

Awareness

Acts 8:26-38



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jan 9 – 22:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 11,998.58
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 750.81
Community Offering: World Renew	\$ 140.51
Kid's Food Basket	\$ 40.00
Gideons	\$ 155.00
Mission French Africa	\$ 20.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 20.00

Upcoming Community Offerings

TODAY: Rehoboth Christian Schools

Jack and Cindy Ippel

The Ippel's volunteer at Rehoboth Christian School, a Fellowship-supported mission in New Mexico. RCS was founded as a ministry to the Native American people of the Four Corners region. Today, RCS continues its ministry through education with multiculturalism as a backdrop. RCS is committed to building students up not only intellectually, but also spiritually and emotionally, helping them grow into mature Christians.

February 12: Denominational Ministry Shares

February 19: Kids Hope USA

February 26: Roosevelt Park Ministries

February 5, 2023



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, Feb 6

Tuesday, Feb 7

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Feb 8

Thursday, Feb 9

Friday, Feb 10

Saturday, Feb 11

Sunday, Feb 12

8:30am Prayer in the Night Group

9:30am Worship

10:30 Congregational Vote

10:30am Church School

10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Feb 13 Exec Board

Feb 15 Blood Drive

Feb 19 Youth Group

Feb 27 Full Council
Elders
Deacons

STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Group)

TODAY: The ABC's of Outward Faith — The church in the New Testament shows an example of faith in God that is always expanding outward; how can we embrace a faith in God today that takes shape in the world beyond our church walls?

NEXT WEEK: The ABC's of Outward Faith

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Fill This Place
How Great Thou Art
How Great Is Your Love*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Act 8:26-38*

Philip and the Ethiopian

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹ "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ³⁷ ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

Message "Awareness"

Speak O Lord

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

8:30am Prayer in the Night Discussion Group
9:30am Worship
10:30am Church School
10:30am Congregational Meeting
5pm Youth Group – Middle School
6pm Youth Group – High School

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY, February 5, there will be a Q & A time after the morning service to review the proposed 2023 church budget.

Council nomination letters have been sent out. Please return your completed form to the mailbox of Tamie DeWitte or email tgdewitte@gmail.com by Feb. 19.

BUDGET Copies of the proposed budget are available at the information center.

NEXT WEEK, on February 12, after the morning service, there will be a vote on the proposed 2023 church budget.

Absentee ballots are available at the information center and should be turned in to the marked slot at the information center no later than February 12. If you would like to absentee vote electronically, a link is available in the midweek email starting on February 2.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION/PRAYER GROUP You are invited to join a six-session group exploring the book *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Wait* by Tish Harrison Warren. This group will explore this book on six Sunday mornings before the worship service (8:30-9am) in February and March (February 5,12,19; March 5, 19, 26). If you are interested but not able to attend all the sessions, please come to the times you can attend. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb**. More information on the book can be found in the midweek email. **We are meeting in Room 10.**

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY *There will be no class today due to the budget Q & A time.* 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).

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Dave and Judy Nieuwkoop and family**. Dave has been diagnosed with a disease called folliculotropic mycosis fungoides (FMF). FMF is a variant of a fairly rare type of cancer called cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL). At present the treatment is phototherapy and low dose radiation. Pray that these treatments will be successful.
- Continue to pray for **Evan and Jun Ling He Zeng and family**. Jun Ling's parents arrived in the States a few months ago and are living with the Zeng family. Pray for Jun Ling's father who has cancer and other health concerns. Pray for Evan and Jun Ling as they help care for her parents.
- Pray for **Steve and Linda Westra** who are working with and supervising a 16 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Boutte, Louisiana, January 31-February 24. Pray for safety and health for team members. Pray also for the people they work with in Louisiana. Pray that the clients will experience Christ's compassion and care through the presence and work of this team.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: **Gloria DeWitte, Alvina Huyser**, Ellie Klifman, (**Sheryl Offringa's** mother), **Lois Oom, Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- For **Rehoboth Christian Schools** and **Jack and Cindy Ippel** as they are committed to building up students intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. Pray for the volunteers and staff that are committed to serving the students at Rehoboth.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

FOOD PANTRY Thank you for your continued support of the Fellowship food pantry.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are collecting for our January weekends. Food needs include:

- canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc – with meat)
- beef or chicken chunky soup styles
- fruit cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- snacks – such as granola bars, fruit snacks, rice Krispie treats, pretzels
- plastic grocery bags

Thank you for your prayers for the families and generous support of this neighborhood mission.

~**Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134

BLOOD DRIVE The next blood drive will be on Wednesday, February 15 from 2-7pm in the Fellowship Room. We have a goal of donating 28 units of blood. You can sign up to donate through the link in the Midweek email or by signing up on the sheet on the M&CC Bulletin Board. We will also 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** or the office.