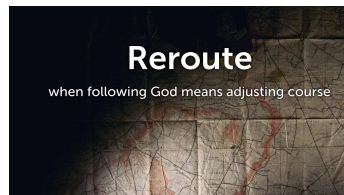


Merge Over

Acts 15:1-19



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on August 16:

Received for General Ministries:	\$2,962.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$380.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$629.20

Community Offering:

Kids Food Basket	\$139.71
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Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Backpack Buddies. We have partnered with Central Elementary in Grandville since 2009. The school provides breakfast and lunch for the school week, but to provide for weekend needs for children who are food insecure, food is collected or purchased, packed in bags and delivered to school to be sent home.

Aug 30: Resonate Global Mission – Tony & Stacey Meyer

Sept 7: Mission French Africa/Paul & Charlotte Mpindi

Sep 13: Love INC

Sep 20: CRC – Safe Church Ministry

Sep 27: 70x7 Life Recovery

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Aug 25

9:15am August gathering group
 6:30pm Life Skills
 7pm Elders/Deacons
 Full Council

Sunday, Aug 23

10am Outdoor Worship
 11am August gathering group
 4pm August gathering group



August 23, 2020

WELCOME
we are glad you are here!

TODAY: The greatest challenge which the New Testament church faced was learning how to move over in order to let new people in; it is still just as challenging for us today.

NEXT WEEK: The label of being called “Christian” comes down to one thing: living in a pattern that looks, sounds, and acts like Jesus.

COMING UP

LIFE SKILLS, Sept 1

WORSHIP COMMITTEE, Sept 3

BLOOD DRIVE, Sept 9

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Your Grace Is Enough
Here I Am To Worship
Everlasting God*

Prayers of the People

Scripture Acts 15:1-19

⁶The apostles and elders met to consider this question. ⁷After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. ⁸God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. ⁹He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? ¹¹No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

¹²The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. ¹³When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. ¹⁴Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. ¹⁵The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

¹⁶“After this I will return
and rebuild David’s fallen tent.
Its ruins I will rebuild,
and I will restore it,

¹⁷that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who bear my name,
says the Lord, who does these things” —

¹⁸things known from long ago.

¹⁹“It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.”

Message “Merge Over”

Speak O Lord

Sacrament of Communion

God’s Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY we will recognize our new Elders and Deacons serving on the Council and express our gratitude to the Elders and Deacons who have completed their service.

THANK YOU

Fellowship CRC has received letters of appreciation for our financial support from **Paul** and **Charlotte Mpindi** (Mission French Africa) and **Love, INC.**

August Birthdays

Bill Huyser - 8/3

2500 Breton Woods #3064
Grand Rapids MI 49512

Marv Houtstra - 8/7

4253 Redbush Dr.
Grandville MI 49418

Rachel Tjoelker - 8/16

Azpira Place of Breton
4352 Breton Rd SE
Kentwood MI 49512

Caroline Dik - 8/30

Waterford Place
1725 Port Sheldon #E109
Jenison MI 49428

PRAYER FOCUS

Community:

- **Back-Pack Buddies** as we help provide weekend food to students who are food insecure.
- For students, parents, teachers and staff as the new school year approaches and there are many concerns and questions that are unanswered.

Continuing Needs:

- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays and have restrictions on visitors: **Gloria DeWitte, Caroline Dik, Lois Oom, Rachel Tjoelker, Phil and Char VanDommelen.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Russ Ballinger, Ryan Brunink, Kristie Buchholz, Ron Dykstra, Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len Koetje, Tom & Donna Westra, and Don Winkle.**

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BACK-PACK BUDDIES

It’s a new school year and we are not sure how it will all work out but we know God is using this ministry to be a blessing in our community. We will begin backpack buddies the first week of school, August 27th, for the **18 children** that were in our program last year. We anticipate that this number will change as new children start school or new families are identified as food Insecure. It will be challenging to identify our needs for food so we will just request in general the needs -we appreciate all that we receive.

September food needs:

- Canned chicken
- Nutrigrain bars
- Individual applesauce cups or fruit cups
- Canned soups (chicken or beef)
- Canned pastas (ravioli etc.)
- If it’s easier for you, Aldi and Meijer gift cards or cash donations can be made to deacons marked for BPB.

Items should be placed in the Back-Pack Buddies box (which will be located outside during Sunday worship services).

We also request your prayers for these children, families, and for Central Elementary staff and teachers as this is a challenging time in so many respects.

Thanks so much for your care and support. Questions? Contact **Sandy Campo.**

BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date! Fellowship CRC is hosting a blood drive for Versiti Blood (formerly MI Blood) on September 9. The goal is to collect 21 pints of blood and have 40 people registered to donate. Go to <https://bit.ly/fellowshipcpcblooddrive> to sign up to donate.

For information on COVID safety guideline implemented by Versiti, visit <https://www.versiti.org/home/coronavirus-information>

LIFE SKILLS

Our first meeting back in the building since March went really well. We are still in need of **2 mentors.**

Guidelines for resuming:

- Classes will not exceed 10 people
- Socially distanced classroom setup
- Temperature checks at the door
- Masks *required* by **all** adults while in the building
- **No** dinners or communal coffee stands
- Children *over 5* will have to wear a mask while in communal spaces.

Contact **Laura VanderPloeg** for more information and to volunteer as a mentor or in childcare.