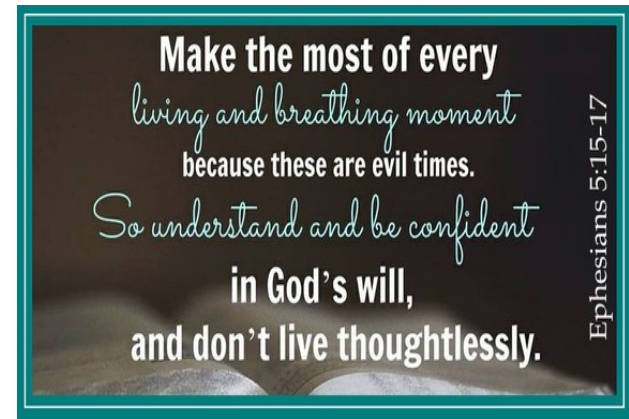
Thursday, January 21 - **Bruce Feiler:** Life is in the Transitions: Mastering Change At Any Age

Friday, January 22 - **Katharine Hayhoe:** Christians, Climate, and Culture

Monday, January 25 - **John Manzella:** Economics Trends, Globalization and the Need to Improve American Capitalism

Tuesday, January 26 - **Scott Sauls:** Prophetic Fire and Persuasive Gentleness: Why We Must Have Both

Sunday,
January 3, 2021



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