Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier

Today in Worship

Sermon: "A Revolutionary Song"
Scripture: Luke 1: 46-56

Music and Worship: C.J. Kingdom-Grier and the Tabernacle of Praise

First Time Guests

We would like to get to know you.
There are communication sheets in the pews and in the back of church.
Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate.

Like us on Facebook and join the conversation.

MAM Guest WiFi
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Sermon Videos available:
www.mapleave.org

Serving This Week

Liturgist & Crafter: Robert **Projection:** Jane **Sound:** Jarvis
Video: Robert **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Mary
Opener: Lloyd **Collectors:** Kim & Elisa **Greeter:** Adam
Coffee: Arika **Nursery:** Laura, Angelina & Sophia

Serving Next Week

Liturgist & Crafter: Arika **Projection:** _____ **Sound:** Robert
Video: Mario **Deacon/Counter:** Emmett & Viola
Opener: Beauford **Collectors:** Mary & Lloyd **Greeter:** Jerrold
Coffee: Elisa **Nursery:** David & Gezelle

Connecting

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Giving - Month of December 2017

Annual Budget:	$164,000.00
Year to Date:	$70,143.60
December Goal:	$15,750.00
Last Week's Offering:	$2,669.00
December Total:	$2,669.00
Under Monthly Goal:	-$13,081.00

MAPLE AVENUE MINISTRIES

December 10, 2017

"A Revolutionary Song"

Luke 1: 46-56

Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom Grier, Pastor

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: *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

(arr. Kingdom-Grier)

Advent Service

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"Emmanuel",*

"Jesus, the Light of the World, "Here I am to Worship"

Children's Blessing

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering: *"The Westy's"*

Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1: 46-56

Message: "A Revolutionary Song"

Closing Song: "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"

Benediction

Please Pray For:

God's Healing for: Will Lowry, Maggie Hollis, Robin McGee & Marion Kortman

The needs in South Africa, Sothebelo Child & Family, SAHHC

Dreamers, Persecuted Church

"Together. Always Together" Campaign

Announcements

Advent Season: Join the MAMily Sunday afternoons through Advent as we read & pray scripture with the whole family. We will be practicing an ancient spiritual practice called "lectio divina" to read the bible slowly and creatively with pictures, drawings and discussions,
today 4 -5 pm.

A Year of Together 2017 has been an amazing year for us and we want to rejoice in it. For lent we erected a wailing wall that we now want to use to display our delight. So please over the next few weeks, add pictures of family gatherings, baptisms, friends, gatherings, YOU name it. This is our Wall of Rejoicing for 2017

#Hope4Flint: Our partners in Flint continue to be affected by the water crisis. As the holiday season approaches our partners at Church Without Walls in Flint work to raise the banner of hope in their community. We are participating with them to provide meat for the holidays to accompany the good provided at their monthly food distribution. IN addition to meat they continue to need water to cook with, bathe and drink. We are asking for gallons of water as opposed to single serve bottles. You may bring these items to the church during regular operating hours, Sunday service as well as Wednesday evenings **by December 13th**

Christmas Eve will welcome two services: 10:30 am and a candlelight service at 6:30 pm

King Day of Service: Monday January 15 our partners from Flint, MI will be introduced to our community and give us an update on the water crisis. We will begin the day assembling Hope Bags for the seniors in Flint. Lunch will be provided after which time we will view the Lifetime Flint Movie together followed by a discussion with our partners. **Mark Your Calendar.**

Worship Symposium: The Classis offering a grant to each church for their attendance at the Calvin Worship Symposium, January 25-27 at Calvin College. Link for more information,
https://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/

Small Group Opportunities: If you have an interest in joining these groups, please contact the office.

Book study group, "The Road Back to You" by Ian Cron & Suzanne Stabile sponsored by The Bohle Family.

Spanish speaking small group, to engage the Latin American community serving in translating documents, website, & resources, etc. hosted by the Andres Castro Family

Writing Class for young women, high school age and up. This class will be writing in various genres, developing your voice, finding your inner poet/writer, telling your story, then sharing & listening to others. This is offered by Arda Rooks every two - three weeks

Fellowship Throughout the Week

Tuesdays:	6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays:	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 - Dec 17
	9:30 am -Setting the Atmosphere
	9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship
1st Sunday:	MAMily Meal after the Service
1st Sunday:	Communion Service

December Birthday Blessings

Pastor Denise (12/13), Kevin Vanderven (12/15)

If we omitted your birthday, email the office at 427mam@gmail.com or leave a note in the office administrator's mailbox 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]