

First CRC Fulton
October 8, 2023 - 9:00am
Giving and Worshiping

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: The Goodness

Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

All: Amen

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker!

All: For his is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

God's Greeting:

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: And also with you. Amen.

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

He Has Made Me Glad

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Worship in Song:

God is So Good

For the Life that You have Given

Sing To the Lord of Harvest

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Leviticus 23:40-41

⁴⁰On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. ⁴¹Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month.

Deuteronomy 16:13-15

¹³Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress. ¹⁴Be joyful at your festival—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. ¹⁵For seven days celebrate the festival to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

Sermon: Giving and Worshipping

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: New Doxology

Blessing:

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we appreciate Pastor Michael, Alida, Simon and Berend. There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary for cards and other tokens of appreciation.

Council Nominations are drawing near as we are nearing the end of the year. We have three council members who will be leaving Council - Elder Celia B, and Deacons Marissa W, David B. Stacy S and Lynell B are not eligible for nomination. The nomination box is on the back table. Nominations should be received no later than **October 22nd**.

Other Council News: The council Meeting for October was moved to October 23rd and the council meeting for November has been scheduled for November 16th.

Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on October 31st, from 6 pm to 8 pm, during Fulton Trick or Treating. All are encouraged to decorate a trunk, hand out candy the night of, and/ or donate candy to the cause. Bethel and Morrison will be invited, as well.

Blood Drive: First CRC will be hosting our semi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 15, from 3p - 5:30 p.m. Masks are optional, but appointments are required. All blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for Types B-, O+, and O-. To make an appointment, go online to https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/120380 and use Group Code 2371 or contact Amy Dykstra at 563-357-8555. Last date to donate was 9/20/23.

Pie and Praise will be held on November 22nd at 6:00pm. We will be inviting Bethel, Morrison, 1st Reformed, and CrossView Churches to join us for a short praise and worship time. Please bring a pie to pass.

Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 3rd, immediately following the service.

Please send all bulletin information to FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 7:00pm.
Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Albert W

October Birthdays	8 Sarah Wiebenga	28 Linda Dykstra
1 Abigail Burns	9 Tegan Breidenbach	28 Hannah Couch
4 Rylie Dykstra	18 Ruby Dykstra	
5 Darla Birks	20 Noah Atherton	

October Anniversaries	20 David & Brenda H	27 Andrew & Kelly D
5 Roger & Eileen F	21 Todd & Cindy W	

Deacons' News

10/1/23 :

Building Fund: \$381.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

Offerings Today: General Fund - Benevolence

Received: \$2,044.00

Next Sunday: General Fund - Faith Promise

Over: \$2.00 *Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.*

Through the month of August, we are approximately \$2,570.52 under budget for General Fund offerings.

Community News

Morrison CRC - It is with sadness that we announce our closure at the end of this year. Our last service will be Sunday, December 24, at 8:45 am. It has been a decision long in coming. We have provided 88 years of service to our members and in our community. When the opportunity arose earlier this year to sell our facility to Crossroads, we began meeting with them. They have officially accepted our offer and are now working through the necessary details to make the purchase. They are very excited with the opportunities our facility will provide for them and we look forward to watching turn 'our' church into 'their' church. Their excitement is catching and makes our loss easier to bear. We appreciate and thank you for your prayers during this process. Thank you

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center Upcoming events: 10/6 - 10/11 - A-MAZE-ing Maze open. 10/11 - Celebrate National Chess Day. 10/24 - Pizza Hut fundraiser. 11/10 - Online silent auction opens and closes 11/20. 11/19 - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Rastrelli's. 11/21 - Pizza Hut Fundraiser. 11/25, 12/8, & 12/17 - Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa. 12/31 - 11th Annual Family New Year's Eve party.

Annual Spaghetti Supper at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Albany, IL, will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 4pm to 7pm, featuring Spaghetti, all you can eat, tossed salad,

French bread, beverage, and ice cream for dessert, served in the church hall. Donations for the meal are \$13 for adults, \$5 for children 5 - 12, children under 5 are free. Carry outs will be available at the church. Please call Ruth Kampe at 563-357-6328 with questions.

The Annual Pro-Life Event for The Pregnancy Center will be held at Journey Church in Clinton on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, from 6:00-8:15pm. There will be pizza, worship, great teaching, Q & A time, and FREE giveaways. RSVP to Nancy by October 11th and let's pray and encourage our students to invite a friend! Call 563-242-6628 with questions.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

	Today	Next Sunday
Recorder & Sound	Joe	David
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B	Michelle
Snack Provider	Potluck	Ruby
Server	Special Events	Lynell

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Tuesday, Oct 10	GEMS & Cadets	6:30-8:30 pm

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