

# CONNECTED

November 9, 2025

Welcome to North Hills Christian Reformed Church—a place to glorify, gather, and grow! We thank today's volunteers: Welcome Center host **Helen Brien**, and usher **Gene Austin**. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following worship for a time of refreshments and fellowship, we thank **Barb Dawson** & **Kim Faloppa**, today's hosts.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES** today:

## During the service:

Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers meet in the downstairs playroom. Parents can sign in their child(ren) starting at 9:20am with attendants **Elizabeth Jolliffe** & **John Yuhas**.

## After the service Sunday School Hour:

**Sunday School Class:** Meet at the "big clock" in the Atrium by 10:40 am. Children ages 4–8 meet with **Julie Brouwer** & **Sara Schaule**, and children ages 9–13 with **Beth Asma** & **Elizabeth Jolliffe**.

## Adult Education Classes:

### Sunday, November 9:

Option 1: **John Kenney** concludes the study on Colossians. 11:00am. Council Room.

Option 2: **Pastor Engle** teaches from the Heidelberg Catechism. 11:00am. Pastor's Office

### Wednesday, November 12:

Women's Coffee Break Bible study  
10:00am in the Council Room

### Wednesday, November 12:

Joys of Recovery: Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, November 12:

Sermon discussion group  
7:00pm online  
Email: [judyhunsberger@gmail.com](mailto:judyhunsberger@gmail.com)

## Our Stewardship:

November 2 tithe:

\$6,878

Tithes received through November 2:

\$461,255

Ministry plan need through  
November 2:

\$469,615

CAP Turkey meals: 5

CAP Turkey cash: \$250

There are four ways to give your offering:

- In person: An offering plate is at the east Sanctuary entrance
- Our website: Click "giving" tab at [northhillscrc.org](http://northhillscrc.org)
- Mail: Send a check to North Hills Church / 3150 N Adams Road / Troy Michigan / 48084
- On your phone: Download and use Vanco mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement)





For the month of November, our worship environment is enhanced with a set of Thanksgiving paraments and Communion table cover made by Mrs. Jean Engle, Pastor Engle's mother. The simple copper color on the lectern and pulpit (reflecting of the copper *Resurrection* sculpture on the chancel wall), and the brocade table cover are meant simply to enhance the cornucopia display on the Communion table—beautifully composed this year by **Muriel Meyerand**.

The story of this new set is interesting! Muriel was shopping the close out sale of a fabric shop in Clawson and came across these remnants. Not sure what we could do with them, she brought them to Pastor Engle and said, "Let's just save them; they're perfect colors for North Hills." Pastor Engle then brought the fabric to his mother and said "Mom, what could we do with this?" The answer is before us! Best part? The entire cost of the project was \$4. Not a typo! The fabric was in a clearance bin, and Jean Engle donates all her time as a gift of love to North Hills!



**Robin Zurla** (Parish 4) mourns the death of her father, Tarik Yelda Dinha, Sr. Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 30. Condolences can be sent to Robin at:

317 Maywood Avenue  
Rochester, MI 48307



Memorial services for **Mel Vander Brug** will be held Wednesday, November 12, at 11:00am (EST) in Naples, Florida. The service can be watched via livestream at [www.mooringschurch.org](http://www.mooringschurch.org). Cards can be sent to:

**Barbara Vander Brug**  
7225 Pelican Bay Blvd., #1205  
Naples, FL 34108-5524

and daughter

**Cindy Woodrow**  
30290 Oakview Way  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025



*My only comfort, in life and in death, is that I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.*

—The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

# News from our Council

## Deacon Policy Change:

For several years the Deacons have presented a Christmas gift to the widows and widowers of our church. The intention of the gift was to let them know that North Hills remembered and acknowledged them and their loss.

In July a letter was sent to each of the widows and widowers seeking their feelings and opinions on this program. The response was immediate and overwhelming. In varied forms, appreciation for the gift and the thought was expressed; but, with only one exception did any of the widows and widowers wish to have the program continue in its present form. Several ideas were offered, but none involved a gift.

At the October meeting the Deacons unanimously decided to discontinue the present practice of yearly gifting. In lieu, a one-time commemorative gift will be presented to each of the new widows and widowers expressing the church's understanding and support.

## October Council News:

The Deacons will accept donations for 2025 **staff Christmas gifts** through December 14th. Please note 'Staff Christmas Present' on any donation checks. You can also give through our website, pulling down "staff gift" from the giving option tab. Donations received after December 14th will be rolled over to next year's gifts.

The Council met on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00pm. Pastor Engle opened the meeting with devotions, (re)reading the ordination form for Elders and Deacons, and reminding Council members of their callings. After an opening prayer, the Pastor introduced **Catherine Nichols** (assigned to Parish 2) who was present to profess her faith in Jesus Christ. The council voted unanimously to accept her profession and granted her request for full membership, noting that we also received her membership papers from Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Elder **Michael Rupke** then offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

### Resignations and replacements:

**Jeff Feikens** replaces resigned Child Care Board President **Kasey Garvelink**.

**Pastor Engle** replaces resigned Parish 1 Elder **Danielle Walton**.

**Cody Heuker** replaces resigned Parish 5 Deacon **Anton van Breemen**.

The pastor then read a letter of resignation from Deacon **Anton van Breemen**. The council accepted his resignation. Following our replacement process, **Cody Heuker** was selected by the council to fulfill Anton's term [Cody has accepted. -ed.].

The Pastor then left the meeting and Council Vice President Patrick Rode walked the Council through the proposed 2026 Ministry Plan of the Finance and Legal Committee. The Ministry Plan passed the Council, and will now be forwarded to the congregation, via mail, for proxy approval. The meeting concluded with Deacon **Kyle Dexter** offering a closing prayer.

## Guess who? (Answers next week)

1. Who went to the farmer's market to buy tomatoes but came home with a new kitten?
2. Who is related to Detroit Lion's #18 Isaac Te Slaa?
3. Which North Hillian has touched the bottom of the Colorado River?

## News from Hesed Community Church

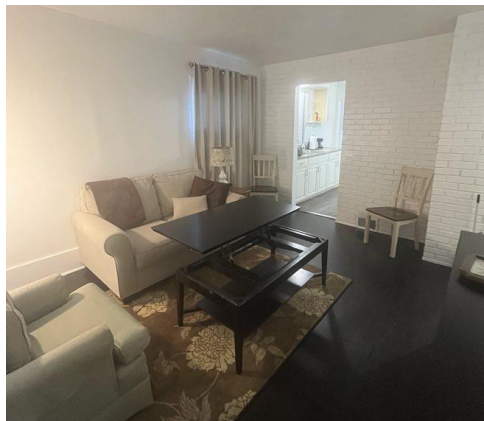
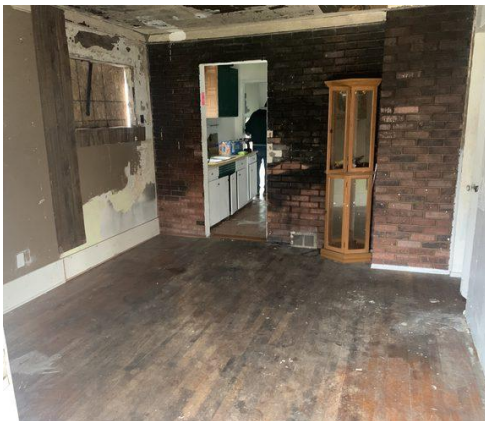
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*Shalom* is a Hebrew word prevalent in the Old Testament that you may have heard before. It traditionally gets translated into English as “peace.” When I think of peace, I usually think of the absence of conflict, which is too simplistic of a view to encompass the overall meaning of shalom. Christian Philosopher Nicholas Wolterstorff defines dwelling in shalom as “to enjoy living before God, to enjoy living in one’s physical surroundings, to enjoy living with one’s fellows, to enjoy life with oneself.” We use a shortened interpretation that goes, “Nothing is missing; Nothing is broken.” This is the image we are trying to demonstrate in the communities in which we live and serve. When Christ is experienced as Lord of a space, people in that space experience fullness of life and wholeness.

Because of this understanding, our desire for Christ’s reign to be manifested in our communities goes far beyond merely the soul of persons. We believe that reconciliation of relationships, care for our creation, safe and dignified housing, and opportunities for holistic development are evidence of Christ’s reign in a neighborhood. And these realities are necessitated and made possible by receiving and living within the covenant promises of God. We desire to live as witnesses of the joy and hope of shalom as we move in communities that have experienced much being broken and missing.

We are grateful for your support and participation as we live in this radical fashion with and amongst our neighbors.

### Before and After



The transformation in this house on Rockdale Street has been nothing short of miraculous. Our housing director, Abbey Waterman, had a vision and got help from numerous volunteers and skilled contractors. We also got critical furniture donations from Barb, Charles, and Grace Ann Arbor Church. A new family will be moving in next month to become a part of the

neighborhood and experience quality housing. We pray that the physical transformation of these spaces provides a context for the inward transformation in people’s lives through the power of God



### Prayer: A Core value of Hesed Community Church

C.S. Lewis on Prayer: “Thy will be done.” But a great deal of it is to be done by God’s creatures; including me. The petition, then, is not merely that I may patiently suffer God’s will but also that I may vigorously do it. I must be an agent as well as a patient. I am asking that I may be enabled to do it... Thy will be *done*- by me - now brings

one back to brass tacks.”

## Grateful



We are grateful to report that due to your generosity, we were able to overcome a financial shortfall in the spring. We truly believe in the convictions shared by Henri Nouwen in his short book, *The Spirituality of Fundraising*: “In fundraising as ministry, we are inviting people into a new way of relating to their resources. By giving people a spiritual vision, we want them to experience that they will in fact benefit by making their resources available to us. We truly believe that if their gift is good only for us who receive, it is not fundraising in the spiritual sense. Fundraising from the point of view of the gospel says to people: “I will take your money and invest it in this vision only if it is good for your spiritual journey, only if it is good for your spiritual health.” In other words, we are calling them to an experience of conversion: “You won’t

become poorer, you will become richer by giving.” We can confidently declare with the Apostle Paul: “You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity” (2 Cor. 9:11).” We pray that you are blessed and growing as you partner with us in this upside-down Kingdom where giving makes us all richer.

## Goodbye

This fall, we said goodbye to our Intern Nika, who served with us for almost two years. We were so grateful for the relationship we shared and we bless her as she goes on to her next place of calling. We are in the process of further developing our urban ministry training program for both short and longer term partners. In addition to Nika and previously Al-Nisa, we received a college intern from Georgetown University for a month this summer and hope to host a number of partners for a week, a month, or two year stints in 2026.



## Ways to get involved with Hesed

There are many ways for you to be connected with Hesed Community Church.

Here are a few to get your creative imagination going...

- Make and bring a meal to share with our community.
- Volunteer as a tutor once a week to help with reading or computer literacy
- Please pray for us as we continue to make disciples and bring community renewal. If you’d like to pray with us at 7am any morning, email us for link
- Come work on a housing project for a day or a week
- Volunteer to drive someone to a doctor’s appointment, job interview, etc
- Participate in street ministry with us on a Thursday afternoon
- Share this article with a friend who may be interested in hearing more about Hesed’s ministry
- Go to our “Needs Page” on [hesedcc.org](http://hesedcc.org) if you would like to identify a specific item or project you would like to support. There are plenty of ways for kids, adults, youth groups, churches and businesses to support the work
- Give towards our ongoing ministry or a community development project that particularly sparks your interest
- Contact us ([hesedcc.org](http://hesedcc.org)) if you’d like to talk about how you can use your specific gifts and skills to serve alongside of us.



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for stepping into God's mission through your generous support of Resonate!

Through your giving to Resonate, you have taken a step of faith into a bigger story to which God has called us as members of the global church. You have taken a step to share the gospel—and God is using your mission-minded heart and generosity to bring transformation to lives, families, and communities all over the world!

God's story is bigger than we could ever imagine, and we all have a part to play in this story. In a world marred by hunger, sickness, violence, grief, and despair, the gospel is good news. You are walking alongside Resonate missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders as they share the good news of the gospel that brings fullness, healing, peace, and hope!

Thank you for joining people all over the world on their faith journeys. Through your partnership with Resonate, you are not only a donor—you are a member of the global church who is responding to God's call to spread the gospel among peoples and nations!

Serving with you,

Kevin DeRaaf  
Director

## Fund (first 10 displayed)

802336 Resonate: Aderemi, Sarah

802309 Resonate: Lee, James and Barbarita

## Amount

\$2,170.00

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Friends,  
Thank you for your recent gift to Resonate for the work of James & Barbarita Lee and Sarah & Dami Aderemi. Through your community's prayers, care, and generosity you are equipping and empowering them to share the hope, love, and gospel of Jesus! We are blessed by your partnership in ministry.

Grace + Peace,  
Andrew Zokoe

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# SEPTEMBER



## Prayer Request:

Our team will be focusing on expanding our individual ministry partner teams from October 13-24. Please join us in praying for open doors to share about our ministry and invite others to partner with us financially!

## Our International Sending Numbers for 25'-26'

Interns: 89

Staff Stinters: 30

Staff: 218

Staff in Prep: 13

It's a joy to serve Him in this ministry with you,

*Carolyn McDonnell*



## Team Goals: Orlando Meetings

Each year, our team sets aside time for strategic planning. This year, we're focusing on two key priorities: expanding our individual teams of ministry partners and making significant progress in Leadership Development and Human Resource (LDHR) Agreements with our partnering nations.

LDHR Agreements help establish clear expectations and shared norms between sending and receiving nations. These agreements address a wide range of important topics, including visa requirements, placement of new missionaries, language learning expectations, member care, leadership development and training, crisis response policies, as well as guidelines for leave and time off.

These agreements vary widely—some are outdated and need revision, others are just beginning. Many factors influence the process, such as relationship history, leadership changes, and language differences.

Please join us in praying for wisdom and unity as we navigate these critical conversations!

Dear North this Family,  
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,170.00. Together we are sending healthy missionaries to declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all the people!  
I'll be home for Thanksgiving. See you soon!  
\* Carolyn McDonnell

2025

# CAP THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Deacons are requesting your help with the annual Community Assistance Program Thanksgiving baskets. CAP's overall goal is to help 300 families enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. You can support this initiative by:

1. Donating a \$30 check to cover the cost of a turkey and CAP's ongoing programs  
&
2. Providing a reusable grocery bag full of the below foods

## Food Items Needed:

(quantities are suggestions, do not need to be exact)

- 2 packages macaroni and cheese (7.25 oz. each)
- 1 package self-rising corn meal (2 lb.)
- 2 cans of one type of vegetable (15.25 oz. each, no carrots)
- 1 can of yams (29 oz.)
- 2 stove-top stuffing (6 oz. each)
- 1 can turkey gravy (12 oz.)
- 1 can jellied cranberry sauce (14 oz.)
- 1 box yellow or white cake mix (15.25 oz.)
- 1 can ready mix frosting (12 or 16 oz.)

## DONATION DETAILS

- **Dates:** Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **Drop-Off Location:** CAP table in Atrium
- **Check:** make payable to "Community Assistance Program"

Two more  
weeks!

