

First Christian Reformed Church

801 15th Ave
Fulton, IL 61252
815-589-3790



MAY ALL THE BLESSINGS
..... OF THE LORD
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE
IN THE *New Year.*

ISAIAH 43:19

*Growing Closer to God
Through Service & Love*

Pastor Michael-Email: mhooke01@gmail.com

Church Email: FirstCRCFulton@live.com

Website: www.FultonFirstCRC.com

Facebook: Fulton 1st Christian Reformed Church

First CRC Fulton
December 29, 2024 - 9:00am
One More Word

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Noel

Welcome: Bruce

Announcements: Bruce

Call To Worship: Bruce

God's Greeting: Pastor Ken

Mutual Greeting

Worship Through Song:

Angels From the Realms of Glory

The First Noel

Congregational Prayer: Angie

Offering: General Fund & Ministry Shares

Worship in Song:

You Are Holy

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Messiah

We Prepare For & Hear God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Sermon: One More Word - Pastor Ken

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Blessing: Pastor Ken

Parting Song: His Name is Wonderful

Announcements

Food Pantry: This is our scheduled week for donating items to the Fulton Food Pantry. This month the suggested donation is Mac & Cheese or Pork & Beans.

As we prepare for the new year, please stop at the back of the sanctuary to update the directory. Also, a schedule for volunteers has been placed in mailboxes. If you need to make a trade, please do so and let Marissa know.

Prayer Chain Update: If you are interested in receiving prayer chain updates, please fill out the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. You have the option to sign up for emails or a phone call. If you are already on the email list, you will continue to receive those emails. We will be updating the phone call list after the sign-ups are complete to ensure that everyone who wants to pray for our members is able to hear the news about any prayer needs.

If anyone would like to send Mary M a card, her address for the next 1-2 weeks is:

Van Matre Encompass Health Rehabilitation Institute
950 South Mulford Rd.
Rockford, IL 61108

The next potluck meal will be January 12, 2025. Begin thinking about your favorite slow cooker foods! There is a sign up sheet in back.

December 19 Council Meeting Notes:

The following Council officers have been elected for 2025:

President - Bruce Bielema

Vice-President - Stacy Stephenson

Clerk - Angie Vander Eide

Treasurer - Jon Breidenbach

The church prayer chain will be updated. A sign up sheet will be placed where members can enter their desire to be included either by phone or by e-mail.

The church insurance premium with Church Mutual will be reduced by about \$1300 by increasing the deductible and decreasing the coverage amount.

The produce stand sustained wind damage but has been repaired and placed in storage for the winter. Community support for the produce stand was expressed in several Facebook posts.

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities or homebound: Carroll E, Albert W, Leanna S

Please send prayer requests to **mhooke01@gmail.com**.

Please send *all other bulletin information* to

FirstCRCFulton@live.com by Thursday at 7:00pm.

December Birthdays

1 Collin Burns

1 Genevieve Tiesman

1 Tucker Smith

5 Kelly Dykstra

6 Rollie Vander Eide

8 Janelle Bradley

9 Brenda Huizenga

12 Don Mathey

14 Alida Hooker

18 Brenda Atherton

21 Sheila Thompson

27 Paige Vander Eide

27 Ana Ton

28 Rachel Elliot

30 Stacy Stephenson

December Anniversaries

6 Mark & Ann Dykstra

28 Albert & Gloria Wiebenga

January Birthdays

1 Audrey Atherton

1 Angie Vander Eide

4 Joe Vander Eide

4 Jean Medenblik

6 Jamie Wiebenga

15 Bodey Stephenson

15 Mark Dykstra

21 Fred Phillips
24 Leanna Schipper

24 Joshua Wiebenga
24 Charlie Elliot

January Anniversaries

15 Roland & Celia Behrens

Deacons' News

Offerings Received 12/22/24:

Benevolence \$750.00

UCSB: \$305.00

Building Fund: \$80.00

General Fund

Budget: \$2,051.62

Received: \$3,485.00

Over: \$1,433.38

Offerings Today: General Fund & Ministry Shares

Offerings 1/5/25: General Fund & Building Fund

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

As of December 15, our General Fund offerings are \$5781.00 short of our budget goal for 2024.

CRC News

We're Hiring! Learning and Development Specialist - This position will implement a learning and development program for denominational staff, focusing on improving skills, knowledge, and overall professional development. The successful candidate will also oversee the Performance Review System and collaborate with the Human Resources Directors to execute the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) strategy for denominational staff. This full time, hybrid position can work from either Grand Rapids, Mich., or Burlington, Ont. Apply at crcna.pinpointhq.com

ICS Winter Courses - Take an online course with the Institute for Christian Studies this winter! Tuition is \$1,500 to take for credit, \$600 to audit, or \$425 for first-time auditors. To register, email Parker Cotton at academic-registrar@icscanada.edu, or

visit icscanada.edu/winter-courses to learn more. Options are: Material Spirituality: Rethinking Religion (with Neal DeRoo); Rhetoric as Philosophy from Isocrates to the Age of Abelard and Heloise (with Bob Sweetman); God in Flesh and Blood: Revolutions in Christology (with Nik Ansell); Deeper Learning: From Wonder to Inquiry to Practice (with Edith van der Boom); and How to Govern a School (with Gideon Strauss). A discounted Team Audit option is available for groups; email academic-registrar@icscanada.edu for details.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - As we come to the end of a calendar year, this is a fitting time to look back. At a mealtime this week, share with someone else one thing that you're grateful for, one thing you're sad about, and one way you've seen God working in the past year. Read Psalm 90 together as a reminder that God directs our days, months, and years. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Community News

Children's Discovery Center's 12th Annual Family New Year's Eve Party is Tuesday, Dec 31st, from 3 - 5:30 pm. 1,000 balloons drop at 5:15 pm!

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (March 28 - April 8, 2025): 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. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey and the Seven Churches of Revelation - (May 27 - June 8, 2025) Visit

ancient sites connected with Paul's first, second, and third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Weekly Calendar | | |
| Today | Sunday Worship | 9:00 am |

| | December 29th | January 5th |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Recorder & Sound | David D | Paul T |
| Nursery Attendant | Sara D | Amy D |
| Snack Provider | Beth C | Michelle V |
| Server | Stacy S | Michelle V |