

Make Room in Your Life [part 2]

Ruth 2:1-13, James 2:8



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Apr 29-May 12:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 8,710.98
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 634.79
Community Offering:	Mission French Africa \$ 304.18
	DMS \$ 202.00
	World Renew \$ 200.51

Through April 2024

Receipts \$127,456.20
Expenses \$92,311.02
Surplus \$35,145.18

Community Offerings

TODAY: Fellowship Food Pantry

The Fellowship Food Pantry is operated by volunteers who have been trained by the Love Your Neighbor staff. The Call Center provides resources and referrals and emergency food support to the Grandville community who are in urgent need of help.

<https://www.fellowshipcrc.com/food-bank/>

June 2: Desert Streams Ministries (Lont's)

June 9: DMS

June 16: Backpack Buddies

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

7pm Full Council

8pm Elders

8pm Deacons

Wednesday, May 29

Thursday, May 30

Friday, May 31

Saturday, Jun 1

Sunday, Jun 2

9:30am Worship

11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

June 26 Blood Drive

STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

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May 26, 2024



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 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: God created humans to be in relationship together. As followers of Jesus, we make room in our lives to cultivate meaningful relationships in ways that encourage the spiritual fruit of faith.

NEXT WEEK: Making Room

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*To God Be The Glory
O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
Here I Am To Worship*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Ruth 2:1-13, James 2:8*

Ruth Meets Boaz in the Grain Field

2 Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor."

Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." **3** So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.

4 Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters,

"The Lord be with you!"

"The Lord bless you!" they answered.

5 Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?"

6 The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. **7** She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."

8 So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. **9** Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

10 At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?"

11 Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. **12** May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

13 "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord," she said. "You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants."

Message "Make Room in Your Life [part 2]"

The Compassion Hymn

God's Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate the sacrament of communion together during the worship service.

VOLUNTEER SURVEY There are many ways to serve at Fellowship Church. We encourage you to take the survey and explore the many opportunities that are available. The survey can be taken online by scanning the QR Code to the right. A link to the survey is also available in the Midweek email. Paper copies are available at the information center for those without online access. THANK YOU! Questions? Contact the **Office/Laura Williams**

DIRECTORY UPDATES We are updating the church member directory. Please take some time to look over your information. Directory Update Information slips are in mailboxes, and are to be turned in to the marked slot at the information center by TODAY, May 26. Questions? Contact the **Office/ Laura Williams**

AN INVITATION TO PRAY FOR SYNOD You're Invited!... Together, all of us are invited to embark on 40 days of prayer leading into Synod 2024. . . . This 40-day prayer initiative began Sunday, May 5 and continues through Thursday, June 13. These dates were chosen to lead us up to the start of Synod 2024—the annual gathering of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC).

SUMMER 2024 WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP Plans are being made for a women's small group to meet five times during the summer months on Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:15pm. June 12, 15, July 10, 24, August 7. The book, *The Gift of Empathy* by Joel Bretscher and Kenneth Haugk, will provide a foundation for this small group. The book cost is \$15. You can sign up online or by the information center. Questions? Contact **Laura Vander Ploeg** or **Pastor Barb Sanders**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Happy birthday to **Jo Postema** who will celebrate her 85th birthday on May 27. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

Happy birthday to **Alvina Huyser** who will celebrate her 96th on May 28. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

YOU'RE INVITED Next Week, after the worship service, you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Room for cake & cookies to celebrate Alvina's 96th birthday!

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

Fellowship Volunteer Survey



PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode** as Gary continues to heal from a broken hip.
- Continue to pray for **Tom and Barb Smalligan**. Give thanks for the healing that Tom is experiencing and that he is beginning the process of being fitted with a prosthesis.
- Pray for **Mike Philo's** brother, Jim. Jim has been fighting cancer in his nasal passage for more than a year. This past week they received news that the cancer has aggressively spread, and the decision was made to shift to palliative care. The family is at peace with this decision, May this family know God's sustaining presence during this time.
- Pray for **Mike and Linda Philo**. Mike was scheduled for an Aquablation Surgery this past Friday. Pray for a good recovery process.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (**Sandy Campo's** sister), **Jean Cister**, Randy and Kim Mulder (family of **Bonnie Houtstra** and **Tamie DeWitte**), **Lois Oom**, Katherine Sneller, **Rachel Tjoelker**, Barb Voskuil (**Carole Dykstra's** sister).
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

TODAY

9:30am Worship

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FOOD PANTRY We are once again in need of a few items!

Our Needs Are:

Crackers, pancake mix, pancake syrup, hearty soups, peanut butter, juice (orange, apple), gravy, jam, ketchup, salad dressing, honey, tea, diced tomatoes, SPAM, beef stew, pop tarts, canned meats (tuna, chicken), tuna helper, kid's cereal, paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, hand soap, body wash, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent

*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

BACKPACK BUDDIES We are currently collecting for May.

Our current needs:

snacks: granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.

fruit: fruit cups

canned chunky soups

canned chicken

Nutrigrain bars

*Cash donations can be made through the deacons.

*Food donations can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex.

We couldn't do this ministry without you. Your donations are very appreciated!

Sandy Campo