

# The Orchard Weekly

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Issue 38

## Mark Your Calendar

For week of Dec. 20

### Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship  
11:00am Adult Education Class  
6:00pm Evening Worship

### Tuesday

7pm Worship Team Rehearsal

### Thursday

Christmas Day Worship

### Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship

## Church Family

Thank you for the recent visits, cards and prayers. They have been much appreciated.—Mickey Fernandes

Our heartfelt condolences to the Eskes family in the passing of Dawn's mom, Irene Palmaymesa. Please keep their family in your prayers as they make service arrangements in the coming weeks.

**Birthdays this week:** 12/20 Dylan Koolhaas 12/25 Heather Tavares 12/26 Ric Winters 12/27 Addison Tenente

**Anniversaries this week:** 12/20 Brent & Sandy Hekman 12/21 Gary & Debbie Smith

## Announcements

See the table below for all our in-person and online worship opportunities at Almond Valley. Please note that there will be no evening service on Sunday, December 27 and Almond Valley will not have a New Year's Eve service this year.

	Morning Worship	Evening Worship – 6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 20	<b>“The Historical Case for Christ”</b> <b>Luke 2:1-7</b>  Can we trust that Jesus was a real person? What difference does it make in our lives today?	<b>Christmas Carol Sing</b>  Throughout this service we will learn about and sing beloved Christmas carols to organ accompaniment.
Friday, Dec. 25	<b>Christmas Morning Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>  <b>Join us in person or online for a special service of celebrating Jesus' birth.</b>	
Sunday, Dec. 27	<b>“The State of the Christian Reformed Church”</b>  Jude 17-25	No Evening Service

**Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Worship Survey:** We want to hear from you but tomorrow is the last day to complete the survey! Please use this link to fill out a brief survey regarding which service you will be more likely to attend. <https://forms.gle/Q8V6EXebwdr57hnn9>. You can also contact your Elder.

**Secret Sisters- Oh the pandemic outside is frightful. To be together would be so delightful. But since we've no place to go. Let them know, let them know, let them know!** Ladies, the time has come to wrap up the secret sister year. We encourage you to find a safe and creative way to reveal to your secret sister who you are before the New Year. We, the Women's Ministry committee, pray that you have a safe and happy Christmas season and hope we can fellowship with you again soon.

**Let's Go Out for Breakfast** has been postponed until further notice.

**Grief Share** will be taking a break from meeting and will resume on January 13th.

## Announcements cont'd

**Gospel Mission Clothing Drive:** We will be collecting gently used and new clothing for the mission through mid January. If you have coats, hats, socks, gloves or any general clothing items, please bring it to church and place in the bins in the narthex. Contact: Bill Buttermann, Richard Brown

**World Renew Giving Tree** will be available through the end of the year. Check out the item tags to see what you can gift this year. Payment can be made directly to [WorldRenew.net/gifts](http://WorldRenew.net/gifts) OR you can turn in your tags along with payment to the church office.

## Weekly Prayer Guide

Monday - Pray for our pastors, elders, and deacons as they navigate what is best for Almond Valley's ministries. Pray for wisdom in the decisions they must make.

Tuesday - Pray for healing for those who have contracted the COVID virus. Pray that the symptoms are short lived, and full restoration of health is achieved.

Wednesday - Pray that our ministry is not defined by this virus, but that others can see God's peace and grace among us as we deal with COVID.

Thursday - Pray for those that are vulnerable to the virus: the elderly, those that suffer other health issues, those who are in Bethany Home, and those who are depressed.

Friday - Pray for God's comfort for those who have had loved ones die recently. Also for those who are anticipating death coming into their lives. Even in the valley of death, we fear no evil, for God is with us. May we walk with each other in faith.

Saturday - Pray that we don't get stressed out in this holiday season. May it be a time of peace and assurance that God is with us, and we are not alone. May heaven shine brightly in our hearts.

Sunday - As we worship God together, joining with millions around the world, with those in heaven, and with all of creation, may God be praised.

## Upcoming Office Hours

Tuesday—Dec. 22, 9am-2pm

Wednesday-Dec. 23, 9am-2pm

Thursday-Dec. 24, 9am-12pm

Friday, Dec. 25 Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 29th Closed

