



Dr. Pastor Denise Kingdom Grier



Sept 30, 2018

“Q & A”

John 1: 43-51



Serving This Week

Liturgist: Keith **Projection:** Jane **Audio:** Neil
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Casey & Gordon
Opener: Steve **Collectors:** John & Joan **Greeter:** George
Coffee: Elisa **Nursery:** Vanika & Donna
No Children’s Church

Serving Next Week

Liturgist: Laurel **Projection:** Owen **Audio:** Neil
Video: Oscar **Deacon/Counter:** Gordon & Beauford
Opener: Gordon **Collectors:** Diane & Gavin **Greeter:** Jerrold
Coffee: Otavia **Nursery:** Jim & Arda Rooks
Children’s Church: PreK, John J. - Elem, Sara K

Connecting

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Giving - Month of September 2018

Annual Budget (2018/19)	\$193,000.00
Year to Date	\$42,181.21
September Goal:	\$18,560.00
Last Week’s Offering:	\$4,845.65
September Total:	\$14,534.01
Under Monthly Goal	-\$4,025.99

Today in Worship

Sermon: “Q & A”
Scripture: John 1: 43-51

Music and Worship: Youth of MAM

*****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
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Sermon Videos available:
www.mapleavenue.org

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: "You Deserve"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: "This is My Father's World",
"Spirit Break Out", "Surrounded"

Children's Blessing

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Winfred & the Young Reformers Present

Doxology

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: John 1: 43-51

Message: "Q & A"

Benediction

Please Pray For

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

Children waiting to be adopted

Prayers for the broken, wounded & suffering

Families, local churches & Botshabelo community

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

Announcements

Today is Youth Sunday!

No Children's Church today - On the first Sunday of October, please remember to check your child in before service begins. If you do not check-in before service, please walk your child downstairs to their classroom to get them checked-in.

Transracial Adoption Group at Maple Avenue will be starting up again for the school year. If you are a TRA parent of foster parent, we would love to see you there. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 27 from 7 - 8 pm. Any questions? Email Joni Gibson at gibsonfam@gmail.com

New Member Orientation will be after the service on October 14th. 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:

- Water Drive - It is time to take water to our friends again, please bring water in by October 10th
- 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.

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

Fellowship Throughout the Week

Tuesdays:	6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays:	4:30pm - 4C Choir Welcome Meeting 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

September Birthday Blessings

Chloe Williams (10/1) & Dina Triggs (10/2)

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]