



Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier

Today in Worship

Sermon: "Running with Sharp Objects"
Scripture: Genesis 16

Music and Worship: CJ Kingdom Grier

First Time Guests

We would like to get to know you.
 There are communication sheets in the pews,
 please fill one out and place it in the offering plate.



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Sermon Videos
 available:
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Serving This Week

Liturgist: Brad **Projection:** Jonah & Aiden **Audio:** Oscar
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Celeste
Opener: Beauford **Collectors:** Adam & Jerrold **Greeter:** Kendra
Coffee: Celeste **Nursery:** Laura B & Vanika
Children's Church: PreK, PJ Maske - Elem, Heidi White

Serving Next Week

Liturgist: Keith **Projection:** _____ **Audio:** Dan
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Beauford & Casey
Opener: Dennis **Collectors:** Diane & Gavin **Greeter:** Adam
Coffee: Laura VG **Nursery:** Mark & Sandy Brice
Children's Church: PreK, Arda R - Elem, Anna-Lisa Cox

Connecting

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Giving - Month of October 2018

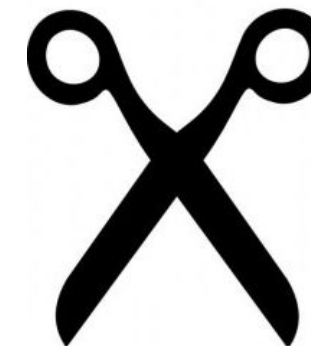
Annual Budget (2018/19)	\$193,000.00
Year to Date	\$47,694.21
September Goal:	\$14,848.00
Last Week's Offering:	\$1,698.00
October Total:	\$1,698.00
Under Monthly Goal	-\$13,150.00



Oct 14, 2018

"Running with Sharp Objects"

Genesis 16



Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom Grier

Celebrating over 100 years of service
 to the Core City. Union Church of
 The Reformed Church in America and
 The Christian Reformed Church in America.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Song:

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise:

Children's Blessing

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 16

Message: "Running with Sharp Objects"

Benediction

Please Pray For

Prayers for the Cleveland Family

When the darkness strangles the will to live, when days become endless nights

Children waiting to be adopted

Families, local churches & Botshabelo community

Covenant Partners: Hope College, Piller Church, Hope Church, Calvary & Fellowship

Announcements

New Member Orientation Today. A light lunch will be provided, as well as childcare for anyone who needs it. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Senior Color Tour: Keep the date October 20th open for a color tour. Details to follow! If interested there is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Join us for Prayer on Tuesdays @ 6pm

NIA: The Afterschool program has begun. We meet Tuesday thru Thursday 3:30 - 5:30. Our pop can drive pays for outings & snacks.

#Hope4Flint:

Please bring water!

On November 16th, Church Without Walls will host a Youth & Family event designed to inspire, connect, and motivate residents living in the Flint area. The purpose of this event is to establish a deeper connection with youth & families who have been impacted by violence, & the Flint Water Crisis. Church without walls has invited Jekalyn Carr to come to Flint as our special guest to encourage Flint Residents through her gift of song, uplifting, inspiring and motivational messages of Hope, and Restoration. Jekalyn Carr is a Grammy-Nominated American urban contemporary young gospel artist who inspires youth and many others with selections such as "You're Bigger" and "You Will Win." Her message of courage, triumph, and determination is exactly what youth, & adults need to hear as we recover and heal from senseless acts of violence and the ill-effects of the Flint water crisis.

Usher Board - Decon Celeste Norvell is organizing the Usher Board for Maple Avenue. The Usher Board is responsible for greeting, handing out bulletins, helping with flow of traffic in sanctuary, offering, and safety of the church during service. If you are interested, please see Celeste after church or email celestenorvell@gmail.com

Mailboxes - the mailboxes are up and running again, please check your box weekly! If I have missed anyone, please let Jo know!

CIRCLES - The CIRCLES community is an encouraging place for you to receive help in navigating your way to financial security. Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 pm at New Community 4th Reformed Church, 238 W. 15th Street. Contact Coach is Brent Boersma, 616-392-7159

Fellowship Throughout the Week

Monday:	Tabernacle Choir rehearsal 7-9pm
Tuesday:	6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study
Thursday:	6:30 pm - Bible 101 at Emmett Brown's House - 176 W. 10th Street
Sundays:	9:00 Men's Bible Study in the prayer room 9:00 Bible Study in the blue room 9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship
Children's Church	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month 4th Sunday PreK & 1st grade only
1st Sunday	Communion & MAMily meal after the service

October Birthday Blessings

Zion Yarbrough (10/15)

Susanna Banner, & Angela Perry (10/16),

Reneisha Simpson (10/18)

Please check your mailbox!

If we omitted your birthday, email or call the office and we will add you to our list

Mission Statement

... Centered in Christ:

"He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church..."
[Colossians 1:17,18]

... Called to the Core City:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon [us], because the Lord has anointed [us]; he has sent [us] to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted.. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations."
[Isaiah 61:1,4]

... Committed to becoming a multicultural community, reconciled to one another through Christ:

"For he [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us... and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it." [Ephesians 2:13-16]