

# Honor Your Parents

Ephesians 6:1-9



## DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on May 2:

Received for General Ministries: \$7,218.00  
 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00  
 Received for Christian Education: \$1010.00  
 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

### **Community Offering:**

Mission French Africa \$1077.00

### Upcoming Community Offerings

**TODAY: Women At Risk (WAR)** unites and educates to create circles of protection around those at risk through culturally sensitive, value-added intervention projects. Founded in Grand Rapids, they also engage the local community in volunteer service and educational events.

**May 16:** ReFrame Ministries

**May 23:** ICCF

**May 30:** CRCNA – Worship Ministries

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### THIS WEEK

#### **Monday, May 10**

9am Food Pantry

#### **Tuesday, May 11**

9:15am Tuesday Small group

6:30pm Life Skills

7pm Admin Board

#### **Wednesday, May 12**

2pm Blood Drive

#### **Thursday, May 13**

7pm Women's Bible Study (online)

#### **Sunday, May 16**

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

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### COMING UP

**LIFE SKILLS**, May 18

**FULL COUNCIL**, May 25

### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

**TODAY:** The fifth commandment is about more than being good sons and daughters; it is about learning to appreciate the values of respect, dignity, and service.

**NEXT WEEK:** The sixth commandment is about more than murder; it is about the intrinsic value of all human life, and the call of God's people to promote the *shalom-flourishing* of all human life.

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**May 9, 2021**

**Welcome!**  
**We are glad you are here!**

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service**

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers (\*currently unstaffed)
- "Busy Boxes" with kid's bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS** are available at the sound booth

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

### God's Will For Our Lives

#### Children's Message *(Sarah Lenhart)*

Children age 3yrs - 5th grade are invited to come forward and choose a hoop to sit in as they hear a special message.

### Prayers of the People

#### Scripture *Ephesians 6:1-9*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup> "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*

*<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

*<sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. <sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.*

*<sup>9</sup> And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.*

**Message** "Invitation to Live [honor your parents]"

*Build My Life  
Who You Say I Am  
Forever*

### God's Parting Blessing

#### TODAY:

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

## CHURCH LIFE

Next Sunday, May 16, we will be recognizing our graduates during the worship service.

#### COFFEE

Coffee will be available after the service outdoors in the patio area (weather permitting). To be more faithful stewards of this world, please bring a mug from home. Compostable cups will be available for those visiting or who are unable to bring a mug.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

The last day of children's worship and church school for this ministry year is May 23. Since the curriculum varies and we had various Covid related adjustments, the last day for some classes might be another May Sunday.

#### SUMMER WORSHIP

Beginning on Memorial Day weekend (May 30), Fellowship Church will be moving our Sunday worship time to **10:00am** for the summer months.

## TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

The Tuesday morning Bible study group began a new study on May 4. *In the Dust of the Rabbi* is a 5-session DVD study by Ray Vander Laan. "Follow a rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered with the dust of his feet," says an ancient Jewish proverb. When Jesus lived on earth, disciples followed their Rabbi so closely that they would be covered with the dust kicked up by the Rabbi's feet. All who would like to participate in this study are welcome! This group meets on Tuesdays from 9:15-10:45am. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb Sanders** (bsanders@fellowshipccrc.com).

## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Thursday evening women's small group will be starting a new study this week. FaithGateway is offering a 6-week, online study titled *Galatians Accepted and Free* by Jada Edwards. We meet on Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7-7:45/8pm. The Study video is emailed to you from FaithGateway on Monday mornings. Watch the video on your own time and join our Zoom gathering to talk through questions and share what you are learning. Let **Laura VanderPloeg** know if you plan to participate. (See mid-week for sign up link & more info).

## PRAYER FOCUS

#### Recent Updates:

- We give thanks with **Valerie Fleming** that the test results of a nodule and small mass found on her lung indicate no cancer! !

#### Outreach:

- **Women at Risk (WAR)** as they work to create circles of protection around those at risk and as they provide safe places for those who need to heal from abuse, trafficking, exploitation and more.

#### 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, and Rachel Tjoelker.**
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Rick Carter, Jean Cisler, Len Koetje, Arv & Pearl Tap, Mary Visser, Tom & Donna Westra.**

## OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

#### BLOOD DRIVE

We are hosting our spring blood drive here at Fellowship **this Wednesday**, May 12 from 2-7pm. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/fellowshipccrcspring2021> or contact **Myrna Koning**.

#### LIFESKILLS

Praise God we are back in-person on Tuesday evenings. We had three families start the Life Skills Budget class taught by **Brad Byl**. **Sandy Campo** is providing supervision for one MS student. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry through prayer and financial donations. God is at work! If you would like to know more talk to **Laura VanderPloeg**.

#### BACKPACK BUDDIES

This year has been one of school deliveries and home deliveries to get food to our buddies. We always have had enough to share generously with the kids and this is due to the constant giving of our Fellowship Church members. We have just a few weeks of school remaining, our pantry is well stocked and we have all that we need to finish the year and to prep for school in the fall. God is so good **-Thank you** for being his hands in our community.

#### LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

We are open on Mondays from 9am-3pm. Thanks to your ongoing support of donations.

Did you know that we can earn money for the food pantry by collecting Family Fare receipts? Drop yours in the slot at the Welcome Desk!