

Welcome to
First Christian Reformed Church

“Come to me,
all you who
are weary and
burdened,
and I will give
you rest.”

Matthew 11:28



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We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping with us. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. You will find a visitor card in your pew, please fill one out and place it in the offering bag. If you would like further information about our church, check out our website at www.waupuncrc.com or contact Pastor Craig (920-539-3848) or the church office (324-2898).

Large-print bulletins and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher or in the back sanctuary rack.

You are able to listen to sermons from our website as well as view the bulletin. Website address is www.waupuncrc.com

Church Office Hours
Tuesday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
All announcements due in the office by 9:00 AM Thursday
Phone: 920-324-2898 email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

9:30 AM Worship Service
(*Please stand if you are able)

We Gather in Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Opening:** Led by Praise Team

***God's Greeting and We Greet One Another**

We are Renewed in God's Grace

Confession and Assurance

Song: Just As I Am, Without One Plea- G263

Congregational Prayer

Offertory and Our Offerings: Local Budget
Special Offering: World Renew- Texas Relief

Children are dismissed for Walk Out

Worship

God Speaks through His Word

***Scripture:** Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon: Resting in the Lord's Labors

We Respond to God's Word

***Song of Response:** What a Friend We Have
in Jesus – G579

We Leave to Serve God

***God's Parting Blessing**

***Parting Song:** Glory Be to the Father –

G635

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Leader: Dominique VH

Helpers: Miranda VB
Harm V

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Don Pausma
Jon Venhuizen

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie VB

Greeters

Bill & Ann Hoekstra

Nursery

Bonnie Vander Berg
Andrea Buwalda
Heather Hoekstra

Sound System

Eric Homan

Transportation

Louie Wierenga
(219-8640)
Percy De Vries
(344-0109)

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst
Ray Hofman
Al Holden

Video Projection

Katie De Jager

Missionary Letters

Elsie W. to Daryl Pfantz+
Gregg Z. to Neen
Geoff A. to Chaplain Peter

**Please pray especially for
this missionary family this
week*

6:00 PM Combined Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

***God's Greeting**

***Opening Songs of Praise:** Led by Michelle Mulder

Prayer by Merle Schouten

We Study God's Word: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 ~ Our Real Job

***Song of Response:** All Glory Be to God on High – G247

***Profession of Faith:** Apostles Creed

***Benediction**

#Closing Song: Our God Reigns – G195

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

This morning we are blessed to be led in worship by Chaplain Peter Hofman. May his message be like balm to our wounded souls.

Tonight Bethel and Alto CRC join us for our annual Labor Day service.

Next Sunday morning we will look at the final Beatitude where Jesus talks about those who are persecuted. Around the world and throughout time Christians suffered persecution. Jesus exalted those who stood up under the attacks, reminding them that their reward is greater than their suffering. They will inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Next Sunday we will be joining Bethel at 7:00pm for our evening worship service at Bethel CRC.

Verse of the Week: "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

This week be in prayer for:

- Everyone affected by Hurricane Harvey and those who are going to help
- Christians in the military
- Calvin Seminary

Give thanks to God for:

- Millennials (young adults)
- Translators
- The Harvest

Upcoming Special Service

September 3	6:00 PM	Combined Service @ First CRC
September 10	7:00 PM	Combined Evening Worship @ Bethel CRC
September 24	9:30 AM	Preparatory
October 1	9:30 AM	World Wide Communion

Last Week's Offerings

Local Budget	\$4,011.37
ELIM	\$ 20.00

To make **donations for Texas Relief** please write World Renew on the Other line on the donation envelopes.

For Brother Bob Ministry donations please make checks payable to First CRC and put Brother Bob in the Memo or mark it on your envelope.

If you are making a donation to the maintenance and remodeling project, please label the envelope or check Capital Improvements. This will help the deacons. Thank you!

September cause: REACH Waupun brings poverty awareness and relief to the community of Waupun, through relationships and education, allowing youth and their families to REACH their individual highest potential.

At REACH, we strive to break down the barriers that can hold back the youth in the Waupun community. We also want to be a place where all community members can go to utilize their talents and gifts to give back to Waupun!

Our Family

Birthdays

	<u>September</u>		<u>September</u>
John Bronkhorst	3	Nina Te Beest	4
Karen Venhuizen	4	Laura Venhuizen	4
Kaytlin Smits	4	Bea Te Grootenhuis	5
Dale Jansen	6	Eli Van Hill	6
Travis Mulder	8	Andy Schlieve	8

Anniversaries

	<u>September</u>
Peter & Kristin Hofman	8
John & Arlene De Jager	9

OH4F would like to thank the Outreach Team and the congregation of First CRC for their tremendous support of the OH4F Benefit Dinner this past week. As always God has shown us his unfailing Grace! A special

thank you to Mike Vander Berg and Gregg Zonnefeld for their help in making the evening a success.



As you pray this week please remember these people in your prayers:

- Leann Johnson as she recently underwent a mastectomy and is undergoing treatments.
- Brandon Kitchner as he heals from foot surgery and anticipates surgery on the other foot.
- Winnie Kuiper as she recovers from a mix-up in medication.
- Morris Te Grootenhuis as he recovers from heart surgery.
- Keith Buwalda as he recovers from surgery on his hand.
- Sue Buwalda as she anticipates surgery on her foot this week.
- Dave Mulder, cousin of Sue Buwalda, as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

It can be easy to forget about those that we don't see every week so we are including a list of shut-ins within our congregation. We hope that you will take some time to visit, send cards, and pray for these members of our family. As Romans 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

- Joyce Haan
- Winnie Kuiper
- Wilma Navis
- Lee Heideman

If at any time you would like your name added to or taken off of the prayer list, please contact Gladys.

Church News

Have you turned in your sign-up sheet for the ***Vanishing Grace* church-wide Bible Study**, for this October? **Please place your sign-up sheet in the return mailbox on the far wall in the narthex. Thank you!**

Christian Fellowship will begin their season this Thursday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. Please meet in the church basement.

Members of the Fellowship Committee (Group that schedules social events for 1st CRC) will meet after the morning service on September 10 in the upstairs classroom.

All high school students: Come join us **Wednesday, September 6th** at Mitch and Becca Vree's house. As we enjoy some fellowship and a bonfire for this year's Youth Group kick-off event! The get together will last from 7pm-9pm. Hope to see you there!

The fall season for our church education classes will begin on September 17th. Our educational program is for 4 year olds - high school. If your child turns 4 during the church year, they may join the pre-school class at that point. Parents are asked to make attendance in Sunday School and Catechism classes a priority, as these are important faith-growth opportunities in their spiritual lives.

Don't miss the deadline later this week of September 11 for the retreat hosted by Bible League International Volunteers on September 19 at the First Reformed Church in Waupun, Wisconsin! Jennie Afman Dimkoff and New Generations will be joining us for an exceptional get together. **You can make an eternal difference** in the lives of people in Africa, by taking part in this special day and providing Bibles through your giving. You won't want to miss this great opportunity hosted by Bible League International Volunteers! Be sure to register today to make sure there is still room for your group! Call 920-324-3013 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date! A Night at Crusader Ballpark - Harvest Auction, is set for Saturday, September 23. Silent Auction begins at 3:30, dinner from 4-6, and live auction will begin at 6:30pm. Looking forward to a fantastic evening of fellowship!

Have you ever felt the desire to be a part of something different? Have you ever felt God tugging you to step outside your comfort zone? We have an opportunity for you to do just that! **OH4F, Inc. will be leading a Vision Trip to Haiti January 19-24, 2018.** We ask you to prayerfully consider making a difference in the life of the children in Haiti by joining us on this trip. Deadline for registration is September 25, 2017. **For information on registering please contact us at gladys@oh4f.org**

We are looking for a few golfers to join us for Bethany's 23rd Annual "Swing Fore Kids". Your choice – golf 100 holes or traditional 18 holes. Grab your clubs and join us for a great cause! Event is on September 15, 2017. Money raised supports Bethany's vision where all children live in a loving, forever family. "Swing Fore Kids" event helps raise awareness and needed funding to support Bethany's specialized programs and services. For detail and to register visit: <https://www.bethany.org/waukesha/Events>

We are excited to announce that the **Waupun CROP Hunger Walk** is scheduled for Saturday morning, **October 7, 2017!** CROP, or Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, is a local event intended to raise money to support grass roots hunger-fighting development efforts around the world and in our own community. The CROP Walk has been an annual event in our community for over 40 years! 25% of the money raised by the Waupun

CROP Walk is kept local and provides support to the Waupun Food Pantry through our Christian Clergy Group. Last year approximately \$3,000 was given to the Food Pantry to help citizens or our community in need. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walk **contact Bob Mulder** for more information.

Do you want to maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you? Regardless of the size of your Estate, your age or stage in life, Jim Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of our congregation, a confidential Estate Planning consultation is offered to you at no charge and with no obligation. Jim will be meeting with Christian families in our area **on Sept 19 & Sept 20, 2017**. Just call Deb Harder at Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 or email dhard@barnabasfoundation.com to schedule a conversation with Jim.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ 1 st CRC
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Youth Group Kick-off at Mitch & Becca Vree's house
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Christian Fellowship @ 1 st CRC
Next Sunday:	9:30 AM	AM Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Fellowship Committee Meeting in upstairs classroom
	7:00 PM	PM Combined Worship Service @ Bethel CRC
		Gretchen & Heather Hoekstra

Next Week

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Leader: Mackenzie Mulder

Helpers: Aubryn De Jager
Megan Greenfield

Elder/Deacon Greeters

Steve Homan

Bob Mulder

Fellowship Coffee

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

Greeters

Musical Praise

Elaine Homan

Nursery

Keith & Laura Venhuizen

Zach Vander Werff

Offering: Local Budget

September Cause: REACH

Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Next Week Continued:

Ushers

Will Bronkhorst

Ray Hofman

Al Holden

<u>Group</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1	Don Pausma	Jon Venhuizen
2	Merle Schouten	Joe Bresser
3	Bob Mulder	
4	Scott Ritzema	Eric Homan
5	Norm Buwalda	Ben Mulder
6	Tom Jonker	Randall Greenfield
7	Steve Homan	
8	Al Venhuizen	Brian O'Donovan

CREATION MOMENTS

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth
THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Bigmouth!



Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. – Jonah 1:17

In 1976, a naval research vessel working in the deep waters off Hawaii discovered a large fish that was entangled in its anchor. When the sailors hauled the fish aboard, they saw something no one had ever seen before. This fish – now considered to be one of the most important marine discoveries of the twentieth century – was over 14 feet in length and weighed 1,650 pounds.

What they had discovered was a shark with a very, very, VERY big mouth! That's why this fish is now commonly known as the megamouth shark. With its enormous mouth, you might expect it to feed on large prey, but its gaping mouth is actually filled with very tiny teeth. Megamouth is a filter feeder. When jellyfish, shrimp and other small invertebrates are nearby, the shark simply opens its mouth, sucks in a large amount of water and filters out its lunch. Megamouth sharks swim in a vertical position, with their mouth pointing straight up towards the surface. They also migrate vertically. That is, they spend their daylight hours submerged to a depth of about 500 feet. Then at night they migrate vertically to approximately 50 feet.

The megamouth shark reminds us of an event recorded in the Bible book of Jonah. No, we're not talking about the big fish that swallowed the disobedient prophet. We're talking about Jonah himself. With his constant complaining against God, what a bigmouth he turned out to be!

Ref: Tim Flannery and Peter Schouten, "Megamouth," *Astonishing Animals* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2004), pp. 110-111. Also, Wikipedia article on Megamouth shark. Photo: Megamouth shark (*Megachasma pelagios*). Courtesy of OpenCage. (CC BY-SA 2.5)

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