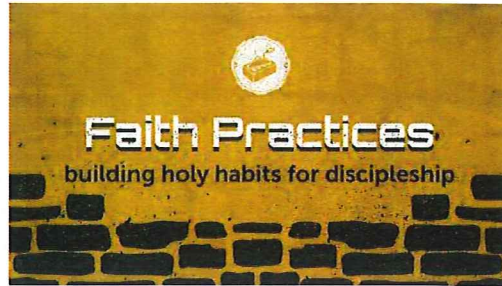


Faith Practices:
service
Philippians 2:1-11



Resources for service: www.crcna.org/faithpracticesproject

TODAY: *Faith Practices* – Service is a response to God's love for us in Jesus Christ that teaches us to live like Jesus through specific, tangible actions that contribute to the dignity and well-being of the people we serve.
Next Week: *Faith Practices*

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Aug 7 – 20:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 5,412.98
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 565.81
Community Offering: Harbor House	\$ 100.00
DMS	\$ 197.31
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 20.51

Community Offerings

TODAY: *Mission French Africa Paul and Charlotte Mpindi*

Paul and Charlotte Mpindi are missionaries supported by Fellowship. Mission French Africa is a radio and discipleship ministry which exists to preach and teach the Gospel to win French speaking Africans to Christ, to disciple African Christians in Biblical stewardship, and encourage the Body of Christ in America. They have three follow-up centers in Africa where more than 10,000 visitors come monthly for pastoral counseling, discipleship, and spiritual mentoring.

- Sep 10:** Backpack Buddies
- Sep 17:** Access
- Sep 24:** Mission India

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sep 4
Labor Day

Tuesday, Sep 5
9:15am Small Group

Wednesday, Sep 6
11:30am Renewal Lab Book Study

Thursday, Sep 7

Friday, Sep 8

Saturday, Sep 9

Sunday, Sep 10
9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School Leaders meet
12pm Fall Kickoff Lunch

COMING UP

- Sep 11** Exec
- Sep 17** Youth Group
- Sep 25** Elders
Deacons

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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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

*Praise to The Lord The Almighty
Here I Am To Worship
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Philippians 2:1-11*

Imitating Christ's Humility

² Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Message "faith practices: service"

The Compassion Hymn

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

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

CHURCH LIFE

FALL KICKOFF MEAL Join us next Sunday, September 10, at noon. Please sign up through the link in the midweek or on the signup sheet on the M&CC bulletin board. Please also indicate if you are able to contribute 1-2 dozen cookies or bars for dessert. If you have any questions, please contact **Pam Kortman** (616-437-0005 or pam.kortman@gmail.com).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY For the remainder of the summer, we are using videos from "Walking the Bible Lands" by Dr. Wayne Stiles to visually visit the land of the Bible, read Bible passages and have relevant discussions. 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).
-There will be no class on September 10 or 17. On September 24, we will conclude our summer series. On October 1, we will begin a new study on 1 Corinthians.

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!

We give thanks for their lives and their marriages. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

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

- Pray for **Dan and Barb Sanders**. Barb has been diagnosed with Ataxia type 6, a rare genetic disease, for which there is not a known cure at this time. The disease impacts the cerebellum; and as the disease progresses symptoms of difficulty with walking, speech, and use of fine motor skills become more pronounced. It usually progresses slowly; and currently has minimal impact on Barb's daily activities. Pray for Dan and Barb as they journey with ataxia.
- 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), Susan (**Sharon Walcott's** daughter-in-law) .
- For **Mission French Africa** and **Paul and Charlotte Mpindi** as they preach and teach the gospel to French-speaking Africans. Pray that they reach to those who do not yet now Jesus and bolster the faith of those who do.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

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 Continue to pray for the Backpack Buddies program and the children at Central Elementary as the school year begins! We are well stocked for the first month of the new school year.

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

Sandy Campo - 616.889.3134

BLOOD DRIVE Thank You to all who donated during the blood drive! We had 28 donors donating 30 units of blood. The next blood drive will be on Wednesday, December 20, from 2-7pm.

If you would like to reserve your spot now, go to https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/151087