

Faith That Listens

1 Samuel 3:1-10



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Apr 8-28:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 12,028.28
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,352.81
Community Offering:	
DMS	\$ 460.51
FCRC Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
World Renew	\$ 63.51
Resonate (Rodriguez)	\$ 45.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 20.00

Year to Date Receipts: \$101,049

Year to date Expenses \$74,567

Through 3/31/24

Community Offerings

TODAY: Mission French Africa

Paul & Charlotte Mpindi

Mission French Africa Ministries is a radio and Bible training ministry focused on evangelism, discipleship, and stewardship in French Africa. For the past 25 years, Dr. Paul Mpindi and his wife, Charlotte, have developed a daily radio audience of more than 20 million listeners in eight countries in Africa. Mission French Africa also has three follow-up centers in the Congo, Central African Republic, and Benin where local pastors are trained, Bible correspondence courses are administered, and visitors come monthly for pastoral counseling, discipleship, and spiritual mentoring.

<https://missionfrenchafrica.org/>

May 12: Denominational Ministry Shares

May 19, 26: Fellowship Food Pantry

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 6

Tuesday, May 7

9:15am Tuesday Small Group

6pm Life Skills

Wednesday, May 8

7pm Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

9:30am Worship

COMING UP

May 14 Exec

May 19 Youth Group

May 22 Prayer for Synod

May 28 Full Council
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)

May 5, 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: Samuel needed help to recognize God's voice. God still reveals himself all around our world; sometimes we too need help knowing how to listen.

NEXT WEEK: Making Room

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Exalted Over All
In Christ Alone*

Profession of Faith of William Dykstra

Because He Lives

Prayers of the People

Scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The Lord Calls Samuel

³ The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Message "Faith That Listens"

Speak O Lord

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

11am Peace of Mind Seminar (Youth Room)

4:30pm Youth Group-Middle School

6pm Youth Group-High School

CHURCH LIFE

TODAY we celebrate the public Profession of Faith of **William Dykstra** during our morning worship service. The Dykstra family has invited the congregation to join them for cake in the Fellowship Room after the service.

DIRECTORY UPDATES We are updating the church member directory. Please take some time to look over your information in the current directory and on Elvanto. Paper Directory Update Information slips are in mailboxes, and are to be turned in to the marked slot at the information center by May 26. You may also email the office (lwilliams@fellowshipcpc.com). If you need help accessing Elvanto or if you are not currently in the directory, and wish to be, please email the office (lwilliams@fellowshipcpc.com) or fill out a slip at the information desk and turn it in to the marked slot at the information center.

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 begins 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).

A prayer gathering is being planned for Wednesday morning, May 22, 9:30 - 10:30am with the focus of praying for Synod. Plans are to meet in the Fellowship Room for a time of prayer followed by coffee and refreshments. Questions? Contact **Pastor Barb Sanders** or **Mary Wood- Agents**.

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

PRAYER FOCUS

- God called **Arv Tap** to his heavenly home on April 29. Arv was a member of Fellowship for many years and a dear friend to many in our congregation. We extend our sympathy to Arv's family. Pray for Christ's peace to enfold Arv's family and friends at this time.
- Continue to pray for **Mary Bouma's** father, Bill Grit. He fell last week and broke a hip. He had surgery and is now at Mary Free Bed for therapy. Pray for continued healing.
- Continue to pray for **Dave and Chris Cook**. Chris has been experiencing heart concerns. Pray that the medicine she is receiving will be helpful for healing and for regaining strength.
- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode**. Gary fell last week and broke a hip. He had surgery and is now at The Oaks at Byron Center for rehab. Pray for continued healing.
- Continue to pray for **Tom and Barb Smalligan**. Give thanks that healing is going well and that the phantom pain is beginning to subside. Pray for continued healing as Tom looks forward to being fitted with a prosthesis
- 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).
- Please pray for these particular requests from **Mission French Africa Ministries**: for energy and strength for Pastor Paul and Charlotte Mpindi as their work load in Africa has become increasingly busy, for physical and spiritual renewal as they are back in Michigan after working for 11 weeks in Africa, for a more powerful generator to provide reliable electricity, for government permission to get additional classrooms, for funding to purchase the building next-door to their training area in Congo and for peace in Eastern Congo.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

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

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU to all who donated during the Blood Drive this past Wednesday! Our next drive is on Wednesday, June 26, from 1:30-6:30pm. A link to sign up to donate can be found under the event on the church website calendar. www.fellowshipcpc.com/calendar