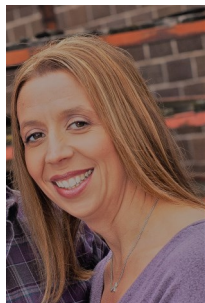


## News from Pastor Heather



Thankfulness! This is the time of year we once again focus on the meaning of this word and how it can impact our life and the lives of those around us.

I have found that if we are truly to be worshipers in the way God intends us to be, we must be thankful on a daily basis, and not just one day a year with a brief prayer before

an amazing meal, and a few football games and a nap! (Not necessarily in that order).

My encouragement today is to be a person who practices thankfulness on a daily basis. When we practice this wonderful discipline, we will then find our worship flows to God in a much more meaningful way. We will also discover that our relationships with family and friends will become more solid than ever before.

I used the word “practice” in sharing the way we should implement and use thankfulness in our daily lives. That word implies discipline and intentional action and thoughtfulness. In other words, it really does not come naturally, but the more we put it into practice we are able to live in such a way it is no longer something we must “think about” too long before we do it!

Wouldn't that be a great way to live? Can you imagine the changes that would take place in our communities, churches, and even our nation if we could simply “practice” thankfulness?

Well, let's go for it!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Heather

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV) *6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOV. 7  
10:00 AM WORSHIP  
(Fall back one hour!)  
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

SATURDAY, NOV. 13  
7:15 AM  
*NEVER ALONE*  
SINGLE LADIES  
SHOPPING

SATURDAY, NOV. 13  
10:30 AM  
MISSIONARY  
OUTREACH LUNCH AT  
HEARTSIDE

SUNDAY, NOV. 14  
10:00 AM WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

TUESDAY, NOV. 16  
7:00 PM MINISTRY  
TEAMS MEET

SUNDAY, NOV. 21  
10:00 am



FAMILY WORSHIP  
COMMUNITY FALL  
FEAST DINNER  
11:30 AM & 2:00 PM  
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED  
7:00 PM SMALL GROUP  
BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, NOV. 28  
10:00 AM WORSHIP  
1 SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

## ROOTED

Rooted is for all 6th-12th graders. Our next meeting will be on Sunday November 7th at 6pm. We are doing a Bob Ross painting session and game night! A prize will be awarded to the best Bob Ross look alike on the 7th. The month of November our theme is based on being Rooted in Christ. How we deepen our faith and grow spiritually connected with God and other believers.

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## 2022 Consistory

A reminder that the process for appointing Elders and Deacons during Revitalization is that the present Consistory recommends members then they, along with Pastor Heather, speak to them and give them time to prayerfully consider the call. After which, the Consistory votes. This slate, as well as the budget, will be presented for affirmation at a Town Hall meeting in December. At this time we are asking for prayers for this process.

## NEVER ALONE

Single Ladies Support Group  
Saturday, November 13

We will head out to do some shopping!  
(Or just window shopping and a fun day)

Stops will include:  
Birch Run Premium Outlets  
Frankenmuth River Place Shops  
Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland.  
Meet at Church at 7:15 am



## LIGHT BOXES

The new light box features on the stage is an original concept from our friend, Monique, at Mitten Floral (36th St &



Burlingame). Ray Zondervan recruited help from Rick Postema and the Worship Committee for the final design. Ray completed the project at a wood shop in downtown Grand Rapids called Men's Shed Association of West Michigan. We appreciate the design that resembles the exterior roof, portions of the organ covering, and has glowing lights!

Way to go everyone!



## Wyoming Christmas Store

Grace will be participating in the store again this year. Store will be held December 4 so our donations will be due November 14. Target Gift Cards and monetary donations will be gladly accepted!



## Member Spotlight—Shari Dood

I was asked to write a few things about myself ....but In writing about myself, I must say right up front, that anything I am, or have done, is due to my Lord and Savior, Jesus, who is the only source of any talents or gifts that I have....He is my strength and without HIM I am nothing! I am forever grateful for HIS LOVE to me! I am blessed with 53 years of marriage to my husband Dale, as well as 4 wonderful children, who have multiplied into 7 children after marriages. These children have produced 16 grandchildren, (latest count) who are the joy of my life! One of my favorite things is talking to and playing games with my grandchildren, as well as following them in their life, whether babysitting, or watching their concerts and sports. I basically am an outdoor person....you will see me walking, biking, and working outside in God's beautiful creation... God is definitely the greatest artist ever!

As a child, I felt called to be a missionary, and while I never was called to a foreign field, God nudged me along and without me even knowing what God was doing to this 'shy' me who didn't even dare talk when young, and for sure not in front of anyone.... but yes, HE put me in ministry! I loved being home with my children when they were young and enjoyed volunteering in their church and school functions. But in time, they grew up so I started working at Grace Church, helping with extra ministries and even as secretary...this turned into the Outreach Mission Director for about 22 years. I organized many outreach functions such as Vacation Bible School, area outreach functions with Habitat, mission trips, sponsoring refuge families, fellowship events in church and in the neighborhood, county wide food drives, mission trips, and starting and leading Praise Team at Grace. Also, since I was on the board of Family Network of Wyoming Food Pantry, I started the Wyoming Christmas Store 16 years ago....and Grace allowed us to host it here....from that emerged the DeVos Christmas Store! I still am running the Wyoming Christmas Store, although this year it is a "Drive-Through Gift Card Christmas Store".

What I found out about myself is that I love to share 'my Jesus' with others.....yes, I love helping people but not just physically, but spiritually! Currently I'm teaching Gems and the New Member Class, as well as singing in the Praise Team! There is nothing more exciting than witnessing someone who accepts Jesus in their life, and watching them grow into the person God wants them to be! As for me, I'm still growing in my walk with Jesus, and I strive to follow HIM more every day!