

Common Threads: Responding to God

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 49:1-12
Luke 12:13-21



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received July 17-24:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 8,674.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 985.00
Community Offering: Family Network of Wyoming	\$ 73.00
Audio Scripture Ministries	\$ 150.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Access of West Michigan

Celebrating the activity of God in our midst, Access strengthens and develops wholistic solutions to poverty by cultivating equitable systems through education and collaboration. Today, the values that Access upholds throughout their three main initiatives include community development, food justice, economic development, and equity. Their work ranges from housing collaborative food systems programs including a food prescription program and a farm to pantry program, to facilitating workshops that simulate an experience in poverty and employing individuals with barriers to work, to assisting congregations in developing best practices in engaging issues of poverty in their neighborhoods. Throughout their programs, Access' vision is to cultivate a community rooted in equitable systems.

August 7: Backpack Buddies

August 14: Resonate Global Mission (Rodriguez)

August 21: Tent Schools

THIS WEEK

Monday, Aug 1

5pm Golf League

Tuesday, Aug 2

Wednesday, Aug 3

Thursday, Aug 4

Friday, Aug 5

Saturday, Aug 6

Sunday, Aug 7

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

EXEC, Aug 9

COUNCIL, Aug 23

ELDERS, Aug 23

DEACONS, Aug 23

STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

July 31, 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

TODAY: Common Threads: Responding to God – Often we think that we are the ones who approach God; in fact, it is God who approaches us. How does your life form a response to God?

NEXT WEEK: Common Threads: Tune Up – maintenance for a healthy soul

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Blessed Be Your Name
This Is My Father's World
You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 49:1-12, Luke 12:13-21*

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Message "Responding to God"

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

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship
11am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

SUDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY For the summer months the Adult Bible Study is in the book of Romans. The class time will begin around 15 minutes after the end worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions contact **Mike Philo** (LMPHILO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES "Fill the Backpacks" Campaign

We are thankful for the many items have already been donated! But we still have many items that are needed...

- \$ donations for backpacks (backpacks have already been ordered)
- Crayola Markers
- Expo Dry Erase markers
- Post it notes
- Plastic 2 pocket folders
- 3 ring binders/notebook filler paper
- Headphones/earbuds
- Sanitizing wipes
- And more... There is a signup with the specifics of the needed items at <https://bit.ly/fcrschool>.

Because these are specific requests from the teachers, please be mindful of brand, color, size etc. for the items. Please use the signup genius for your donations. If you can't access the sign up, contact **Linda Westra** (call/text/email, info is in church directory). If you would prefer to make a monetary donation for the supplies, drop your donation in the slot marked "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" at the information center. Make checks payable to FCRC.

Thank you! **Missions and Community Connections Team**

*Dear Fellowship Church,
Thank you for your cards, prayers and expressions of thoughtfulness following the recent passing of Bruce's dad. We love our church family and appreciate the many ways you expressed your love during a difficult time for us.*

Thank you.

Bruce & Barb Van Ryn

BLOOD DRIVE There will be a blood drive coming up on Wednesday, August 31, from 2-7pm. We have a goal of collecting over 28 pints of blood! You may sign up to donate online at <https://bit.ly/aug31blood-drive> or a 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. If you have any questions, please contact **Myrna Koning**.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Ellie Postma**. She fell a few weeks ago and broke a bone in her foot; and had surgery to insert a screw. Continue to pray for a good healing process.
- Continue to pray for **Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents** as Bob has continuing health challenges. Recently he was hospitalized for a few days for testing to try to determine why he had a sudden weakness and was unable to walk. A reason for this sudden weakness was not found. He was at Beacon Hill for therapy and last week returned home. Pray for Mary as she works to have the help resources needed for Bob to be safely at home.
- For **Access of West Michigan** as they connect the community through food justice, economic development, and cultivating equitable systems.
- 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 prayer those healing from surgery and those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Rick Carter, Valerie Fleming, Jo Hanenburg, Len and Lois Koetje, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents, Tom and Donna Westra**.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY Some items that are need for the pantry are:

Cereal, soup, ketchup, tomato sauce, pears, refried beans, macaroni noodles, snack crackers, canned meats (such as chicken and tuna), laundry soap, and dryer sheets.

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 Over the summer we will continue to collect a few items to prepare for August return to school:

- canned chunky style soups - Beef or Chicken
- canned pasta
- canned chicken
- fruit and applesauce cups
- granola bars
- 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