



Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier

Serving This Week

Liturgist: Dennis **Projection:** Owen **Audio:** Jarvis
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Beauford & Celeste
Opener: Steve E. **Collectors:** Diane & Gavin **Greeter:** George
Coffee: Celeste **Nursery:** David B
Children's Church: PreK, John J. Elem, Sara K.

Serving Next Week

Liturgist: Windred **Projection:** Owen **Audio:** Dan
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Gordon & Casey
Opener: Dennis. **Collectors:** Kim & Adam **Greeter:** Kendra
Coffee: Lynette **Nursery:** Elisa & Donna
Children's Church: PreK, PJ Maske Elem, Heidi White

Connecting

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Giving - Month of October 2018

Annual Budget (2018/19)	\$193,000.00
Year to Date	\$59,320.21
October Goal:	\$14,848.00
Last Week's Offering:	\$3,229.00
October Total:	\$13,324.00
Under Monthly Goal	-1,524.00



Nov 4, 2018

"Signs of Judgement"

Ruth 1: 1-20



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.

Today in Worship

Sermon: "Signs of Judgement"
Scripture: Ruth 1: 1-20

Music and Worship: Mikayla Battistone

*****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.

 Like us on Facebook and join the conversation.	 MAM Guest WiFi Mam_Guest	 Sermon Videos available: www.mapleavenue.org
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Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Song: "Way Maker"

Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: "What a Beautiful Name", "Holy Spirit", "Living Hope"

Children's Blessing

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ruth 1: 1-20

Message: "Signs of Judgement"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Service of Communion: "O Come to the Altar",
"Jesus at the Center"

Closing Song: "Reprise chorus of Living Hope"

Benediction

Please Pray For

Pittsburgh Synagogue families

Children waiting to be adopted

Families, local churches & Botshabelo community

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

The BLVD Church, as it starts up

Announcements

Communion & MAMily Meal Today

NEXT SUNDAY, JUST LIKE ME - Orphan Sunday and you are invited to Maple Avenue on Sunday November 11th, 3:00 - 5:00pm, an event to celebrate amazing & unique adoption journeys. A call to support more children still waiting to belong. More information in the narthex RSVP: pastorofembracing@gmail.com,

Unwrapping Christmas, Bazaar Friday Nov 23rd. Let's unwrap the gift of Christmas this year. Let's free it from all the extra distractions and get down to the beautiful, precious, ordinary gift. Jesus was born wrapped only in a coat of flesh. That's all love needs: God in flesh, simple practical gifts and meaningful expressions from far and near. This is Christmas unwrapped. Mamily, consider inviting your children, family and friends, to give 3 gifts this year. Buy one (Be thoughtful), Make one (Be creative), I-O-U (Be a servant) Want a table of your own? Contact Pastor Denise @ pastorofembracing@gmail.com and donate \$20 to the orphan project. Sign up in narthex as well.

Unmarried Bible Study - Starting Thursday Nov., 8th at MAM from 6 - 7:30 pm. All Unmarried are invited to join in on a great discussion & bible study. Winfred Burns will be leading this weekly bible study.

Men's Event @ Park CRC - Saturday Nov. 10th @ 8:30 am, AJ Westendorp will be speaking at a free men's breakfast event at Park CRC, 1496 32nd St. All Maple Ave men & friends are invited to come & spend time in community as we focus on what it means to have the "Heart of a Champion". More info on Park CRC's Facebook Page.

Westcore Community Thanksgiving will be held Thursday, Nov 15th. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to participate!

On Friday, 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. **Sign up sheet in the narthex.**

Usher Meeting - will be held Sunday, November 18th immediately following the service. Deacon 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

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:	6:00 pm - Unmarried Bible Study @ MAM
Sundays:	9:00 Men's Bible Study in the prayer room 9:00 Bible Study in the blue room 9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 - Service
Children's Church	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month 4th Sunday PreK & 1st grade only
1st Sunday	Communion & MAMily meal after the service

November Birthday Blessings

Charelle Cleveland (11/5), Gordon Howe (11/6)
Robin McGee (11/10)

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]