

First Christian Reformed Church

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*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

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First CRC Fulton
July 12, 2026 - 9:00am
“Unless the Lord Builds”

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Made for More

Welcome: Brenda A.

Announcements: Brenda A.

Call To Worship: Brenda A.

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

People: In vain we rise early and stay up late, toiling for the things of this world.

Leader: Come set down your burdens, for He grants sleep and peace to those He loves.

All: We lay our anxieties at His feet. Let us worship the Lord!

God’s Greeting: Pastor John

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Cornerstone

We Believe

Congregational Prayer: Angie V.

Worship Through Song:

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Blue Psalter Hymnal #417

How Firm A Foundation, Blue Psalter Hymnal #411

We Prepare For & Hear God’s Word

Scripture: Psalm 127

Sermon: “Unless the Lord Builds” – Pastor John

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: My Friends May You Grow in Grace

Blessing: Pastor John

Announcements

The Fulton Kiwanis club would like our church to partner with them to help with some kids games for the Fulton fun night on July 16th. Let Beth know how you can help. Any game ideas are appreciated as well! More details to come if we get enough people to help out.

Next potluck will be August 16th. We will have our "Back to school" service along with communion that Sunday, as well.

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:

15 Walker Vander Eide

17 David Dykstra

17 Bo Lown

17 Steve Huisenga

Anniversaries:

12 Bruce & Lori Bielema

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 7/5/26

General Fund

Building Fund: \$155.00

Budget: \$2,166.00

Received: \$1,758.00

Under: \$408.00

Offerings Today: General Fund & Ministry Shares

7/19/2026 Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise

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

Unity Christian School News

Open Positions for the 2026-2027 School year:

- Secondary Math/Science Teacher (Part-time)
- Secondary Resource Teacher (Part-time)
 - the above positions could be combined into a full-time position
- Cook/Assistant Cook (Part-time)
- Janitor (Part-time)
- Choir Accompanist (Part-time)

Questions can be directed to jhollewell@unitychristian.com, applications can be found at www.unitychristian.com/careers

Community Announcements

Adams Voice will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, July 12th at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. We will be serving Sunday Night Sundaes after the concert! A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

Anticipation Ministries will be on the outdoor stage at Spring Valley Reformed Church, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton IL, on Sunday, July 19th, at 6:00 PM! Come and join us for an evening of praise and worship. A free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

Fulton Fire Dept Drive-Thru fundraiser, Thursday 7/30/26 4pm - 7pm. Meal includes grilled pork chop or chicken breast sandwich, chips, drink, and dessert for \$10. Proceeds will help purchase rechargeable flashlights for all firefighters and EMS personnel turnout gear.

Men's breakfast, speaker, and worship at the Church of the Open Door in Clinton will resume meeting on August 1st at 8am on the first Saturday of every month.

CRC News

Thrive Faith Formation Tip – In the Northern Hemisphere this time of year is filled with longer days and sunnier weather, allowing many of us to spend more time outdoors. In Psalm 19, David speaks of the many ways creation displays the glory of God and his creative work. Take some intentional time this week to notice something specific in God’s creation and to give God thanks for it. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

	<u>July 12th</u>	<u>July 19th</u>	<u>July 26th</u>
Pastor	John Byker	John Byker	Rich Bawinkle
Sound	Paul T.	David D.	Paul T.
Nursery	Ana T.	Lynell B.	Michelle V.
Snack	Beth C.	Ann D.	Amy D.
Server	Ana T.	Ann D.	Amy D.
Planner	Brenda A.	Lynda V.	Beth C.

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

Unless the
LORD builds
the house,
the builders labor
in vain.

Unless the
LORD watches
over the city,
the guards stand
watch in
vain.

Psalm 127:1

