

# 50 Years of Fellowship

1 Samuel 7:5-14



## 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: Resonate Global Mission *Jesse & Jari Rodriguez*

Today we are celebrating Resonate Global Mission in Nicaragua: Jesse and Jari Rodriguez and Satisfied Wages for Nicaragua. They are working with farmers in Jinotega as they begin their second planting cycle of beans and are negotiating to purchase property for Avodah Farm. Since 2018, the government of Nicaragua has been closing Protestant and Roman Catholic churches and ministries, other non-profits, and even schools to achieve political and social control of the country. In August, 1500 non-governmental organizations were dissolved including the Jinotega Chamber of Commerce. Jesse and Jari partnered with the Chamber to meet its members, lead biblically-based financial workshops and participate in business fairs with their agricultural program. They are trusting the Holy Spirit to guide them to other opportunities to share their knowledge, information, and the Savior's love with the business community.

**Oct 13:** DMS      **Oct 20, 27:** Fellowship Food Pantry

### THIS WEEK

**Monday, Oct 7**  
7pm Exec

**Tuesday, Oct 8**  
6p Life Skills

**Wednesday, Oct 9**  
9:30am The Prayer Practice (rescheduled)

**Thursday, Oct 10**

**Friday, Oct 11**

**Saturday, Oct 12**

**Sunday, Oct 13**  
9:30am Worship  
10:45am Church School  
11am Adult Bible Study

### COMING UP

**Oct 19** Youth Group Corn Maze

**Oct 20** Youth Group

**Oct 23** Blood Drive

**Oct 28** Elders  
Deacons

**Nov 3** Youth Group

### STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)

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## October 6, 2024

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service



## 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:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service  
**NEXT WEEK:** David Lont

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*The Praise is Yours*

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

### This is Our Story

*Blessed Assurance*

### Communion

*Behold the Lamb*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture 1 Samuel 7:5-14

<sup>5</sup>Then Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the Lord for you." <sup>6</sup>When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the Lord. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, "We have sinned against the Lord." Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah.

<sup>7</sup>When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. When the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. <sup>8</sup>They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the Lord our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines." <sup>9</sup>Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and sacrificed it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. He cried out to the Lord on Israel's behalf, and the Lord answered him.

<sup>10</sup>While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. <sup>11</sup>The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Kar.

<sup>12</sup>Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

<sup>13</sup>So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel's territory. Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines. <sup>14</sup>The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to Israel, and Israel delivered the neighboring territory from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

### Message "50 Years of Fellowship"

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### God's Parting Blessing

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## CHURCH LIFE

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

**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. Next Week, the class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Mike Philo ([LMPHILO@aol.com](mailto:LMPHILO@aol.com)) or Dave Cook ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)).

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

### TODAY

9:30am Worship

11:30am Anniversary Lunch

4:30pm Youth Group-9<sup>th</sup>

6pm Youth Group-11/12<sup>th</sup>

## PRAYER FOCUS

- 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 **Resonate Global Mission's Jesse and Jari Rodriguez** and **Satisfied Wages for Nicaragua** as they have located a property for Avodah Farm and for the purchase negotiations, for the businesses of the Jinotega Chamber of Commerce (closed in August by the government of Nicaragua), praise for the completion of The Pines neighborhood's garden project, thanks for being able to welcome their growing family, Norlan (7) and his sister Rocio (5), into their home and praying for peace for their family, bonding with one another, and a smooth transition as the children begin to attend Jinotega Christian Academy.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### FELLOWSHIP FOOD PANTRY

#### 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!