



**Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier**

### Today in Worship

**Sermon:** "Wrestle with God"  
**Scripture:** Revelation 6: 1-11

**Music and Worship:** Gazelle & Abria

### 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.



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available:  
[www.mapleavenue.org](http://www.mapleavenue.org)

### Serving This Week

**Liturgist:** Keith **Projection:** Chris **Sound:** Oscar  
**Video:** Mario **Deacon/Counter:** Beauford & Emmett  
**Opener:** Emmett **Collectors:** Adam & Jerrold  
**Greeter:** Emmett **Coffee:** Elisa **Nursery:** Jim & Arda

### Serving Next Week

**Liturgist:** John **Projection:** Ethan **Sound:** Dan  
**Video:** Chris **Deacon/Counter:** Mary & Viola **Opener:** Lloyd  
**Collectors:** John & Joan **Greeter:** George **Coffee:** Celeste  
**Nursery:** Laura VG Sophia & Angelina

### Connecting

#### Elders

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### Giving - Month of March 2018

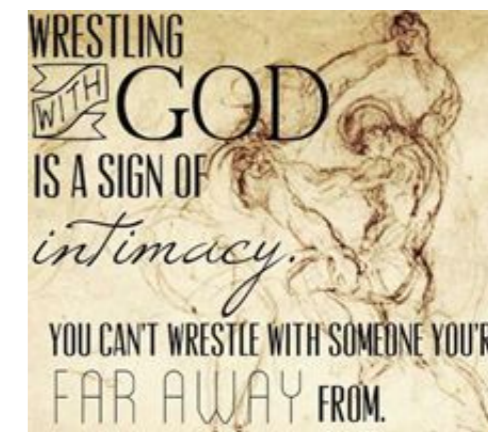
<b>Annual Budget:</b>	\$164,000.00
<b>Year to Date:</b>	\$126,448.66
<b>March Goal:</b>	\$12,600.00
<b>Last Week's Offering:</b>	\$5,127.93
<b>March Total:</b>	\$9,749.93
<b>Under Monthly Goal:</b>	-\$2,850.07



March 18, 2018

*"Wrestle with God"*

*Revelation 6: 1-11*



**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: *Revelation 6: 1-1*

Message: *"Wrestle with God"*

Closing Song:

Benediction

## Please Pray For:

God's Healing for: All who struggle physically, mentally & emotionally

The needs in South Africa; Sothebelo Child & Family, SAHAC & Puerto Rico

Dreamers, Persecuted Church

"Together. Always Together" Campaign

Parkland School District in Florida

## Announcements

DO YOU LOVE THE SONG **OH HAPPY DAY?** Hear it and other songs by the recently departed composer Edwin Hawkins - Sunday, **MARCH 18th**, 5pm here at MAM! An Edwin Hawkins & Family Memorial Tribute Concert: Black Sacred Music History. Free to the Public.

**Dance of Hope Wednesday, March 21, 4:30 pm**-please come to MAM for a children's dance group from Uganda. Light supper from ACEH, free will offering. More info at [danceofhope.com](http://danceofhope.com) "An engaging and captivating performance of African traditional and original songs performed in gorgeous harmonies and accompanied by the sounds of melodic drums and various melodic traditional instrument including Kalimbas, Endongos, Koras, and Adungus among others. A powerful exhilarating presentation of very well-choreographed traditional African dances, brought alive by the colorful costumes and sensational rhythms, all engaging the audience into participation."

**Sunday March 25, 9am** A Discussion with the Author Dr. Chuck DeGroat. He will be here at MAM to discuss *Falling Into Goodness* our lenten devotional. Please join us.

**Transportation Sponsors**, MAM is looking for volunteers to assist with helping several families to & from church on Sunday & Wednesdays. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex

**Seeking A Social Media Team** for MAM! If interested, call or email the office!

### Being Equitable Allies in a Racialized Context

Public Lecture and Training Opportunity with Award Winning Author and Social Justice Activist, Paul Kivel in an evening lecture open to the public and in an all-day training event, Paul Kivel will challenge us to recognize, resist, and dismantle the barriers to racial equity in our community.

**Public Lecture: Thursday, April 12, 7pm:** Location: Holland East School, 323 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland, MI 49423, cost: Free

**Training Event: Friday, April 13, 9am-3pm:** Location: Hope Church, 77 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland, MI 49423, cost: \$35 (Lunch and snacks provided)

Registration: [equitable-allies-training.eventbrite.com](http://equitable-allies-training.eventbrite.com)

**ONLY 4 DAYS...** (details are coming)

**Lenten Series 2018** - *"Falling Into Goodness"* by Rev. Dr Chuck DeGroat

3-18 Wrestle With God, Revelation 6: 1-11

3-25 Follow Jesus (Chuck D)

3-29 Maundy Thursday with Calvary on 8th

4-1 Because He Lives, Mark 16

**\*Books are available here for \$10**

## 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 - March 25  
9:30 am - Setting the Atmosphere  
9:45 am - Coffee Fellowship

**1st Sunday:** MAMily Meal after the Service

**1st Sunday:** Communion Service

## March Birthday Blessings

*Anthony Wroten (3/19), Sophia VanderBeek (3/21),  
Robert Phillips (3/23), Nailah Stewart (3/24)*

*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]