



Fellowship Findings

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Worship TIMES

MorningWorship
9:30a.m.
EveningWorship

5:00 pm

OurMission

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO DO

Cultivate space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ

OurVision

WHAT GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

A family of believers experiencing personal transformation, **Romans 12** using their unique gifts, **Ephesians 4** to glorify GOD **1 Corinthians 10:31** and edify others. **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Worship

November 1	AM	Pastor Darren
	PM	Pastor Darren
November 8	AM	Pastor Darren
	PM	Pastor Darren
November 15	AM	Pastor Darren
	PM	Mr. Scott Roose
November 22	AM	Pastor Darren
	PM	Pastor Darren
November 26	AM	Pastor Darren– Thanksgiving Worship
November 29	AM	Mr. Scott Roose
	PM	Mr. Scott Roose

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 9..Bethel Mission
.....Truth Seekers
November 18 -
.....Cadet Hog Roast
November 29
.....St. Francis Manor Ministry
Alex & Jentri Van Wyngarden
.....Joel & Megan Vos
.....Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt

Greeting Our Visitors



November 1	(N) Frank & Karen Van Soelen
	(S) Scott & Vicki Nikkel
November 8	(N) Kevin & Brenda V Kooten
	(S) Landon & Jana Van Zante
November 15	(N) Howard & Marilyn V Griend
	(S) Dwight & Glenda V Leest
November 22	(N) Nate & Rachel Nikkel
	(S) Rick & Kim Vos
November 29	(N) Randy & Jodi De Vries
	(S) Roger & Marlene Bruxvoort
December 6	(N) Jud & Pam Vos
	(S) Ed & Joyce Dieleman
December 13	(N) Kevin & Jared Laverman
	(S) Noah & Kelsie Winslow
December 20	(N) Loren & Shawna Fopma
	(S) Alvin & Mary Fopma
December 27	(N) Dan & Sharla Dunsbergen
	(S) Kevin & Melanie Van Maanen

Note: If you are unable to greet on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone for a different week. If you would like to have your name removed from the greeter list, please contact Scotty De Nooy.

Thank you to my church family for the prayers, visits, cards, serving the coffee time and acts of kindness shown during Barbara's illness and passing. A special thank you to Pastor Darren for his visits at our home and at the Comfort House the morning of Barbara's passing, and to Elder Brent and Brenda for their visits and support. I am grateful for each prayer as they have provided comfort and peace. A special thanks, from someone who has trouble not burning water when I heat it, for the food provided and/or prepared.

Thanks again, your acts of kindness are much appreciated.

Arlyn Van Zante and family



Bethel Mission Ministry.....November 9
.....Truth Seekers

St. Francis MinistryNovember 29
..... Alex & Jentri Van Wyngarden
.....Joel & Megan Vos
.....Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt

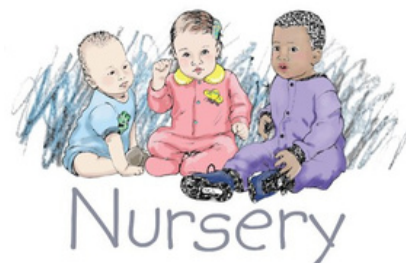
BUDGET REPORT

Report			
Category	Amount	YeartoDate Received	YeartoDate Budgeted
General Fund (includes Ministry Share)	\$22,013.76	\$114,750.87	\$167,158.35
Missions	\$ 1,797.49	\$ 9,348.08	\$ 12,125.00
Building and Grounds	\$ 2,196.21	\$ 11,407.38	\$ 16,666.65
Total	\$26,007.46	\$135,506.33	\$195,950.00

OfferingsReceived		
Date	Recipient	Amount
October 4	Cary Christian Center	\$2,572.00
October 11	Sully Christian School	\$2,266.00
October 18	The Well	\$2,302.00
October 25	Christian Education Encouragement Fund	\$1,578.00

November Offering Schedule

November 1	World Renew
November 8	Sully Christian School
November 15	Thrive
November 22	Resonate Global Missions
November 25	Thanksgiving Envelope Offering Loose Offering - Christian Opportunity Center
November 29	Christian Education Encouragement Fund



November 1	Roger & Carroll Jansen
	Scotty & Brenda De Nooy
November 8	Kyle & Kendra Van Kooten
	Verlan & Sally Van Wyk
November 15	Alvin & Mary Fopma
	Curt & Candice Vos
November 22	Jaden & Kelly Vos
	Daryl & Liinda Menninga
November 29	Wes & Heather Zylstra
	Doug & Elly Van Zee
December 6	Stuart & Sheila Pleima
	Ed & Judy Van Kooten
December 13	Jamie & Michelle VanKooten
	Steve & Sharon Fopma
December 20	Gabe & Izzy Hoksbergen
	Darrell & Angela Veenstra
December 27	Craig & Linda Zylstra
	Trevor & Jerri Nikkel

November 1	Shawna Fopma Hayden Lowry
November 8	Brooke Dunsbergen Emma Plowman
November 15	Sheila Pleima Ada Van Wyngarden
November 22	Laura Fynaardt Jessa De Vries
Thanksgiving	Jentri Van Wyngarden Alyza Van Wyngarden
November 29	Candice Vos Alexa Van Zante
December 6	Jerri Nikkel Bella Nikkel
December 13	Karla Vos Adri Vos
December 20	Jentri Van Wyngarden Aaron Van Wyngarden
December 20 PM	Heather Zylstra Gwen Zylstra
December 25	Norma Beerends Harlan Beerends
December 27	Jen Lowry Breckyn Lowry

Make juice on Saturday so that it has time to chill.
Meet in the church basement before the service to set up. Instructions are in the kitchen. If unable to serve, please trade with someone. on the list.

CELEBRATING....



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 4 Ed Dieleman
Elizabeth Hoksbergen
November 6 Jodi De Vries
Wesley Zylstra
Jacie Kramer
November 7 Linda Menninga
November 9 Joel Vos
November 12 Alvin Fopma
Rick Fopma
November 13 Barrett Dunsbergen
November 14 Julie Van Wyk (Lauren)
November 16 Zelda Engbers (94)
Joan Vos
November 17 Hudson Plowman
November 21 Dwight Vander Leest
Nolan Vos
Bella Nikkel
November 24 Noelle Van Zante
November 26 Kevin Plowman
November 27 Scott Roose
November 28 Julie Van Wyk

Birthdays and Anniversaries

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 1 Harlan & Norma Beerends
November 4 Gary & JoAnn Fynaardt
November 19 Doug & Brenda Vos
November 23 Mike & Val Vander Molen
November 28 Frank & Karen Van Soelen
Dale & Julie Van Wyk



A sincere thank you to all of you who sent me cards for my 99th birthday. Thank you for all your prayers and visits as well. God bless you all.

Theda Fopma

Thank you for all your visits, cards, and delicious food that you graciously provided after my foot surgery. It is truly good to be part of a caring church.

Mary Fopma

CELEBRATING...



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2 Judson Vos
December 3 Randy De Vries
Lauren Van Wyk
December 4 Howard Vander Griend
Donna Arkema
Adrianna Vos
December 6 Benjamin Vander Molen
December 7 Nathan Nikkel
December 8 Arvin De Nooy
December 9 JoAnn Fynaardt
Averie Plowman
December 11 Betty Vander Molen
December 12 Sharon Fopma
Bryce Arkema
December 13 John De Berg
December 14 Arlyn Van Zante (80)
December 17 Jan Laverman
Neva Lanser (94)
December 18 Jenice Van Rees
Jessa De Vries
December 19 Tyson De Vries
December 20 Erika Van Maanen
December 22 Roger Bruxvoort
December 23 Seth Fopma
Carolyn Vande Voort (80)
December 25 Candy Van Zante
December 26 Wayne Ritter
December 28 Dennis Schut
December 29 Kelly Vos
December 30 Aaron Van Wyngarden

Birthdays And Anniversaries

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

December 1 Wes & Cindy Laverman
December 11 Harris & Darlene Vos
December 29 Randy & Karen Altena (50)

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, November 19 will be the next Sew Day. Mark your calendar to join us for a day of fun and fellowship!



IN MEMORIAM...

Barbara Van Zante

Barbara Joyce McDonough was born on September 8, 1945, to Glenn and Almira (Nieman) McDonough in Grinnell, Iowa.

Barbara grew up northeast of Grinnell, where she attended a country elementary school and was a graduate of Grinnell-Newburg High School in 1963. She continued her education and graduated from the American Academy of Beauty in 1964 and the College of Automation in Kansas City in 1968.

On August 23, 1968, she was united in marriage to Arlyn Van Zante in St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell. To this union they were blessed with three children: Eric, Tad and Melinda.

Barbara was a farm wife, mom, a hairdresser for a few years, and helped with the harvest. In her spare time, she enjoyed photography especially portraits, nature and her grandchildren. She also worked on family genealogy for decades.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Arlyn and their family:

Eric and Tari Van Zante

Daniel

Neil, Jaxon

Nichole

Harley

Jamin

Tad Van Zante and his fiancé Lydia

Miranda

Maliyah

Madalyn

Melinda and Kent Vander Velden

Liam

She is also survived by her siblings Howard McDonough of Grinnell and Carolyn Hildreth of Ankeny. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Glenn and Almira McDonough, parents-in-law Wilbur and Harriet Van Zante, her twin brother Byron, brother-in-law Tom Hildreth and sister-in-law Sue McDonough.

Legacy of Grace

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110 Peoria West Street Pella, Iowa 50219 www.logsto.org

Dear Sully CRC,

Thank you for your generous support of the Legacy of Grace STO! This year marks our 20th year of helping families choose a Christ-centered education. In that time, more than \$8 million has been given, providing over 8,200 scholarships, including a record 622 students this school year. Here is what one family had to say:

"I'm a single mom who is able to send her kids to a Christian school so that we can have biblical foundations for my kids."

For 2026, the State of Iowa has given LOG-STO \$693,490 in tax credits. To use every one of them for families, we must raise \$924,653 by December 31.

On the reverse side you'll find a donation form. Every gift earns a 75% Iowa tax credit: a \$500 gift reduces your Iowa income tax by \$375, a \$1,000 gift by \$750, a \$5,000 gift by \$3,750, and a \$10,000 gift by \$7,500. Please ask your tax preparer how this applies to you.

You can increase that benefit by giving stock or grain, or, if you are 70½ or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA, which counts toward your RMD.

Looking ahead: starting January 1, 2027, a new federal scholarship tax credit will give a 100% credit against your federal tax liability, up to \$1,700 per taxpayer or \$3,400 per married couple. Iowa has opted in, and we will share details next year.

Please don't hesitate to contact your local STO representative or Joel Groenenboom about any of these giving options. Most importantly, we ask that you pray and seek God's guidance as you consider how you might help us meet this year's need.

In Christ,

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2026 Individual Donation Form

Gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2026

YOUR INFORMATION

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Social Security Number _____

Required by the Iowa Department of Revenue to issue your tax credit. Kept confidential and used for no other purpose.

☐ Please email my acknowledgement receipt (include your email address above).

YOUR GIFT

An average LOG-STO scholarship is about \$775 — and after your 75% Iowa tax credit, it costs you only about \$194.

Your gift	Iowa tax credit (75%)	Your actual cost
☐ \$500	\$375	\$125
☐ \$1,000	\$750	\$250
☐ \$2,500	\$1,875	\$625
☐ \$5,000	\$3,750	\$1,250
☐ \$10,000	\$7,500	\$2,500
☐ Other \$ _____	75% of your gift	25% of your gift

The credit is applied against your Iowa income tax. Unused credit may be carried forward to future years. Please consult your tax preparer.

I am giving by: ☐ Check ☐ Stock ☐ Grain (complete below)

GRAIN GIFTS ONLY

I, _____ transfer _____ bushels of ☐ corn ☐ beans to Legacy of Grace STO on ____/____/2026.

X _____/____/2026
Producer signature Date

X _____
Business representative / elevator

Please make checks payable to LOG-STO and mail to:

Legacy of Grace STO
110 Peoria West Street
Pella, IA 50219

Questions about stock or grain gifts? Contact Joel Groenenboom
(641) 295-2003 • joelg2911@gmail.com

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received _____

Check no. _____

Amount _____

CACTAS date _____

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18

Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

SULLY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH CADET CLUB

HOG ROAST



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

5:00 PM-7:00 PM

SULLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GYM

FREEWILL DONATION

PORK BURGERS AND PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CADET HOG ROAST, SUPPORTING
THE SULLY CADET CLUB**

**SERVING BBQ PORK, PORK PATTIES, POTATO SALAD, CHIPS,
BAKED BEANS, PIE, AND ICE CREAM.**

AVAILABLE FOR DINE IN OR DRIVE THROUGH

SHUT-IN DELIVERY ORDERS: CALL SCOTT NIKKEL, 641-891-3834

ALL DELIVERY ORDERS MUST BE IN BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 18!

**BBQ PORK AND PORK PATTIES WILL BE FOR SALE.
GREAT FOR HOLIDAY PARTIES!**

New Life is grateful for the gift of two services!

by Pastor Dave Gritters

A long-awaited answer to prayer has come for New Life. On July 28, we held our first evening with two services.

Every week, we've had to turn men away because of limited space, so this was a significant blessing. The first night was small—word hadn't spread yet—but the following week both services were full, and again we had to turn men away. We're seeing new faces, including men who've said they don't come on single service nights because they can't get there in time.

There are challenges. On the first Tuesday of each month, and often the fourth, we can still only hold one service due to staffing. That makes consistency difficult for the men, who have to remember which weeks offer two services and which do not. Still, we trust God to work this out. We are deeply grateful for the gift of two services whenever we can offer them.

As you read on, pause to give thanks for the provision of two services, pray that we can move toward offering them every Tuesday, and continue to ask God for an even larger space. The men are hungry for the Word of God and grateful for New Life Church and the strong Christian community they find there.

Prison Fellowship Restore Conference

by Pastor Dave Gritters

Recently, I attended Prison Fellowship's annual Restore Conference in Washington, D.C., along with New Life members Mark Blankespoor and Cindy Gritters.

It was an invigorating time of worship and a strong reminder that the work before us is important, challenging, and never done alone. Powerful worship moments were paired with excellent breakout sessions.

One of the most moving experiences for me was meeting a woman who had been deeply wounded by a violent crime. She radiated forgiveness and mercy—something she quickly attributed to the healing love of Jesus. Hearing her story was a profound encouragement to both Cindy and me.

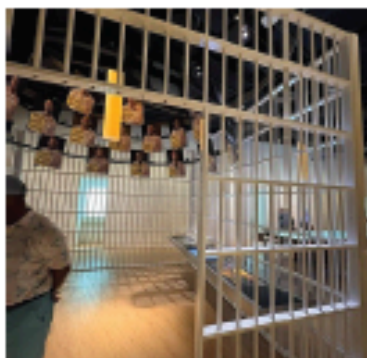
Below, Mark shares reflections from his time at Restore. Cindy will also offer an update in this newsletter on how Prison Fellowship is active at Newton Correctional Facility, partnering with New Life to share God's love with the men incarcerated there.

From Mark Blankespoor

I've been a volunteer as a Justice Ambassador with Prison Fellowship for a year. This role has been fulfilling for me for a number of reasons, including:

- Prison Fellowship programming encounters Jesus with those impacted by incarceration, whether that be victims, offenders, family members, or community members.

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Being reminded at the National Bible Museum of the impact of God's word behind bars.



Left to right: Dave Gritters, Mark Blankespoor, Cindy Gritters, Jill Vander Linden, Joy DeJong, Dan Vander Linden, and Mark DeJong.



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Donate to New Life this fall!

I'd like to donate \$_____ to support New Life Prison Church.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

Contributions may be sent to: New Life Prison Church, 408 Maple St., Pella, IA 50219

11 You can also make an online gift: <http://www.newlife-prison.org/donate>

Prison Fellowship Restore Conference

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- Prison Fellowship is on the leading edge of revival with the church across the nation—inside and outside prisons—as we seek to bring justice, mercy, and hope in these settings.

I was so excited to participate in Prison Fellowship's annual Restore Conference because I've seen and experienced the heart of individuals who share these same values and knew that the Holy Spirit's presence would be impactful with those attending the conference. I was also thrilled to attend with Iowa friends, including Dave and Cindy Gritters, Dan and Jill Vander Linden, and Mark and Joy DeJong.

My most resounding takeaway from the Restore Conference is our opportunity through Prison Fellowship to encounter Jesus with those impacted by incarceration. As Prison Fellowship representatives, we're not bringing Jesus to those incarcerated—they already experience Jesus' presence. Praise God for that!

Prison ministry is not a top-down relationship; instead, it is a community fellowship where all of us are blessed through programming. Just like Jesus lives with us, lives in us, and builds His church through us, the strength of Prison Fellowship's programming is that God is doing beautiful things to us (the Prison Fellowship volunteers and program participants) together and through us together. There is not a division between those who minister and those who receive ministry. As we engage together, God shows up and we are all blessed. Praise God for the engagement of His kingdom as we do ministry together!



Worship at the 2026 Restore Conference.

Prison Fellowship celebrates 50 years

by Cindy Gritters

Charles "Chuck" Colson, President Richard M. Nixon's White House counsel and hatchet man, served time in a federal prison camp for a Watergate-related crime.

After his incarceration, Chuck felt led by God to honor a promise he made to remember the incarcerated and their families. That promise grew into Prison Fellowship.

The organization is based on Matthew 25, where Jesus says, "I was in prison, and you visited me." He calls upon His followers to minister to those who are behind bars.

Since New Life returned to Newton Correctional Facility in 2022, we've been praying for more time and more opportunities to meet with the men. Prison Fellowship is one answer to our prayer. Several New Life volunteers are allowed more time on Tuesday mornings thanks to Prison Fellowship's Grow Program, a weekly curriculum in a small group setting.

Mark De Jong is the Prison Fellowship Director for our region and the local administrator for Grow and other programs. We'd like to introduce you to the Grow volunteers and ask that you pray for them and the men they journey with.

ON TUESDAYS, the volunteers from our area are:

- Joy DeJong
- Ivan Mulder
- Marv Goodyk
- Scott and Carolyn Rebman
- Dwight Vander Leest
- Dave Gritters

ON FRIDAYS, the volunteers from our area are:

- Gordon Ploeger
- Angela Borrill
- Jeff Borrill
- James Den Hartog
- Ken Stursma
- David Mathes
- Mike Fisher

The Restore Conference was a rich opportunity to connect with others serving in the prison system and sharing the Good News. Prison Fellowship continues to offer hope—real life change, reconciliation, and a renewed sense of purpose for the men and women we serve. New Life is blessed to be able to serve alongside Prison Fellowship!

New Life Prison Church Outside Council

Pastor Dave Gritters
(New Life)

Kevin Bolt
(Governing Elder)

Max Killoren
(Governing Elder)

Pastor Sheldon Starkenburg
(Governing Elder)

Mark Blankespoor
(Administrative Deacon)

Marv Goodyk
(Administrative Deacon)

Keith Van Gent
(Administrative Deacon & Treasurer)

THANK YOU
to all who rode and
who donated to
our 2026 Pedal
for Prisoners
fundraiser!

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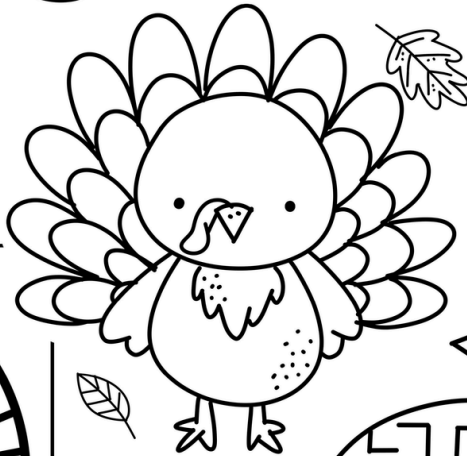
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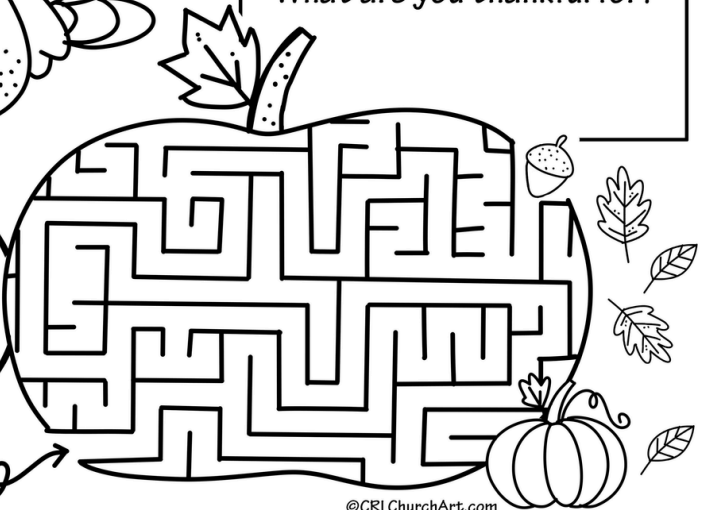
Decorate the
Scarecrows.
Ideas: faces, hair & clothes

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
**HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.** Psalm 136:1, NIV

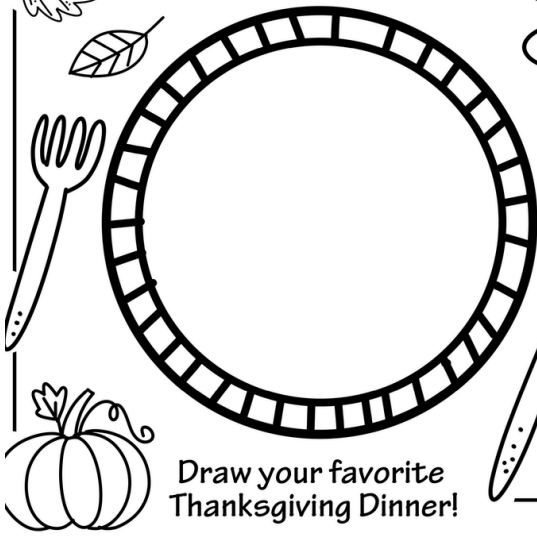
What are you thankful for?



How many
pumpkins
can you find?



Draw your favorite
Thanksgiving Dinner!



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