

Fruit of the Spirit: LOVE

Matthew 7:15-23
Colossians 3:12-15



FROM THE DEACONS

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Backpack Buddies

We have partnered with Central Elementary in Grandville. 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.

May 1: Servant's Center

May 8: Mission French Africa-Mpindi

May 15: Women at Risk

April 24, 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

THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr 25

Tuesday, Apr 26

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

7pm Elder meeting

7pm Deacon meeting

Wednesday, Apr 27

Thursday, Apr 28

Friday, Apr 29

Saturday, Apr 30

Sunday, May 1

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

11am Faith Journey Share-

Terry Van Haitsma

TODAY:

9:30am Worship

10:30am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

5pm Youth Group

-Middle School

6pm Youth Group

-High School

COMING UP

SOCIAL GATHERING, May 10

ADMIN, May 10

BLOOD DRIVE, May 11

YOUTH GROUP, May 15

STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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TODAY: The Fruit of the Spirit: LOVE — There is no character trait more central to the Christian life than *love*; it is what we have received inwardly from God, and what we express outwardly to the world.

NEXT WEEK: The Fruit of the Spirit: JOY – Joy is not just an emotion we feel that depends upon our circumstances; joy is an attitude built within us by the Holy Spirit which reflects the joy of Christ through us to others.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Fill This Place
Your Grace Is Enough
How Great Is Your Love*

Council – Drawing of lots for deacon

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Colossians 3:12-14*

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Matthew 7:15-23

A Tree and Its Fruit

¹⁵"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Message "Love"

*Take My Life and Let It Be
Build My Life*

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

ADULT EDUCATION Next Sunday, May 1, during the Adult Education time following the service Terry VanHaitsma will be sharing some of his faith journey as he reflects on God's faithfulness and presence in his life.

CHURCH SCHOOL Classes will resume today, April 24.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY All are invited to join - Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (lphilos@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu). *Please note that Adult Bible Study will not meet next week, May 1, due to the Adult Education presentation.*

SOCIAL GATHERING Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship on May 10. The *Silvertones* will be entertaining us with songs from the past at 1pm in the Fellowship Room. Coffee and cake will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board or go to https://bit.ly/SG_may_10 to RSVP to this event. A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION On May 22 we will be recognizing the graduates of high school, college, and beyond. If you or your son/daughter is graduating high school, college, or grad school (or graduated mid-year), please complete an info sheet found at the information desk. Once it is completed, please return it with a digital photo to the office by May 8. You may also e-mail your information to lwilliams@fellowshipcpc.com.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and words of kindness in the unexpected loss of my brother, Ron. So thankful for those who touched his life through the Life Skills class he attended and while he attended services at Fellowship.

-Tom and Elaine Vlietstra

Incoming Elder and Deacon appointments:

Shepherding Elder – Shelly Funk (1 needed)
Service Deacons – Linda Philo, Kathy Kikkert (1 needed)

We are blessed and joyful for the members who have accepted God's call to serve. There will be no drawing of lots for Elder as God has perfectly filled our need. **Today**, April 24, we will be drawing lots to fill the position on Deacon. These terms begin in May. Please pray for each as they begin their service.

We would like to thank the retiring Elders and Deacons for their time, talents, and willingness to serve:

Randy Kraker, Admin Elder
Sherri Funk, Admin Deacon
Tom Vlietstra, Shepherding Elder
Matt Byl, Service Deacon
Marc VandenBerg, Service Deacon

New Council installation will be on May 1.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Tom and Donna Westra**. Tom has a broken ankle. Pray for a good healing process. Donna also has not been feeling well and continues to be treated for an incurable cancer. Pray that appointments with doctors will be helpful.
- **Bonnie Houtstra** had shoulder replacement surgery this past week. Pray for a good recovery process.
- Continue to pray for **Evan and Jun Ling He Zeng and family**. Jun Ling He is experiencing intense headaches, and she has been diagnosed with an arachnoid cyst on her brain. Pray as she receives more information regarding possible treatment.
- For **Backpack Buddies** as they address food insecurity in our immediate community. Pray for those who receive food through this program.
- 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, Len Koetje, Gary Roode, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

BLOOD DRIVE Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, from 2-7pm. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/frcrblooddrivemay2022> 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.

FOOD PANTRY We are continuing to collect receipts from Family Fare to our next goal. Please put them in the marked slot at the information center. Thank You!

BACKPACK BUDDIES If you would like to donate to the Backpack Buddies ministry, our food requests for the next month include:

- canned chunky style soups - Beef or Chicken
- TUNA helper type side dishes
- applesauce cups
- granola bars and other snack items
- 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.