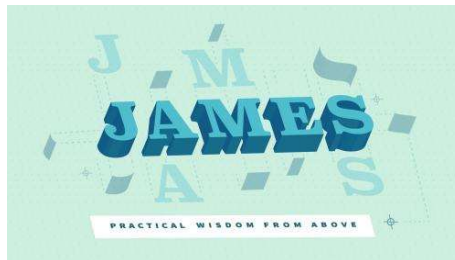


Unconventional
Wisdom
James 1:2-18



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Aug 5-25:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 7,678.36
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 510.00
Community Offering:	DMS \$ 193.51
	Guiding Light \$ 133.51
	Backpack Buddies \$ 100.00
	Desert Streams-Lont \$ 40.00

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$178,147 Year to Date Expenses: \$163,499
(through 07/31/2024)

Community Offerings

TODAY: Denominational Ministry Shares

The Christian Reformed Church uses ministry shares to fund a variety of ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and evangelism.

<https://www.crcna.org/MinistryShares>

When you give to the ministry shares program you help spread the Gospel around the world. You also support churches within the denomination that need help or are looking to grow their ministry.

Some of the Ministries that receive shares are: Thrive (formerly Congregational Ministries), Resonate Global Mission, ReFrame Ministries, Calvin University, and Calvin Theological Seminary.

Sep 15, 22, 29: World Renew

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sep 2
7pm Exec

Tuesday, Sep 3
6p Life Skills

Wednesday, Sep 4

Thursday, Sep 5

Friday, Sep 6

Saturday, Sep 7

Sunday, Sep 8
9:30am Worship
10:45am Church School
11 am Adult Education
4:30pm Youth Group-9th Grade
6pm Youth Group-11/12th Grade

COMING UP

Sep 23 Elders
Deacons

Sep 28 Youth Group Movie Night

Sep 29 Prayer Service

Oct 6 50th Celebration
Youth Group

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

September 8, 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 is often referred to as a book of practical wisdom for the church; yet James starts his writing with advice that would seem very unconventional for his readers.

NEXT WEEK: James — practical wisdom

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Holy Roar

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

What a Beautiful Name

Prayers of the People

Scripture James 1:2-18

Trials and Temptations

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Message “Unconventional Wisdom”

Be Thou My Vision

In Christ Alone

God’s Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

11:30am Fall Kick-Off Lunch

CHURCH LIFE

FALL KICK OFF LUNCH is TODAY! Join us after the service for lunch at 11:30am. Paper products are provided. See you there!

28 days and counting until our 50th Celebration.

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

The 50th 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 in mailboxes today; extras are at the Welcome Center.

CARE DISTRICTS The Council recently approved a reorganized system of congregational care districts; new care district information is coming September 15.

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

September 22 – what these changes mean for CRC congregations

September 29 – listening circle feedback groups

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY Due to all the special events at church, Adult Bible Study is cancelled from Sept 8 through Oct 6. Class will resume Oct 13.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to **Gordon & Char Bell** who will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on September 13! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.

Congratulations to **Mark & Marcia Behrens** who will celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary on September 15! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.

Congratulations to **Gary & Pam Meengs** who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on September 21! 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 90th 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.fellowshipcrl.com/crl.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker** as they live with the daily challenges of Parkinson’s that Randy was diagnosed with several years ago. A few weeks ago Randy had a stroke which is contributing to the challenges of daily living. Pray for this family as they help provide the care that Randy needs at this time.
- Continue to pray for **Mary Visser** as she continues to heal following surgery to remove her gall bladder. She continues to experience nausea. Pray that the nausea will subside.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Jo Postema**, **Rachel Tjoelker**.
- Pray for the work of **Denominational Ministries** and the many facets of the Christian Reformed Church that they support. Pray for the missionaries, pastors, chaplains, and congregations who are supported through their work. Pray for Thrive, Resonate Global Mission, ReFrame Ministries, Calvin University, and Calvin Theological Seminary; all who receive ministry shares.
- 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. If you missed my Ministry Highlights at church on Aug 11th, please feel free to send me a note or call with any questions you may have. **Sandy Campo** (616)889-3134

Take the next step following the sermon series on prayer; sign up by TODAY, September 8, to join one of the prayer practice groups.

