# Outward Wisdom James 5:7-16



**TODAY:** James wraps up his letter to the churches with advice to cover their circumstances in patient prayer with one another. NEXT WEEK: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

#### FROM THE DEACONS

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

**Received for General Ministries:** \$13,895.97 **Received for Christian Education: \$**1,310.00 Community Offering: 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/

Oct 6: Resonate (Rodriguez) Oct 13: DMS Oct 20: Fellowship Food Pantry

THIS WEEK
Monday, Sep 30
Friday, Oct 4

Tuesday, Oct 1
Saturday, Oct 5
6p Life Skills
Sunday, Oct 6

Wednesday, Oct 2
9:30am Prayer Practice Group, Room 10
Thursday, Oct 3
7pm Prayer Practice Group

THIS WEEK
Sunday, Oct 4
9:30am Worship
11:30am Anniversary Lunch
4:30 Youth Group-9<sup>th</sup>
6pm Youth Group-11/12<sup>th</sup>

COMING UP		STAFE
Oct 7	Exec	Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
		Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Oct 19	Youth Group Corn Maze	Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Oct 20	Youth Group	Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
Oct 21	Elders	Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
	Deacons	Katherine Sneller (Custodian)
Oct 23	Blood Drive	

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## **September 29, 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

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### Call to Worship

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising) Exalted Over All Unbroken Praise

Ministry Moment Life Skills

**Prayers of the People** 

Scripture James 5:7-16

#### Patience in Suffering

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

<sup>12</sup> Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

#### The Prayer of Faith

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Message "Outward Wisdom"

Take My Life and Let It Be By Our Love

**God's Parting Blessing** 

#### **TODAY**

9:30am Worship 10:45am Church School 11am Listening Circles 4pm Prayer Gathering

#### CHURCH LIFE

Join us for a PRAYER GATHERING at Fellowship Church TODAY at 4pm.

**NEXT WEEK** we will celebrate the sacrament of communion during our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary service.

7 days and counting until our 50th Celebration.

Go to https://bit.ly/FCRC50years to RSVP for NEXT WEEK, 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!

**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.

**ADULT EDUCATION** There are changes happening in the Christian Reformed Church which the Council has been discussing. You have an opportunity to join the discussion about these changes following the worship service today by participating in one of our listening circle groups.

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Congratulations to **Jodi Tenhopen** and Owen Patton on their wedding on September 28. We wish them God's rich blessing on their marriage. May they continue to grow in Christ's love and their love for each other.

YOUTH GROUP SCARECROW Fellowship's Youth Group is once again participating in Grandville's FallFest Scarecrow Contest. FallFest is Friday, Oct 4 (5-10pm) and Saturday, Oct 5 (11am-4pm). Our scarecrow will be located across from MKD Funeral Home, and voting for the contest will be on Saturday, Oct 5, from 11am-3pm. THANK YOU for supporting Fellowship's Youth Group! \*take your picture with our scarecrow and show it to Barb Van Ryn for a treat!

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



#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- God called **Rachel Tjoelker** to her heavenly home on September 25. Rachel was a member of Fellowship since 1975 and a friend to many in our congregation. We extend our sympathy to Rachel's family. Pray for Christ's peace to enfold Rachel's family and friends at this time. Cards to the family can be sent to: Sara Roelofs, 6916 Old Lantern Dr. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns:
   Rick Aardema, Jean Cisler, Randy & Cathy Kraker, Jo Postema, 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 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

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, October 23, from 1:30-6:30pm. If you would like to donate, please sign up for an appointment online through the Versiti website. Thank You!