Making a Discipleship Plan

Ephesians 2:19-22, 3:14-21



sabbath gratitude

generosity hospitality

scripture justice & mercy

listening celebrating

prayer wonder

remembering service

TODAY: Faith Practices – Becoming better disciples of Jesus does not just happen automatically; we intentionally pursue faith practices while aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit and one another.

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Aug 21-Sep 10:

Received for general ministries:\$ 7,881.76Received for Christian Education:\$ 616.94Community Offering: Harbor House\$ 20.51Starlight Ministries\$ 27.51

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.

Sep 17: Access Sep 24: Mission India Oct 1: Rehoboth Chr. Schools

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sep 11
Friday, Sep 15
Renewal Lab meetings
9:15am Small Group
6pm Life Skills
Friday, Sep 15
Renewal Lab meetings
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Wednesday, Sep 13Sunday, Sep 177pm Exec9:30am Worship

Thursday, Sep 14

Renewal Lab meetings

10:45am Church School
4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School

6pm Youth Group-High School

COMING UP STAFF

Sep 25Elders
DeaconsTom VanderPloeg (Pastor)Oct 1Youth GroupAndrew Lenhart (Worship)Oct 9ExecBarb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)Oct 15Youth GroupLaura Williams (Admin Assistant)Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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September 10, 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 Praise Is Yours Exalted Over All Today Is The Day

Ministry Volunteer Commissioning

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Ephesians 2:19-21, 3:14-21*

Eph. 2:19-22

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Eph. 3:14-21

A Prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Message "Faith Practices"

Holy Spirit

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship 10:45am Church School begins 12pm Fall Kickoff Lunch

CHURCH LIFE

FALL KICKOFF MEAL is TODAY at noon in the Fellowship Room.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY There is no class today, September 10, or next week, September 17. On September 24, we will conclude our summer series. On October 1, we will begin a new study on 1 Corinthians. The class is in Room 10, and it 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** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

GIVE THANKS For church school teachers and youth group leaders as the new ministry year begins today. Thank you to church school teachers **Sara Meengs**, **Jayme Morren**, **Barb Smalligan**, **Dean Dykstra**, **Sarah Lenhart**, and **Pastor Tom VanderPloeg**; youth group leaders **Bruce & Barb Van Ryn**.

YOUTH GROUP The Youth Group is competing in Grandville's annual FallFest Scarecrow contest (Sep 30). We will be working on this on Saturday, Sep 23 and would appreciate donations of stuffing straw or hay bales. If you would like to donate, or know where to get them, please contact **Barb Van Ryn** (616.644.8619, bvanryn@fellowshipcrc.com) by Friday, Sep 22. Thank You!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Gordon and Char Bell** who will celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary on September 13! Congratulations to **Mark and Marcia Behrens** who will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on September 15! Congratulations to **Gary and Pam Meengs** who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on September 21! We give thanks for their lives and their marriages. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy Birthday to **Bonnie Houtstra**, who will celebrate her birthday on September 23. We give thanks for her life and may she know God's faithful presence with each new day.

Thank you for your cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy surrounding the illness and passing of Carolyn Morren, the stepmother of Kathy Poel and Judy VanHaitsma. She was a wonderful Christian example to our large, blended family as stepmother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Thanks! Judy and Kathy

- ★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl.
- ★Copies of the August Full Council Quarterly Reports can be found through the link in the Midweek. Paper copies are also available at the information center.

PRAYER FOCUS

 Renewal Lab: Be in prayer this week for the fourth session of the Church Renewal Lab. The Church Renewal Lab is a two-year renewal journey for the purpose of developing intentional missional congregations that make more and better disciples who transform lives and communities for Christ. Pastor Tom will be attending the conference on Thursday and Friday, (September 14 & 15) and the other members of the lead team from Fellowship Church will be joining for the session on Saturday morning, September 16.

An overview of the Church Renewal Lab Lead Team:

Pastor: Tom VanderPloeg, Elder: Shelly Funk, Deacon: Linda Philo, Worship: Andrew Lenhart, Prayer: Barb Sanders, Assimilation: Jim Kortman, Adult Discipleship: Dave Cook, Student Ministries: Bruce Van Ryn.

 For Backpack Buddies as they provide meals to those in need in Grandville, pray that each family is blessed by the generosity of our community.

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FOOD PANTRY We in the food Pantry are once again accepting donations.

Food items needed are: canned chicken, chunky soups, hamburger/tuna helper, salad dressings, fruit cups, Nutrigrain bars, crackers, pop tarts, kid's cereal, peanut butter, jelly, paper towels, and hand soap

Thanks for supporting the Fellowship Food Pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES It's a new year for our partnership with Central Elementary School in Grandville. We started with 20 returning children and we have added 15 more for a current total of 35 children.

We are collecting the following food items for weekend food bags: Snacks: granola bars, pretzels, fruit snacks etc; Fruit: applesauce and/or fruit cups; Canned chunky soups, Canned Chicken, Canned pasta, Nutrigrain bars, cash donations can be made through the deacons

Please place your donations in the wooden box in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sandy Campo

BLOOD DRIVE Thank You to all who donated during the blood drive! We had 28 donors donating 30 units of blood. Congratulations to **Marcia Behrens** on reaching 3 gallons! Also to **Don Winkle** on reaching 4 gallons!

The next blood drive will be on Wednesday, December 20. If you would like to reserve your spot now, please sign up online.