

How to Give an Offering

2 Corinthians 9:6-15



DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on August 29:

Received for General Ministries: \$4,300.74
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education: \$306.31
Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Tent Schools International \$177.51
Backpack Buddies \$300.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Mission French Africa - **Paul & Charlotte Mpindi** are missionaries supported by Fellowship. Mission French Africa is a radio and discipleship ministry which exists to preach and teach the Gospel to win French speaking Africans to Christ, to disciple African Christians in Biblical stewardship, and encourage the Body of Christ in America. They have three follow-up centers in Africa (Congo, Central African Republic, and Benin), where more than 10,000 visitors come monthly for pastoral counseling, discipleship, and spiritual mentoring.

September 12: Kid's Food Basket

September 19: Safe Church Ministries

September 26: Family Network of Wyoming

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Sept 7

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

Wednesday, Sept 8

2pm Blood Drive

Sunday, Sept 12

9:30am Worship

10:40am Meet and Greet teachers

11am Kick-off lunch

COMING UP

ADMIN BOARD, Sept 14

CLASSIS GRANDVILLE, Sept 16

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Sherri DeVries (Custodian)

Liz Boerman (Admin Assistant)

TODAY: Every Sunday service includes an opportunity to give an offering; the weekly offering is not only a way of supporting the ministry of the church, it is also an act of worship.

NEXT WEEK: Fellowship Church focuses our mission around the three activities of LOVING, GROWING, and SERVING. These activities give us a picture not only of who we are, but they are also a guide. Mission is what guides us to become who God is calling us to be.

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Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers (*currently unstaffed)
- "Busy Bags" 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

*Here I Am To Worship
To God Be The Glory
Holy Is The Lord*

God's Will For Our Lives

Prayers of the People

Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."
¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Message "How To Give an Offering"

Take My Life And Let It Be

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

Next Sunday, September 12, we will return to our usual worship time of 9:30am.

FALL MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Next Sunday, September 12, we will kick-off our new ministry year.

- Meet your Church School teachers and youth group leaders (10:40)
- Join us for lunch (11am) – we will serve subs, chips, fruit and a cookie. Sign up online or on the Church Life bulletin board in the lobby.
- We also need 12-14 people willing to bake bars or cookies – sign up on the church life bulletin board to help with this.

DEACON UPDATE

The deacons would like to remind the congregation that there will be a collection on September 12 for Denominational Ministry Shares (DMS). Each church that is a member of the Christian Reformed Church of North America is encouraged to support our denomination with contributions called ministry shares. Ministry shares allow us to combine our funds to do more than we could do on our own as an individual congregation.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Please note, we will not meet this morning or next Sunday, Sept 12. For more information, contact **Mike Philo** (lmp philo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Eggerding - 9/1 (4760 Sheri Lynn Dr Wyoming MI 49519)

Bonnie Houtstra - 9/23 (4253 Redbush Dr Grandville MI 49418)

We give thanks for their lives and wish them God's continued blessings.

CONGRATULATIONS

We rejoice with **Matt** and **Samantha Byl** and big brother **Logan** on the birth of **Jude William** on August 31. Congratulations also to grandparents, **Brad** and **Julie Byl**.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

You are invited to join a six-week study titled *Perfect Love: Pursuing Intimacy with Christ through the Song of Solomon* by Lisa Harper beginning September 9. The meetings will be Thursday evenings over Zoom from 7:00-8:00. (See mid-week email for more details). Please let **Laura VanderPloeg** know that you are planning to attend.

STAFFING UPDATE

The Personnel Committee is beginning the search for a part-time custodian as part of our Fellowship staff. Do you enjoy or know of someone who would enjoy a good working atmosphere, working in teams and by yourself, and flexible, part-time hours? Please contact with a member of the Personnel Committee (**Jim Kortman**, **Mike Philo**, or **Mary Wood-Agents**) if you are interested in doing Kingdom work by serving as the custodian for Fellowship Church.

PRAYER FOCUS

Recent Updates:

- Continue to pray for **Marv** and **Bonnie Houtstra** as a treatment plan is made following the biopsy results for metastatic cancer.

Missionaries:

- **Paul & Charlotte Mpindi** as they continue to work and disciple African Christians through radio and training centers in French-speaking African nations.

Continuing Needs:

- Remember in prayer those who journey with grief.
- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays and have restrictions on visitors: **Gloria DeWitte**, **Lois Oom**, and **Rachel Tjoelker**.
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Mike Campo**, **Rick Carter**, **Jean Cisler**, **Valerie Fleming**, **Marv Houtstra**, **Len Koetje**, **Randy Kraker**, **Arv Tap**, **Rog Visser**, **Steve Westra**, **Tom & Donna Westra**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

LOVE INC FOOD PANTRY

We are open on Mondays from 9am-3pm. Thanks for your ongoing support of donations. Current food needs include: *Cereal (kids), snack crackers, mustard, mayo, salsa, canned chicken, Tuna, ravioli, apple sauce, fruit cocktail, wax beans, facial tissue, paper towel, toilet paper, bar soap, laundry detergent and fabric softener/dryer sheets.*

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for **September 8**, from 2-8pm. Our goal is to collect 24 pints which requires approximately 40 donors. To sign up online go to <https://bit.ly/fellowshipcsrcsept21>. Contact **Myrna Koning** with questions.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

School is back in session and we have 16 children who will return to Central Elementary. The school will identify new children and add them to the program if they will benefit from it.

Our pantry needs for October deliveries will be collected in September and include: *Chicken or Beef chunky Soup, Canned Pastas (Chef Boyardee, etc), Applesauce, and snacks (individual pretzels, popcorn, granola bars).* Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby. **Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134

LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills continues to meet on Tuesday evenings for class here at Fellowship. We are in need of:

- Volunteers to prepare and serve dinner on September 14
- 2 Volunteers to serve in childcare
- We have a specific need for a *bi-lingual* volunteer as we have a few new participants for whom English is a second language. A translator would be an amazing provision!

Contact **Laura VanderPloeg** (tlvanderploeg@gmail.com) for information and to sign up.