

**SERMON NOTES:**

**Sermon :** *Partners in Joyful Suffering*

**Scripture :** *1 Peter 4:12-19*

**ALLEN AVENUE  
CHRISTIAN  
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"But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy"

I Peter 4:13

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**PASTOR MARK HOFMAN**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 9, 2025**  
**WORSHIP 10:00AM**



# We Live to B.L.E.S.S.

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



## NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

3/9: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Mary Maat  
Children's Church: Beth VanRees & Judy Vaandering  
Coffee Fellowship: Dean & Amber Johnson  
3/16: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman  
Sunday School  
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema  
3/23: Nursery: Maelin Vlasma & Melissa Vlasma  
Children's Church: Jill Schuitema & Carol Peterman  
Coffee Fellowship: Judy Vaandering & Sue Secord  
3/30: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Maelin Vlasma  
Sunday School  
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema

## ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



### **\*Pray for the \* Missionary this Week**

Stephan and Alicia Lutz – Kenya  
Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries  
Angel Community Church – Muskegon  
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa

### **\*Charles & Hensel Oh – Philippines**



## ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1) Betty TenBrink      | 4) Lois Grinwis | 7) Joel Stefanits |
| 2) June Walcott        | 5) Ro VerHeul   |                   |
| 3) <b>Wilma Doctor</b> | 6) Jim Doornbos |                   |

\*Please call or send a card to "**Care List Member, Wilma!**"

3637 Whispering Woods Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

***Psalms 71:17-19 – "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." We love our Care List Members!***

## *A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members!!!*

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent. After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering and conversation over a cup of coffee and some sweet treats!

## **COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS**

### **The special offering for this Sunday, 3/9, is for Muskegon Christian School.**

Muskegon Christian School exists to equip minds and hearts to Love, Learn, and Lead for Christ. Your gift impacts faith integration through Spanish Immersion and Outdoor Education.

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES**

**It's Allen Avenue's turn to assist the residents of Christian Care** with their worship and Lord's Supper on Wednesday, March 19. If you are able to serve with Pastor Mark in this meaningful way, please talk to him.

**Attention Men of God:** A Men's Bible Study will meet on the first and third Mondays at 6:15pm at church continuing on Monday, March 17, for seven lessons. Any questions...talk to Brian Schuitema.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet again on Thursday, March 20, at 1:30pm to study "A Women's Wisdom."

**GEMS BAKED GOODS SALE:** Sunday, March 9 after the morning service. Please remember to bring some cash with you to help support our GEMS program and take care of your sweet tooth. The girls will have baked for you on Saturday, so don't go home empty-handed! And thanks again for all your support for the GEMS program.

**"CONNECT" Group:** Looking for a small group that's unique to your needs? Or trying to connect with others here at Allen Avenue? At a "CONNECT" Group Session, you will get acquainted with others and share your spiritual journey in an authentic, Biblical environment. "CONNECT" Group is an "in the moment"/ "come as you are" format to encourage relationship building while studying the Word of God together. It is a safe place to share and be cared for. Open to all ages 15 years old and older. Curious? Contact Denise Koetje 231-375-9417 or Charry Snyder 231-728-5170 for more information. We will begin to meet on Sunday, March 9, from 4-6pm. (At the time of this printing, Childcare is NOT available yet. Contact Denise for more updates.)

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

**The Outreach Committee, along with the Council, is encouraging each district member to reach out to a specific missionary during the month of March.** We want to offer support through prayer and hope you will decide to send an email or letter of encouragement from our church.

### March Missionaries:

#### District 1

Jeffery Hough (Angel Community Church)  
1064 Wood Street  
Muskegon, MI 49442  
[pastorjah@angelcc.org](mailto:pastorjah@angelcc.org)

#### District 2

Eric and Judith Tuls (Operation Mobilization)  
817 Central Ave  
Spring Lake, Mi 49456  
Eric [eric.tuls@om.org](mailto:eric.tuls@om.org)  
Judith [judith.tuls@om.org](mailto:judith.tuls@om.org)

#### District 3

Paul and Charlotte Mpindi (Mission French Africa)  
2221 Ridgewood Ave S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Mi 49546  
[contact@missionfrenchafrica.org](mailto:contact@missionfrenchafrica.org)  
Mission French Africa  
P.O. 120191  
Grand Rapids, Mi 49528-0104

#### District 4

Charles and Hensel Oh (Resonate Global Mission)  
Best to use email because they are  
moving to Japan in July after 11 years in the Philippines  
[coh@crcna.org](mailto:coh@crcna.org)

If you are uncertain of your district assignment, please see the email that was sent last Friday that has the bulletin, Allen AveNews, and district memberships attached. Or check the bulletin board downstairs by the church mailboxes for the current list of districts.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Host an International Student for Western Michigan Christian High School

Are you interested in sharing your culture while learning about a new one? Do you have an extra bed in your home? Do you feel called to live on mission right where you are? Consider hosting an international student for Western Michigan Christian High School! For more information or to attend our upcoming informational Prospective Host Family Meeting on April 1st, please email Madison Kintigh at [mkintigh@wmchs.net](mailto:mkintigh@wmchs.net).

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

"Thank you so much to my AACRC Family! The goodies are just so wonderful, but it's the love and support that means so much to me. *'Let all that you do be done in LOVE!'* – I Corinthians 3:14 **Sending love & prayers from East Lansing.**" -- Emma Peklar (As always, "Go Green!" 😊)

**Beth & Dave Van Rees:** We are grateful to God for a new baby grandson. Jonathan Joseph Pyper was born to our daughter Anne and son-in-law Jeremy late Sunday evening. All are doing well and are home. This is Anne and Jeremy's third and our ninth grandchild.

**Keri, Fernando and Adelle Vergara:** Not much to report here, but we are doing well by God's grace. Adelle is 9 months already and is on the go, I'm sure she'll be walking soon! We always covet prayers for our family for health and safety, and for Adelle to come to know and trust the Lord at a young age. Thank you for praying for us while we are in Chili!

**Charry Snyder:** is so thankful and filled with joy to be able to 1) Have her boot removed and 2) to have her second surgery scheduled for May 5! It is so good to be able to be half-way through all of this, and she looks forward to her upcoming time in New Mexico to visit with her sister and her children.

**Stephanie Hoffman-**Pray for all our kiddos who come through the church doors that they meet the Holy Spirit in tangible ways and know the love of Christ through all of us.

**Mike Fongers-** Father, God, we pray for Mike and the physical intestinal and kidney issues he is currently experiencing. We ask for your wisdom and clarity as to how to deal with these issues.