

**First CRC Fulton**  
October 1, 2023 - 9:00am  
Gather and Give

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude: Goodness of God**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship: HC Lord's Day 32 Q&A86**

Leader: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

**ALL: Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

**God's Greeting:**

Leader: The Lord Be with you.

**ALL: And Also with you.**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Worship Through Song:**

How Great is Our God

Indescribable

Blessed Be Your Name

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering: General Fund & Building Fund**

**Worship in Song:**

Forever He is Faithful

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

**Scripture: Leviticus 23:33-43**

*<sup>33</sup>The Lord said to Moses, <sup>34</sup>“Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Lord’s Festival of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. <sup>35</sup>The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. <sup>36</sup>For seven days present food offerings to the Lord, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present a food offering to the Lord. It is the closing special assembly; do no regular work.*

*<sup>37</sup>(“These are the Lord’s appointed festivals, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies for bringing food offerings to the Lord—the burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings required for each day. <sup>38</sup>These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord’s Sabbaths and in addition to your gifts and whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the Lord.)*

<sup>39</sup>“So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of sabbath rest, and the eighth day also is a day of sabbath rest. <sup>40</sup>On 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. <sup>41</sup>Celebrate 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. <sup>42</sup>Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters <sup>43</sup>so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.’”

Supporting Texts: Deut. 16:16-17, Genesis 4:3-5, Exodus 36:1-7, Luke 21:1-4

**Sermon:** Gather and Give

**Prayer**

**WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING**

**Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace

**Blessing:**

#### **Announcements**

**Roger & Eileen F** will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on October 5th. Anyone who would like to send mail correspondence, please see Marissa for the address.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Preparatory Sunday** as we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday morning. Let us examine our hearts and lives this week as we prepare to come to the Lord's table.

**Potluck** - Our next Communion and potluck will be October 8th, following the service. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass.

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	

**September Anniversaries**

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

**Deacons' News**

**9/24/23** :

UCSB: \$163.00

Budget: \$2,042.00

**Offerings Today:** General Fund - Building Fund

Received: \$846.00

Next Sunday: General Fund - Benevolence

Under: \$1,196.00 *Please place your offerings in the plates as they are being passed.*

**Year to date, we are approximately \$2,570.52 under budget for General Fund offerings.**

**Community News**

**Felix Adler Children's Discovery Center** is now open with regular museum hours. Upcoming events: 10/7 - A-MAZE-ing Maze opens. 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.

**Global Coffee Break** - Women's Retreat - Plan to join us for a weekend of refreshment and encouragement as we consider what it means to be looked on as "favored." This event is in Hickory Corners, Michigan, October 6-8 (Registration Deadline is September 22). <https://globalcoffeebreak.regfox.com/favored-michigan>

**Beyond the Walls**, 2023 Center for Missions & Evangelism National Conference, will bring encouragement to church leaders and lay people alike by focusing on what it looks like to do faithfully reformed, outward-facing ministry in an age of adversity. Join us at Bethel Church in Lansing, Illinois on October 6-7. <https://www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference>

**Fill a vital role with World Renew DRS!** - Want to escape to some warmer weather in the upcoming months? Fill a vital role with World Renew Disaster Response Services! Join an Unmet Needs Assessment in Fort Myers, Florida, from October 14 - 28, or volunteer on a reconstruction team in Boutte, Louisiana, throughout March and April! Contact Diana at [dmarquez@worldrenew.net](mailto:dmarquez@worldrenew.net) to get started.

**Annual Spaghetti Supper** at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Albany, IL, will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 4pm to 7pm. Dinner features 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](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Recorder & Sound	Paul T	Joe
Nursery Attendant	Stacy S	Lynell B
Snack Provider	Lynda V	Potluck
Server	Carman F	Special Events

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

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