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November 8, 2026

Welcome to North Hills Christian Reformed Church—a place to glorify, gather, and grow! We thank today's volunteers: Welcome Center host **Kathy Garvelink**, and ushers **Ray Rowell** & **Jim Zondag**. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following worship for a time of refreshments and fellowship, we thank the **Heuker** family, 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 **Samantha** & **Stephanie Dexter**.

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 **Barb Dawson** & **Stephanie Dexter** and children ages 9–13 with **Jenna Patten**.

Adult Education classes this week:

Sunday, November 8:
Option 1: **Jim Vander Slik** leads a Bible study on I Corinthians. Council Room.

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

Wednesday, November 11:
Women's Coffee Break Bible study
10:00am in the Council Room

Wednesday, November 11:
Joys of Recovery: Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 11:
Sermon discussion group
7:00pm online
Email: judyhunsberger@gmail.com

Thursday, November 12:
Debtors Anonymous
4:00pm DYA's office

Our Stewardship:

November 1 tithe:
$5,098
Tithes received through November 1:
$504,601
Ministry plan need through November 1:
$486,538

CAP Turkey meals: 3

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**
- **Mail: Send a check to North Hills Church / 3150 N Adams Road / Troy Michigan / 48084**
- **On the Vanco mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement)**

Birthdays this week:

November 10: Randy Drewry
November 10: Rick Konik
November 10: Lois Miller
November 11: Gina Grembowski
November 14: Kassidy Heuker
November 14: Alta Dantzler

Trunk or Treat 2026

Overcast but dry skies blessed North Hill's Trunk or Treat 2026. Record crowds gobbled up 250 slices of pizza, braved the Spooky Trail, and grabbed treats from 20 different trunks. Thank you to the **Outreach Committee** team for this year's Trunk or Treat event!

















News from our Council

October 2026 Council News:

The Deacons will accept donations for 2026 **staff Christmas gifts** through December 13th. 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 13th will be rolled over to next year's gifts.

Pastor Engle leaves for The Netherlands on November 10 to give a lecture in Utrecht on Gisbertus Voetius, one of the persons at the center of his PhD thesis. The Rev. Dr. **Neil Plantinga**, President emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary, will lead our worship on November 15.





The Council met on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00pm. Elder (Parish 1) **Gina Grembowski** opened the meeting with devotions.

Staff and liaison verbal reports were waived for the month, except for actions that needed Council approval. Accordingly:

•The Council approved new **Child Care Board** members Marta Murray, Richard Murray (elder liaison), Rachel Thompson, Laina Van Wyke, and Taylor Williams.

•The Council approved the elder's request that the **Christian Service Committee** be dismissed with the church's thanks. The duties of this committee will be absorbed by parish elders and deacons.

•The Council amended our **bylaws** article 3.1 to read "The business affairs of the Church shall be managed by a Council of 13 members: The President, six elders and six deacons." This bylaw now align with current practice.

•The Council approved the 2026-2027 **Safety Policy**, after a thorough review and refresh by Pastor Engle, Interim Child Care Center Director Elizabeth Jolliffe, Director of Youth and Administration Jenna Patten, and Vice President Michael Lopez. Anyone may ask to see a copy by contacting the church office.

At this point in the meeting, Pastor Engle and Director of Youth and Administration Jenna Patten were excused. Vice President Lopez walked the Council through the proposed 2027 **Ministry Plan** of the Finance and Legal Committee. The Ministry Plan passed the Council, and will now be forwarded to church members, via mail, for proxy approval. [*Note: ballots are to be returned to the box in the Atrium and are due on or before November 22. -ed*] The meeting concluded with Deacon (Parish 1) **Jim Zondag** offering a closing prayer.

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation for your response to Michael Anderson's recent request for children's clothing for CAP (Community Assistance Program). Did you know several folks even shopped at resale stores? Pictured are **Rob Bowles** and **Michael Rupke** helping load the Bakers' car while **John** and **Nathan Kenney** filled John's pickup. Your continued contributions are very welcome and can be brought to the bin in the basement laundry room (northeast hallway) or grab a deacon to help.

Fall Work Bee 2026

Under cloudy but dry skies, we thank the following who helped winterize our church grounds on Saturday, October 31: **Polly Ayers**, **David & Mary Baker, Jack Boughton, Kristi Bowles, Randy Drewry, Mark Elliott, Pastor Engle, Jeff Feikens, Jon Feikens, Jeff Gowman, Gina & John Grembowski, Marty & Terry Hart, Elizabeth Jolliffe, John Kenney, Michael Lopez, Ray Rowell, Michael Rupke, Bob & Bonnie Schieferstein,** and **Jerry Van Wyke.**

















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Celebrating 75 years!

Late one night in 1951, while studying for a Greek exam, a young man received a clear and undeniable impression that the Lord was calling him to invest his life in reaching the world with the message of Jesus' love, starting with college students. That young man was Bill Bright, and that moment marked the beginning of Campus Crusade for Christ.

This year, **CRU is celebrating its 75th anniversary!** What began with one student in his dorm room grew into a ministry on UCLA's campus and has expanded to more than 5,000 campuses, with over 16,000 missionaries serving in 190 countries! Just last year, God used Cru ministries to share the gospel with more than 80 million people. Praise the Lord!

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend our International Intern Briefing in Europe, and I was reminded of my own Briefing 23 years ago! I remember feeling both excited and a little nervous. I was preparing to step into something I had never done before, alongside people I had only just met. This year, 150 staff and interns took that same step of faith and said yes to serving overseas for a year.

Just as God took Bill Bright's willingness to obey and continues to use it to bring countless people around the world to Himself, He continues to use each of our steps of faith to change lives in ways we may never fully know.



This celebration isn't just ours, and it isn't just Cru's. You are part of everything God is doing through your prayers and generosity. Thank you!

Carolyn McDonnell

To see more pictures email me carolyn.mcdonell@cru.org for the digital version of this letter

NHCCC x NHCRC CONNECTION

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletter is here to help families if they'd like to be in the loop on the latest with our church & childcare center, fun and easy ways to get involved, and upcoming shared events!



North Hills Church is requesting your help with the annual Community Assistance Program Thanksgiving baskets. CAP's overall goal is to help 150 families enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.
You can support this initiative by:

- Donating a $30 check payable to "Community Assistance Program" to cover the cost of a turkey and CAP's ongoing programs AND
- Providing a reusable grocery bag / tote full of the items on the grocery checklist pictured to the right.

Drop off donations at the CAP table near the entrance from 11/1-11/22. Thank you for your consideration!

Donate all year long!

Need to get rid of clothes at home? Clothing donations for all ages can be placed in the receptacle located in the church's Laundry Room (lower level, northeast hallway)—or ask Jenna, Elizabeth, or Deb to assist.

Follow us for more on our NHCCC & NHCRC social accounts

Looking Ahead

UPCOMING KEY DATES:

- Saturday, October 31st – Fall Work Bee
  - Food @ 8am; work @ 8:30am
- Sunday, November 1 – Daylight Savings Time
  - Turn BACK your clocks!
- November 1-22 – CAP Thanksgiving Baskets
  - See details below!
- Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 – CCC Closed for holiday (and go Lions!)
- Sunday, December 13 – Christmas Vespers
  - NHCRC Evening worship service offering music, Scripture, and prayer to celebrate the birth of Jesus as we approach the Christmas holiday
  - 5pm in the church sanctuary
  - Nursery provided for children 5&U

grocery list

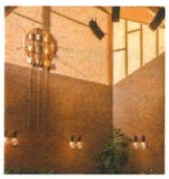
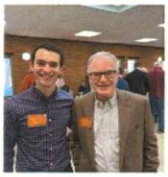
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- [ ] 1 can of yams (29 oz.)
- [ ] 2 boxes of stove-top stuffing (6 oz. each)
- [ ] 1 can of turkey gravy (12 oz.)
- [ ] 1 can of jellied cranberry sauce (14 oz.)
- [ ] 1 box of yellow or white cake mix (15.25 oz.)
- [ ] 1 can of ready-mix frosting (12 or 16 oz.)

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TRUNK OR TREATS OF YEARS PAST… (see you Thursday!)



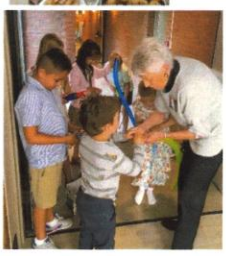
Sundays at
North Hills CRC
look like this:









- Nursery always provided downstairs each Sunday morning 9:30-10:30
- Children's activity bags provided for children during the service
- Coffee, snacks, refreshments, and fellowship to follow!
- Playground is always open for children to play
- Bonus fun: Activities with Ms. Polly!

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2. Providing a reusable grocery bag full of the below food items:

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Two more weeks!

DONATION DETAILS

- **Dates:** Sunday, November 1st to Sunday, November 22nd
- **Drop-Off Location:** CAP table in Atrium
- **Check:** Please make payable to "Community Assistance Program"

