All In- Ruth Ruth 1:15-19, 4:13-17



The Summary of Ruth

The book of Ruth begins and ends as a story about

TODAY: Even though Ruth expresses a faith that is determined, she also receives a much-needed community of others who are faithful as well. NEXT WEEK: Perhaps the bravest step of faith we see in the Old Testament happened when the shepherd boy, David, faced the giant, Goliath, with nothing more than a sling and some stones; how does that story help us face giants in our world today?

DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on Jan 9:

Received for General Ministries: \$2,531.58 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$6,445.00 Received for Christian Education: \$215.00 Avg. weekly collection should be: \$629.20

Community Offering:

Mission French Africa \$570.51

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Pregnancy Resource Center

PRC is an organization in Grand Rapids with professional medical and support staff providing confidential and up-to-date information about pregnancy, abortion procedures, and adoption. Their services include confirmatory pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, medical and community referrals, sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment, education about pregnancy options, one-on-one mentoring, parenting classes, baby and maternity clothing, baby items, and referrals for community resources.

January 23: Mission Aviation Fellowship

January 30: Kid's Food Basket

February 6: Rehoboth Christian School (Ippel's)

THIS WEEK

Thursday, Jan 20

Friday, Jan 21 Monday, Jan 17

Saturday, Jan 22

Tuesday, Jan 18 Sunday, Jan 23 6pm Life Skills

9:30am Worship Wednesday, Jan 19 10:30am Church School 11am Adult Bible Study

6:30am Men's Bible Study (Red Geranium Café)

COMING UP STAFF

ELDER MEETING, Jan 25 Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

DEACON MEETING, Jan 25 Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship) **SOCIAL GATHERING**, Feb 1

Katherine Sneller (Custodian) **BLOOD DRIVE.** Feb 2

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January 16, 2022

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- "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

Great Things How Great Thou Art Build My Life

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Ruth* 1:15-19, 4:13-17

1:15-19

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

4:13-17

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵ He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷ The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Message "Ruth"

I Will Follow

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY:

9:30am Worship 10:30am Church School 11am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On January 30, there will be a Q&A time after the morning service to review the proposed 2022 church budget.

On February 6, after the morning service, there will be a vote on the proposed 2022 church budget.

ELDER/DEACON NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms were placed in mailboxes last week. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate and return them to the marked slot at the Welcome Desk by Sunday, February 6.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join - Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (Imphilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will NOT be meeting this week, January 18.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be meeting this Thursday from 6:30-7:30am at Red Geranium Café. This week we are looking at chapters 9 & 10 in *Letters*. Contact **Pastor Tom** for a copy of the book and additional details.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

A new Zoom study begins Thursday evening Jan. 20 @ 7 pm. The topic is Grace using the book <u>When Strivings Cease: Replacing the Gospel of Self-Improvement with the Gospel of Grace</u> with Ruth Chou Simons. Let **Laura VanderPloeg** know you would like to join.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Russ Ballinger** who will be celebrating his birthday January 18. Cards can be sent to: 2580 Woodlake Rd., Apt #3, Wyoming, MI 49519
To **Jean Cisler** who will also be celebrating her birthday on January 18. Cards can be sent to: 4213 Redbush Dr., Grandville, MI 49418

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Tom and Donna Westra** who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on January 31! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

VOLUNTEER

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, from 2-7pm. To sign up, go to https://bit.ly/fellowshipcrcfeb2022 or you can sign up on the M&CC bulletin board. We also will need goodies for the canteen, sign up on the M&CC bulletin board to provide for those donating blood. Contact Myrna Koning with any questions.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Congratulations to Rony Murillo and Katherine Byl on their wedding on January 22. We wish them God's rich blessings on their marriage. May they continue to grow in Christ's love and their love for each other.
- For **Pregnancy Resource Center** as they provide mentoring, classes and education, referrals to community resources, and family support services to women and single mothers.
- For the Love Food Pantry and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays: Gloria DeWitte, Lois Oom, and Rachel Tjoelker.
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Carter, Valerie Fleming, and Len Koetje.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support as we serve our community. Some items we could use are:

Paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, hand sanitizer, cereal (cold cereals for kids), laundry soap (large containers), body wash, body lotion, mouthwash, and juice

Thank You! – Food Pantry Staff

BACKPACK BUDDIES

As we enter a new semester, please continue to pray for the 36 children and families in the Backpack Buddies program. We are thankful we were able to meet and provide Christmas break food to the 5 families that requested to receive them.

Our needs for the coming weeks include:

fruit cups, canned pasta (i.e. Chef Boyardee type meals), canned soup, tuna helper, granola bars or other snack items (without peanuts please), and plastic grocery bags.

Cash donations or gift cards to Meijer, Aldi & Costco can be given through the deacons. Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby.

Thank you for showing Christ's love to our neighbors through your support of this ministry ~ Sandy Campo 616-889-3134.