



Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier

Serving This Week

Liturgist: Brad **Projection:** Jonah/Aiden **Audio:** Dan
Video: Dan **Deacon/Counter:** Celeste & Casey
Opener: Gordon **Collectors:** Adam & Joan **Greeter:** Beauford
Coffee: Lynette **Nursery:** Hagemeyer Family
Children's Church: PreK, PJ Maske - **Elem:** Heidi White

Serving Next Week

Liturgist: Keith **Projection:** Grayson **Audio:** Neil
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Gordon & Beauford
Opener: Emmett **Collectors:** Viola & Elisa **Greeter:** Adam
Coffee: Jayne **Nursery:** Donna, Angelina & Sophia
Children's Church: PreK, Arda Rooks - **Elem:** Anna-Lisa Cox

Connecting

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Giving - Month of December 2018

Annual Budget (2018/19)	\$193,000.00
Year to Date	\$74,271.67
December Goal:	\$18,560.00
Last Week's Offering:	\$2,284.00
December Total:	\$2,284.00
Under Monthly Goal	-16,276.00



December 9, 2018

"Gifts That Give"

Matthew 1: 18-25



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: "Gifts That Give"
Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25

Music and Worship:

*****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: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: "Emmanuel", "He Is", "Joy, Joy
God's Great Joy"

Children's Blessing

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering:

Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25

Message: "Gifts That Give"

Closing Song:

Benediction

Please Pray For

College & Seminary students taking exams

People living with grief & depression

The true spirit of the season, to over-shadow
commercialism & materialism

Announcements

Next Sunday New Members Class will be held @ 9:00 am

NIA Musical Academy featuring our elementary school cohort of violin, piano and choir students and some friends. Come to witness, first hand, the fruit of their hard work **Monday, December 17th** at 5:30pm here at MAM.

Transportation need (north side) to pick up/drop off for Jo Jo for Sunday services

Thursday Night Soup Supper's during Advent
The Education Team will host this weekly soup supper. "Unwrapping Christmas" theme, the idea is to simplify & seek quality over quantity, personalized over commercialized, let's have one night each week during this otherwise hectic season, just to show up and be fed by a simple meal & engage in some dialogue around the "Unwrapping Christmas" messages.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:30pm. Families are invited to participate by reading or singing. Contact CJ at chris@grier.com.

Family Event Live nativity @ the Critter Barn, information in the narthex.

WE Need YOU in the Maple Avenue Church Directory! Check the narthex and display for more information

Unmarried Bible Study - Thursday's at MAM from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. All Unmarried are invited to join in on a great discussion & bible study. Winfred Burns will be leading this weekly bible study, if you would like to get a copy of the syllabus, email Winfred at: winfredburnsii@gmail.com.

Tonight The King's Choraliars Christmas Concert – You are invited to take some time during the Christmas season to reflect and immerse yourselves in the message of God's love – "Christ, Our Newborn King." Our special musical guests will be Hopkins High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Jacob Oaster.

December 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM
LaGrave Christian Reformed Church
107 LaGrave Ave., SE
Grand Rapids, MI
A freewill offering will be received.

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

December Birthday Blessings

Pastor Denise (12/13), Llewyn Watkin (12/14)
Kevin Vanderveen (12/14)

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]