

SUNDAY, October 16, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](#) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over.

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, Dr. Justin Bailey will be bringing the Word to us. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Maletougou Visit

This Sunday evening, we invite you to come and hear about the Maletougous work in West Africa. The gathering will include hearing from the Maletougous, an opportunity for questions and dialogue, and prayer for them and their ministry with Resonate Global Mission. And we hope you'll stay after the service for some treats and fellowship. Because of the location in which they serve, the evening gathering may not be livestreamed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Friend/Hibma** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **October 23**, the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group will meet.

Directory Updates

If you haven't yet done so by email or on the copy at church, please take a minute **today** to check your directory listing on the table in the fellowship hall, make any changes/additions, or mark it "ok" if all is correct! Thanks!

Covenant Sunday Morning

This fall, Covenant Sunday Morning (our adult education program) will focus on Covenant's upcoming 50th Anniversary in 2023. In order to both remember and honor our past, and also look ahead to the future, we have an opportunity to hear from members of Covenant who have been here since Covenant's doors first opened in 1973. You will have any opportunity to hear their responses to questions like: 1) What was Covenant like at the beginning? 2) What were the foundational underpinnings of Covenant? 3) What has Covenant meant to you over the years? 4) How do you view Covenant now? and 5) What hopes do you have for Covenant in the future. We invite you to join these speakers to engage in a valuable conversation about their experiences at Covenant, but also to have time for dialogue with your questions/comments/other reflections. On **October 23**, Duane and Jan Bajema and Paul and Ruth Clousing will be our invited guests to share. Join us in the Youth Room in the basement at 9 AM each Sunday morning.

Women's Activities

If you were unable to attend the women's gathering on October 1 but would like to give some input about future activities, feel free to fill out the short survey on the table in the fellowship hall and leave it in Rin Goedhart's church mailbox!

World Hunger Sunday

This year, conflict, drought, and the effects of COVID-19 has intensified the global hunger crisis. In three weeks, we will be observing World Hunger Sunday and taking a collection on behalf of World Renew's work with our hungry brothers and sisters worldwide. Consider participating by picking up a Peter Fish bank and a devotional booklet on what it means to hunger for good. Materials will be distributed next Sunday.

Piano Recital

The Dordt University Music Department presents guest pianist Mark Valenti in a recital on Friday, **October 21** at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Mark Valenti received his Master of Music from Northwestern University, Bachelor of Music from the Philadelphia Musical Academy. His recital at Dordt will include music that displays the evolution of piano styles from the elegant gracefulness of Classicism to the passionate lyricism of Romanticism through the atmospheric Impressionism of Debussy to the rhythmic percussiveness of Modernism.

Justice For All Annual Meeting & Auction

Justice For All invites you to join us at the combined Annual Meeting/Fall Auction on Thursday, **October 27** at the Parkview Events Center of Rock Valley. A meal will be served from 5:00-6:30PM (freewill offering). At 6:15 there will be a business meeting which will include celebrating JFA ministry from the past year and looking at opportunities ahead, as well as presenting a new budget and new board members. Then at 6:30 PM our Fall Auction will begin. There will also be auction items online from **October 13-31** that you can bid on at zomerbid.com. Join us for this important fundraiser for JFA!

First Monday Speaker Series

The Andreas Center at Dordt University is pleased to announce the following speaker for our 2022-2023 First Monday Speaker Series. One of the themes we hope to explore this year is how we might, following the words of Wendell Berry, “practice virtue with skill”. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Dr. Esau McCaulley, an associate professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, on **November 7**, with his lecture titled: “Is Social Location a Friend or Foe to Biblical Interpretation? The Black Church as a case study”. The community is welcome to attend this free event at 11 AM in the BJ Haan Auditorium.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bob Pollema and Cliff Hoekstra.

Last week’s offering General Fund \$6,547.41 Christian Education Fund \$4,095.50

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, all cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with any questions.

Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday’s bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: A newsletter from the Crulls is [here](#) and the Groenewold-Van Dyks’ latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungou latest newsletter is [here](#). October prayer requests from ReFrame ministries are [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, October 23
Greeters	AM: Faby A, Paul C, Jeremy H	
Ushers	AM: Mark C, Pat C, Chris G	
Coffee	Jenni B, Cal J, Merrill MC, Ron O	
Subs	Jan B, Megan H, Rachel L, Rockne MC, Don TN, Stan VB	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Doug DeBoer ♦ Terry F/Rebecca DV
Nursery	AM: Jeff & Sara P, Paul & Ruth C	AM: Tom & Ruth C, Eldon & Marcia W

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Pam DeJong, Cora Donahue, Pat Crull, Laura Janssen, Esther Eppinga, Erin Eggebeen

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 16th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (Justin Bailey preaching)
	6:00 PM	Maletoungou Presentation and Dialogue
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men’s Bakery Study Group (at Casey’s Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Sunday, 23rd	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)