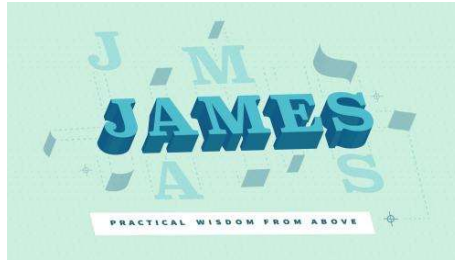


Inward Wisdom  
James 3:13-4:10



**FROM THE DEACONS**

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Aug 26-Sep 15:

<b>Received for General Ministries:</b>	\$ 13,895.97
<b>Received for Christian Education:</b>	\$ 1,310.00
<b>Community Offering:</b>	
Desert Streams-Lont	\$ 487.51
Backpack Buddies	\$ 300.00
Mission French Africa	\$ 165.00
DMS	\$ 155.51
Resonate-Rodriguez	\$ 100.00
World Renew	\$ 75.00
FCRC Food Pantry	\$ 50.00
Guiding Light	\$ 30.51

**From the Treasurer:**

**Year to Date Receipts:** \$197,982.54 **Year to Date Expenses:** \$ 181,767.40  
(through 08/31/2024)

**Community Offerings**

**TODAY: World Renew** The Compelled by God’s passion for justice and mercy, World Renew join communities in 30 countries around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. They work to address major community development and social justice issues like illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, child mortality, and injustice. They are also active in responding to disasters by clearing debris, assessing needs, training local leaders, repairing and rebuilding damaged homes, and providing and distributing emergency food, water, shelter, and other supplies. World Renew does not receive denominational ministry shares and depends on the regular financial support of God’s people.

<https://worldrenew.net/>

**Sep 29:** World Renew

**Oct 6:** Resonate Global Mission (Rodriguez)

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, Sep 23**

6pm Worship Comm. Meets  
6:45pm Elders  
6:45pm Deacons

**Tuesday, Sep 24**

6p Life Skills

**Wednesday, Sep 25**

**Thursday, Sep 26**

**Friday, Sep 27**

**Saturday, Sep 28**

6pm Youth Group Movie Night

**Sunday, Sep 29**

9:30am Worship  
10:45am Church School  
11am Adult Education  
4pm Prayer Gathering

**COMING UP**

- Oct 6** 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Youth Group
- Oct 7** Exec
- Oct 19** Youth Group Corn Maze
- Oct 20** Youth Group

**STAFF**

- Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
- Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
- Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
- Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
- Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
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September 22, 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:** James tells us that the allegiance of our hearts is seen in our outward actions; therefore, wisdom from heaven must begin in the allegiance of our hearts.

**NEXT WEEK:** James — practical wisdom

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Great Are You Lord*

*The Reason*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

**Ministry Moment** World Renew

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *James 3:13-4:10*

#### Two Kinds of Wisdom

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

#### Submit Yourselves to God

<sup>4</sup>What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>4</sup>You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? <sup>6</sup>But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud  
but shows favor to the humble.”

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

**Message** “Inward Wisdom”

*Holy Spirit*

**God's Parting Blessing**

## CHURCH LIFE

**14 days and counting until our 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration.**

**Go to <https://bit.ly/FCRC50years> to RSVP for October 6.**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Fellowship Christian Reformed Church is coming soon. Do you have any photos or items of interest that you have saved throughout the years? It would be special to be able to use them for our celebration. Please contact **Terry VanHaitsma** (616-901-2944), **Elaine Vlietstra** (616-617-4095) or **Carol Nyenhuis**. (616-534-3792) Thank you.

**Read the book of James along with us! A bookmark of weekly readings is available at the Welcome Center.**

**CARE DISTRICTS** The Council recently approved a reorganized system of congregational care districts. Church members can find a list of the new care districts on the board by the church office. Every member is also receiving a postcard listing the names of their care district team.

**ADULT EDUCATION** There are changes happening in the Christian Reformed Church which the Council has been discussing. You have an opportunity to learn more about these changes in the coming weeks following the worship service.

September 15 – what changes have happened in the CRC [[video](#)]

September 22 – what these changes mean for CRC congregations

September 29 – listening circle feedback groups

(sign up for feedback groups via the link in the midweek or at the information center)

\*\* video of the presentations is available to church members - you will need to login to your elvanto account to access the video. If you need help accessing your elvanto account, please contact the church office ([williams@fellowshipcrrc.com](mailto:williams@fellowshipcrrc.com))

**Join us for a PRAYER GATHERING at Fellowship Church on Sunday, September 29, at 4:00pm.**

**The Council recently approved a request from Pastor Barb Sanders to retire at the end of this year. A celebration for Pastor Barb is being planned for Sunday December 8.**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Due to all the special events at church, Adult Bible Study is cancelled through Oct 6. Class will resume Oct 13.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** Congratulations to **Tom & Elaine Vlietstra** who will celebrate their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on September 25! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God's faithful presence with them.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Happy Birthday to **Bonnie Houtstra** who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 23. We give thanks for her life and may she know the gift of God's faithful presence with each new day.

★ Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at [www.fellowshipcrrc.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrrc.com/crl).

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Randy & Cathy Kraker**, **Jo Postema**, **Rachel Tjoelker**, **Rog & Mary Visser**.
- Pray for the work of **World Renew** as they address needs around the world; from disaster relief to social justice issues – renewing hope, reconciling lives, and helping to restore creation.
- 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 (graham & saltine)	hearty soups
strawberry jam	gravy
juice	tea
SPAM	beef stew
pop tarts	coffee
honey	laundry detergent

\*monetary donations can be made through the deacons.

**Thank you** to everyone who has donated to the pantry!

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

We are back to school and back to packing weekend food bags for the kids at Central Elementary.

[Here are some items that we are collecting for September and October.](#)

Canned Chicken  
Canned Pasta  
Chunky soups  
Fruit Cups  
Nutrigrain bars

\*monetary donations can be given through the deacons and will be used to purchase food items through Feeding America West Michigan and at local grocery stores.

Thank you for your support of this ministry.

**Sandy Campo** (616)889-3134

### TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Education