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First CRC Fulton
November 19, 2023 - 9:00am
It's Complicated

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Gratitude

Welcome

Announcements

Veterans Acknowledgement

Call To Worship: Pastor Michael

God's Greeting:

Leader: The Lord Be with you.

Congregation: And Also with you.

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

O Praise The Name

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Offertory:

Worship in Song:

Soon and Very Soon

Knowing You Jesus

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-13

⁷Be silent before the Sovereign Lord,

for the day of the Lord is near.

The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;

he has consecrated those he has invited.

¹²*At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, 'The Lord will do nothing,
either good or bad.'*

¹³*Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine."*

Sermon: It's Complicated

Prayer

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Parting Song: New Doxology

Blessing: Pastor Michael

Announcements

December 3rd, Congregational Meeting: The annual congregational meeting will be held December 3rd following the worship service. The 2024 Budget will be presented for approval and new Council members will be elected as follows. For the office of Elder, one to be elected from these nominees; Brenda Atherton, Joan Jackson, Angie Vander Eide, and Roger Dykstra. For the office of Deacon, two to be elected from these nominees; Joe Vander Eide, Beth Caven, and Amy Dykstra. Celia Behrens is the outgoing Elder and Marissa Wilkinson and David Dykstra are the outgoing Deacons. We thank the nominees for their willingness to serve.

Thank you to all who donated blood on Nov. 15! Including your donations, the Blood Center collected 16 units. This will help save up to 48 lives! There is a need for all blood types right now, but especially Type O+. If you are willing and able

to donate, please call 1-800-747-5401 to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support. – Amy Dykstra

A word of Appreciation to Fulton 1st CRC for your willingness to allow the use of the facilities and being so accommodating. A special thank you to all who helped or donated. 200 coats were provided to local residents this year!

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

Poinsettia orders are due to Michelle Vander Eide by Sunday, Nov. 26th. This year they are \$20 each for an 8” pot (instead of 6.5”) with 5 -8 blooms per plant. Choose from red, pink, or white. Proceeds benefit Unity Athletic Boosters Orders and our local greenhouse. Please inform Michelle of your color choice, who it is in memory of and who it is from. Thank you!

Potluck - Our December 10th potluck theme is “Together for the Holidays” – bring leftovers or test your new holiday recipes on the congregation. Leftover barbecue sandwiches from the soup supper will be served.

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

November Birthdays

9 Jim Dykstra

10 Edith Schaver

13	Hadley Collins	20	Steve Bielema
14	Jon Breidenbach	20	Rebekah Smith
14	Roger Dykstra	21	Randy Atherton
14	Roger Laborn	28	Harlan Tiesman
16	Elijah James	29	Pat Huisenga

November Anniversaries

5	Paul & Sheila Thompson	14	Jim & Linda Dykstra
15	Joe & Beth Caven	20	Rick & Chris Huizenga

Deacons' News

Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.

Offerings Today: General Fund & Faith Promise

Next Sunday: General Fund & Unity Christian School Boosters

Offerings Received 11/12/23

General Fund

Budget: \$2,042.00

Pregnancy Center: \$152.00

Received: \$4,639.00

Over: \$2597.00

Through the end of October, we are approximately \$4,810.47 under budget for General Fund offerings.

Community News

Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center Today - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at Rastrelli's. The online silent auction closes tomorrow. Tuesday - Pizza Hut Fundraiser. Nov 25, Dec 8, & Dec 17 - Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa. Dec 31 - 11th Annual Family New Year's Eve party.

35th Great Thanksgiving Banquet will be held at the Victory Center on Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30pm. There will be a free Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, door prizes for adults, prizes for children,

delicious desserts, singing and fellowship. For more information call 563-242-9016.

Fulton PD Toy Drive will be held in the 1st CRC parking lot on December 2nd, from 8am – 3pm. New, unwrapped toys for our local children may be donated they day of the toy drive or dropped off in the toy box in the lobby of City Hall.

The Wait Is Over Christmas Tour with Jordan St Cyr and Consumed By Fire at Crossview Church in Fulton, IL, on Saturday, December 2. General admission tickets are \$20 and 10 packs of tickets are \$150 (save \$5 per ticket). \$40 VIP tickets get you a meet-n-greet/Q&A with the bands, autographed merch, early entry into the church, and photo ops with the bands! Order tickets at <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/476240>

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” a delightful family comedy based on the best selling book by Barbara Robinson, will be presented by the Morrison Music Theater Association. Presentations are Friday, December 1 at 7pm, Saturday, December 2 at 2pm, and Sunday, December 3 at 2pm, in the Morrison Tech Auditorium. Admission is free.

“Away in the Basement” a church basement ladies Christmas, a hit musical comedy, will be performed at the John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center, at the University of Dubuque on Tuesday, December 5th, at 2:00pm. Visit www.Dbq.edu/heritagecenter for more information. Group tickets are \$26 - \$44, call 563-589-3432

The Morrison CRC will hold its last official service on Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. We are in the process of selling our property to Crossroads Church.

Continue to lift this process in prayer as we navigate uncharted waters with sadness, but yet with hope and joy as the Crossroads leadership teams are very excited about the opportunities their new home will offer them.

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece (May 31 - June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul’s second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

	Today	Nov 19
Recorder & Sound	Joe V	Paul T
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Michelle V
Snack Provider	Beth C	Michelle V
Server	Stacy S	Michelle V

Weekly Calendar		
Today	Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Wed. Nov. 22	Pie & Praise	6:00 pm