

# Fruit of the Spirit: JOY

Isaiah 35:1-10



## FROM THE DEACONS

### Upcoming Community Offerings

#### **TODAY: Servants Center**

Servants Center provides high quality, relationship based street outreach and ongoing support services to the mentally ill poor and homeless people in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The non-profit works to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ as it gives help to the mentally ill homeless. In addition to direct service to the homeless, Servants Center also provides educational events related to our work throughout Michigan each year. These events include Sunday preaching, training seminars, and consulting services to help churches develop effective ministries among the poor in their own community - urban, suburban, or rural.

**May 8:** Mission French Africa-Mpindi

**May 15:** Women at Risk

**May 22:** Safe Haven

#### **TODAY, MAY 1:**

9:30am Worship  
10:30am Church School  
11am Faith Journey Share-  
Terry Van Haitsma  
(sanctuary)

#### **THIS WEEK**

**Monday, May 2**

**Tuesday, May 3**

9:15am Tuesday Small Group  
6pm Life Skills

**Wednesday, May 4**

**Thursday, May 5**

**Friday, May 6**

**Saturday, May 7**

**Sunday, May 8**

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

#### **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)

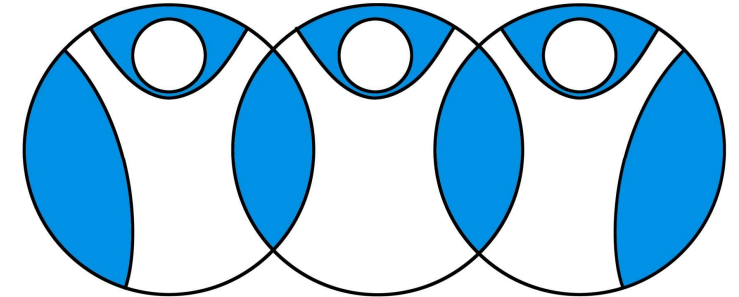
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# May 1, 2022



# Fellowship

Christian Reformed Church

## 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

**TODAY:** 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.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Fruit of the Spirit: PEACE – Peace is more than simply the absence of conflict; it is the active presence of God which results in the flourishing of his creation.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Come Thou Font  
10,000 Reasons  
Holy Is The Lord*

**Council** – commissioning of new elders and deacons

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Isaiah 35: 1-10*

#### Hope for Restoration

**35** Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days.  
The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.

<sup>2</sup> Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers  
and singing and joy!

The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon,  
as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon.

There the Lord will display his glory,  
the splendor of our God.

<sup>3</sup> With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands,  
and encourage those who have weak knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those with fearful hearts,  
“Be strong, and do not fear,

for your God is coming to destroy your enemies.  
He is coming to save you.”

<sup>5</sup> And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind  
and unplug the ears of the deaf.

<sup>6</sup> The lame will leap like a deer,  
and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!

Springs will gush forth in the wilderness,  
and streams will water the wasteland.

<sup>7</sup> The parched ground will become a pool,  
and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land.

Marsh grass and reeds and rushes will flourish  
where desert jackals once lived.

<sup>8</sup> And a great road will go through that once deserted land.  
It will be named the Highway of Holiness.

Evil-minded people will never travel on it.

It will be only for those who walk in God’s ways;  
fools will never walk there.

<sup>9</sup> Lions will not lurk along its course,  
nor any other ferocious beasts.

There will be no other dangers.  
Only the redeemed will walk on it.

<sup>10</sup> Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return.  
They will enter Jerusalem singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.

Sorrow and mourning will disappear,  
and they will be filled with joy and gladness.

**Message** “Joy”

*Holy Spirit*

**God’s Parting Blessing**

## CHURCH LIFE

**Thank you to our Council members completing their term of service!  
Matt Byl, Sherri Funk, Marc VanDenBerg, and Tom Vlietstra**

**TODAY** we install new council members –  
Elder: **Shelly Funk**, and Deacon: **Linda Philo**

**BAPTISM** On Sunday, May 15, we have the joy of celebrating the  
baptism of **Ryker VanderKlok** during the worship service.

**ADULT EDUCATION** Today 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. All are invited to  
attend this presentation.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** \*Please note that Adult Bible Study will  
not meet today due to the Adult Education presentation.\*

**LIFE SKILLS** Urgent Need! Life Skills needs childcare volunteers for the  
May 3 meeting. Please let **Laura VanderPloeg** know if you will help.  
Thank you!

**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](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@fellowshipcrc.com](mailto:lwilliams@fellowshipcrc.com).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to **Rog and Mary Visser** who  
celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary today, May 1! We give thanks  
for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s  
faithful presence with them.

*In a recent doctor visit he told me "Come and see me in a year!" I give  
thanks to God for healing and a good recovery following hip replacement  
surgery. Sue and I would like to say thanks to the congregation for the  
prayers, cards, and expressions of care shown to us during this time.  
Thanks!*

*In Christ, Gary & Sue Roode*

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Evan and Jun Ling He Zeng and family**. Pray as Jun Ling receives more information regarding possible treatment for an arachnoid cyst.
- For **Servants Center** as they provide outreach and support services to the mentally ill homeless in our community. Pray that they may be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. Please pray for the small but dedicated team of workers and the hundreds of mentally ill persons they serve.
- 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, Jo Hanenburg, Bonnie Houtstra, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents, Tom Vlietstra**.

## OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

**BLOOD DRIVE** Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wed., May 11, from 2-7pm. To sign up, go to <https://bit.ly/fcpcblooddrivemay2022> 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.