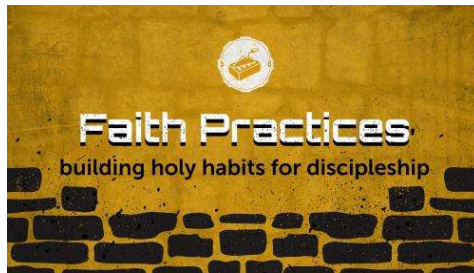


Faith Practices:
justice & mercy
Micah 6:3-8



Resources for justice & mercy: www.crcna.org/faithpracticesproject

TODAY: Faith Practices – Justice and mercy are the tangible expressions of loving our neighbors as God has loved us. They are the ways that we live like Jesus here and now, affirming the goodness of God's image in others and anticipating the overflowing *shalom* peace and flourishing that characterizes God's coming kingdom.

Next Week: Faith Practices – listening

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Jun 11-25:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 9,382.25
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 627.46
Community Offering: ASJ	\$ 38.00
ThereforeGo	\$ 181.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 20.51

We have received the following request from The Leadership Development Team of Classis Grandville to help meet the needs of an unusually high number of seminary students for student fund support.

Classis Grandville Churches, God is calling people into full-time ministry and we need your help to financially support our seminary students from Classis Grandville. In the Fall of 2022, we supported two students with tuition assistance through loans that can be forgiven based on their years of service to the CRC - 10% per year of service. In the Spring of 2023, we supported 4 students. In the Fall of 2023, we have 6 students we would like to support. We have a current need to raise an additional \$6,000 to support these students.

The Deacons will be collecting money through August 13 for this need. If you are able to help with this cause, please label your gift "Classis Grandville Student Support" and place in any of the collection baskets or note this cause in the memo line if giving online. Thanks!

Community Offerings

TODAY: Love Your Neighbor

Their mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities. Through their partnerships, they coordinate over 50 different ministries. Fellowship CRC helps to offer a Life Skills Program that empowers individuals toward authentic life transformation and a food pantry.

July 16: World Renew

July 23: Audio Scripture Ministries

July 30: Mission Aviation Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Monday, Jul 10
4:45pm Golf League

Tuesday, Jul 11
6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, Jul 12

Thursday, Jul 13

Friday, Jul 14

Saturday, Jul 15

Sunday, Jul 16
9:30am Worship
10:45am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Aug 15 Exec

Aug 22 Elders
Deacons
Council

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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July 9, 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

The Reason
This Is Amazing Grace
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Prayers of the People

Scripture Micah 6:3-8

³“My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.
⁴I brought you up out of Egypt
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.
I sent Moses to lead you,
also Aaron and Miriam.
⁵My people, remember
what Balak king of Moab plotted
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.
Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”
⁶With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
⁸He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Message “Faith Practices: justice & mercy”

The Compassion Hymn

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY
9:30am Worship
10:45am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

MEMBER DIRECTORY We are updating the member directory. Please take some time to check your contact information on Elvanto. Please make sure all information is correct, and email the office at lwilliams@fellowshipcrc.com if there are any corrections. Thank You!

BACK TO SCHOOL Time to start thinking BACK TO SCHOOL! We are partnering with Love Your Neighbor and Central Elementary School in Grandville to provide backpacks filled with teacher requested supplies for 30 children. Some of children receiving the backpacks are from the families that our Backpack Buddies program had supported this past school year. There is a signup with the list of needed items <https://bit.ly/fcrschooll>. Because these are specific requests from the teachers, please be mindful of brand, color, size etc. for several items. We will be collecting the supplies through August 6. Your gifts can be brought to church during church office hours (Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9am-12pm) or to church on Sundays beginning July 9. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, there is a signup slot for that option also. One of the M&CC team will shop for you. Make checks payable to FCRC and note "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" on the outside of your envelope. Drop your monetary donation in the slot at the information counter marked "School Supplies". Any Questions? Call, email, or text **Linda Westra**. Thank you! **Missions and Community Connections Team**

FAITH PRACTICES ENCOURAGEMENT A women’s small group is being planned to meet for 4 sessions in July and August with the focus of faith practice encouragement; Tuesdays, July 18 and 25, August 8, and 22, 11am-noon. If you are interested in participating in this 4-session small group please contact **Pastor Barb Sanders**.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Dave and Chris Cook** who will celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary TODAY, July 9!
Congratulations to **Bob and Ruth Eggerding** who will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on July 14!
Congratulations to **Len and Lois Koetje** who will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary on July 20!
We give thanks for each of their lives and marriages. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.

Katherine Sneller, our custodian, has been experiencing on-going health concerns, among which are heart concerns. She is also experiencing intense pain which is not being alleviated with medication. We pray for Katherine during this difficult time as she continues to consult with doctors. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to Katherine, we are collecting cards in the marked slot at the information center.

AFTER DARK: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JOHN CALVIN, by Stan Sturing You are invited to an enacted retelling of the life and times of John Calvin by Stan Sturing at the Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel (3233 Burton St. SE) on Thursday, July 27 and Friday, July 28 at 7:30pm and Saturday, July 29 at 2:30pm Suggested donation of \$10.00 per adult.

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Bob Aardema, Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo**’s sister), Ellie Klifman, (**Sheryl Offringa**’s mother), Kim Mulder (family of **Bonnie Houtstra** and **Tamie DeWitte**), **Lois Oom, Jo Postema**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra**’s sister).
- For **Love Your Neighbor and Life Skills** as they empower individuals and families in our community toward authentic life transformation.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are restocking our pantry for the start of the 15th year of Backpack Buddies!! God has been so faithful as He works through FCRC in this ministry to our neighbors.

For July, we will be collecting the following:

- canned chicken
- fruit cups, applesauce cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- (Any other items you wish to donate will be gladly accepted also)
- plastic grocery bags

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and generous support for these children and their families.

Sandy Campo - 616.889.3134

FOOD PANTRY We in the food Pantry are once again accepting donations. Food items needed are: Canned meat (tuna, chicken), minute rice, graham crackers, peanut butter, cans of chili and corned beef, sloppy joe and Manwich sauce, granola bars, ketchup, cold cereal, laundry detergent

Thanks for supporting the Fellowship Food Pantry!