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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton

October 18, 2026 - 9:00am

“Discerning Christ's Body”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Bodey S.

Welcome: Stacy S.

Announcements: Bodey S.

Call To Worship: Beth C.

L: As we prepare for this communion celebration, strengthen us in our faith, establish us in our hope, confirm us in our love. Let us first examine our faith.

All: Lord God, author and finisher of all true believing, confirm our faith as we prepare for this holy sacrament.

L: Let us, further, examine our hope.

All: All Christian hope rests upon the finished work of Christ as Savior. The holy gospel teaches us that all our righteousness is in Him alone.

L: Let us also examine our love both for God and our neighbors.

All: Dear Father, daily increase in us the greatest gift of all, our Christian love.

God's Greeting: Pastor John

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Beloved

We Are The Church

Hold Me Fast

Congregational Prayer: Brenda A.

Worship Through Song:

Not What My Hands Have Done

Jesus Does

Worship through song: Behold the lamb
Celebration of Communion

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (Pg 1294)

Sermon: "Discerning Christ's Body" – Pastor John

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: Go Now in Peace

Blessing: Pastor John

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor John Byker. We look forward to worshipping with you today. Thank you for sharing your love and talents with our congregation.

Council is accepting nominations for elders and deacons. There is a basket in the back.

A sincere thank you to the 1st Church family for remembering us in the passing of our mother & grandmother, Ramona Renkes. Your caring condolences and texts but most of all your prayers, helped carry us through the time of her leaving us here on earth to go on to her eternal home in Glory. May God bless each of you in turn. With gratitude and appreciation. Priscilla & Pastor Jake Ritzema

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. As we sit around the table of the Lord may we know our sins have been forgiven through His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate with joy in our hearts.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month Thank you to all who have graciously and skillfully provided pulpit supply. There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary for cards of thanks.

Trunk or Treat The consensus is to have Trunk or treat here in our parking lot on Saturday, October 24th from 3-6pm. We have invited other area churches to join us. Please have your car set up and ready to go by 2:45p. If you would like to start later or end earlier works, too. We may have some other activities that night that we may ask for help with....stay tuned. If you're not able to participate that night, would you be willing to donate candy? If you can't get out and about to get candy, we can get it for you! If you have any questions, let Beth C know. We are also looking for decor for a photo station for Trunk or Treat. Maybe pumpkins, mums, hay bales, an antique truck?

Art & Music Fundraiser for Unity Christian Schools at Culvers, Monday, October 19th, 5p – 8p. Students and staff will serve you. Enjoy a meal to support a worthy cause!

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 4 from 2:30 – 5 p.m. All blood types are needed, but especially Types O+ and O-. To make an appointment, contact Amy Carroll at 563-357-8555 or go online to bloodcenter.org and use Group Code 2371. Last date to donate was 9/9/26.

Please send **prayer requests** to stacy_stephenson_1980@yahoo.com and all bulletin information to FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 6p. If you have anything for the Newsletter, please email it with the subject line “Newsletter” by the last Wednesday of the month.

Birthdays:

18 Ruby Dykstra

20 Noah Atherton

Anniversaries:

20 David & Brenda Huizenga

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 10/11/26

General Fund

Benevolence: \$220.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Received: \$686.00

Under: \$1,480.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

10/25/2026 Offerings: General Fund & UCSB

Please place your offering in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Community Announcements

Fall Experience Day for families interested in Christ-centered education will be held Monday, October 19th. This is a great day for students to visit Unity Christian School, meet students, and shadow classes. Our spring event was a huge hit, and many families commented on how they wished they had inquired about Unity sooner!

Free Coat Drive will be held in First CRC basement on November 7th and 14th from 9 am to 2 pm. Free coats are available from size 3 to 3x. There will also be some other winter essentials available in limited sizes and quantities.

Men's breakfast, speaker, and worship at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton at 8am, the first Saturday of every month.

CRC News

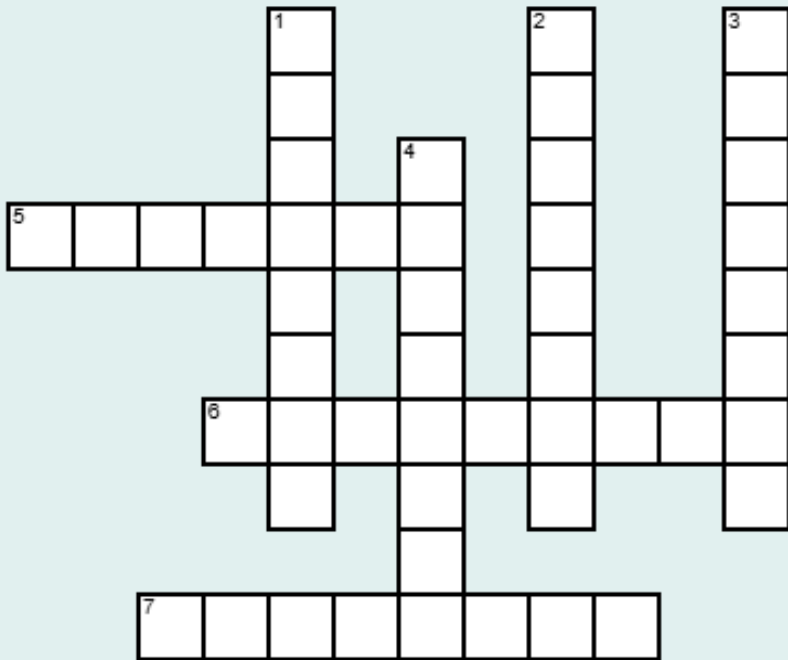
Disability Awareness Sunday - Today is Disability Awareness Sunday. Did you know that for many people with disabilities, church is one of the least accessible places they go? Thrive provides resources and partners with churches to help make them more welcoming and accessible. Please support Thrive and their work for disability access in CRC congregations with a financial gift to them today.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – From Psalm 65:8: “The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.” Make this passage your morning and evening prayer this week. During the day, look for God’s “wonders” and point them out to the people you share life with. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

	<u>October 18th</u>	<u>October 25th</u>	<u>November 1st</u>
Pastor	John Byker	Jeremiah Mitchell	Lain VanderMyde
Sound	Paul T.	Joe V.	David D.
Nursery	Ana T.	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack	Michelle V.	Sara B.	Brenda A.
Server	Michelle V.	Sara B.	Stacy S.
Planner	Beth C.	Brenda A.	Lynda V.

<u>Weekly Calendar</u>		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am

1 Corinthians 11:17-34



Across

- 5 Take a close look at**
- 6 The Lord's Supper**
- 7 Not deserving or not good enough**

Down

- 1 Disagreement between people**
- 2 A promise or agreement**
- 3 Divine punishment**
- 4 Don't forget**