

The Call

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Living Christ,
Liberating Spirit,
Loving Disciples
for Such a Time as This...

First Christian Church – Ames is a member congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Our identity as a denomination is: *We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.* Our vision as a denomination is: *To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.* From the very beginning we have been a movement for Christian unity. We honor our heritage by cooperating and partnering with other faith communities to work for bringing about wholeness – healing and justice – in the world. We also honor our heritage of unity by staying together in covenant as a witness to the world that even when we disagree we can still make room, welcoming all to the table as Christ has welcomed us. <http://disciples.org/our-identity/>

Wholeness, welcome, healing, and justice are not merely concepts, they are a way of expressing faith. That is true not only for Disciples of Christ as a denomination, but for Ames First Christian Church in particular. Here we care about our friends and neighbors, as well as strangers near and far. We are disturbed when there are things that divide us and we seek reconciliation because we believe that is what followers of Jesus do. Every week we come to the table to remind ourselves that in Christ “the wall of human hostilities is broken down in God’s uniting love.”

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One of the Special Offerings we support at FCC goes to the Disciples Reconciliation Ministry. That ministry arm of the Church actively strides toward becoming a Pro-reconciling/Anti-racist Church so that we make visible God's beloved community as we listen to and learn from the voices of racial and ethnic communities and gain the wisdom and insight from their leadership as part of God's whole church. The goal is to transform, strengthen and deepen the church's spirituality to more fully live God's liberating and reconciling love.

This year the theme of the offering is "Everyone Has A Story." Rev. April G. Johnson, Executive Director/Minister of Reconciliation for the Disciples says, "When we have insight about one another's journey, we are less inclined to deny one another's humanity." We can probably all think of examples where, when we listen to one another's stories with an open heart, seeking understanding rather than judgment, compassion flows and the dividing walls begin to crumble. Supporting the Reconciliation Offering adds resources for just such possibilities. We will collect this offering on September 24 and October 1. I encourage you to give generously to this much needed ministry "for such a time as this"!

—Pastor Mary Jane

The Reconciliation Offering will be received on

Sundays, September 24th & October 1st.

You may give on Sunday mornings, or you may give [online](#).

**Everyone has
a STORY**

The disciples came up and asked,
"Why do you tell stories?"
He replied:
to create readiness,
to nudge the people
toward receptive insight.
(MATTHEW 13:10,13).

Reconciliation Ministry
Special Offering 2017
September 24th and
October 1st, 2017

www.reconciliationministry.org

Tout le monde a une histoire

Chak moun gen yon istwa

你的故事

Todas y todos tenemos una historia

모두에게 자신의 이야기가 있다

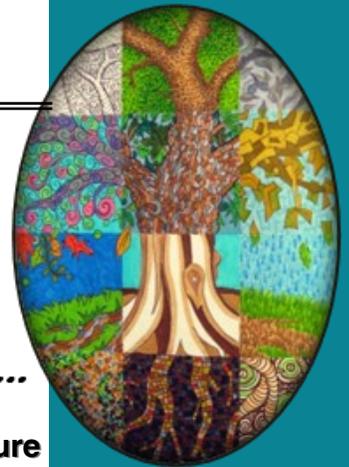
You're Invited



**Mary Jane's
Renewal Journey Slide Show
Thursday, October 5
7 PM, Coffee House**

Worship Schedule

Living Christ,
Liberating Spirit,
Loving Disciples
for Such a Time as This...



	Title	Children's Time	Scripture
<i>September 24</i>	Build Up	Faithfulness	Eph. 4:15-16, 29
<i>October 1</i>	Break Down the Dividing Walls	Reviewing Fruit	Eph. 2:11-22
<i>October 8</i>	Present Your Bodies	Generosity	Romans 12:1-8
<i>October 15</i>	Let Love Be Genuine	Kindness	Romans 12:9-15
<i>October 22</i>	With One Another	Patience	Romans 12:14-21
<i>October 29</i>	Fulfill the Law of Love	Reviewing Fruit	Romans 13:8-10; 14:10-13
<i>November 5</i>	Many Gifts, One Spirit	Peace	1 Cor. 12:4-13
<i>November 12</i>	I Have No Need of You	Joy	1 Cor. 12:12-31
<i>November 19</i>	A Still More Excellent Way	Love	1 Cor. 12:27-31; 13:1-3
<i>November 26</i>	Thank God!	Thanksgiving	2 Cor. 9:6-15

After Church Coffee Starting in October...



Each first Sunday of the month for as long as I've been here, we've had cookies, bars, brownies, cake, tea, coffee, punch or lemonade and friendly conversation. It used to be held in the parlor/ Coffee House but lately we've been holding it upstairs in the Great Room.

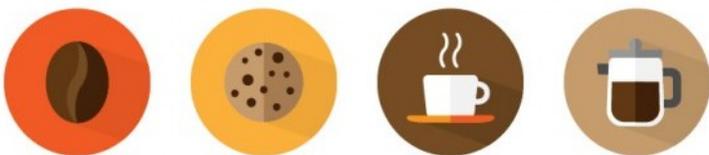
It's further to walk, even with the elevator to help folks get up the stairs, so we will have a couple volunteers (identified by the aprons they're wearing) to help anyone who needs help, to get your goodies and find a place to sit.

And, starting the first Sunday in October, we will be adding something new to the gathering. The Council of Ministries thought it would be a great idea to have a theme each time. We're going to start out by celebrating the ministries of First Christian Church.

This first Sunday we will be celebrating the Council of Ministries. We on the council will be there to answer any questions and we will have information on what sorts of things we do.

We look forward to seeing you there (and eating the goodies).

If you have suggestions on up-coming themes, please talk to Sue Prins.



Planning ahead: Luncheon & Stocking Stuffing!

SEWING OF STOCKINGS
***SUNDAY, OCT. 29, NOON TO 3 PM**
THE HUB

LUNCHEON & STOCKING STUFFING
***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, NOON**
THE HUB

Planning has already begun for the annual chili/soup luncheon and stocking stuffing. The Women's Gathering (Men are also, welcome!) will meet after church in The Hub at noon on Sunday, Nov. 26. After lunch, we'll stuff 100 stockings for Bethesda Food Pantry. Once again, we are grateful to Dawn Heaberlin who will create the stockings and organize the assembly line. A special event, organized by Dawn, has been planned if you are interested in sewing stockings. Meet in The Hub after church from noon to 3 pm. For further information, contact Dawn at (515) 451-9618 or cnmdawn@gmail.com. If you are able to provide cash donations for small toys and candies for the stockings, contact Deb Lewis at (515) 290-6736 or dlewis@iastate.edu.

Co-leaders,
Deb Lewis and Janis Pyle



wednesdaynight
LIFE
Refresh Renew Recharge

Church Night on
Wednesdays

Church Night began on September 13. Spiritual Practices, worship and music rehearsals all came together in one evening. The Bell Choir and FCC Singers are excited about the new season of music. The Great Room setting for Wednesday nights is one of quiet contemplation. Spaces are offered for prayer, labyrinth, coloring, and sitting quietly for a few moments in community. Spiritual practices are powerful in community. We can do these practices alone but they are also broadened and deepened when done with others. Worship was a highlight for me. We sang and prayed and shared a thought about last Sunday's scripture. When it was over I didn't want to leave and I heard the same from others. Join the circle of community at Church Night on Wednesdays.

—Janet Lott

Church Night Schedule:

5:45 pm	Dinner available at Food at First — Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Bells – Sanctuary Balcony
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Labyrinth Walking, Posting Prayers, and other Spiritual Practices – Great Room.
6:50 – 7:10 pm	Worship – Great Room
7:15 – 8:15 pm	Singers – Sanctuary



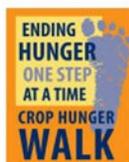
CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

The 2017 Ames Area CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 8**, starting at the Maple Shelter in Brookside Park. Sign-in will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the walk itself will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. The walk will be approximately 5 kilometers, or 3.8 miles long.

Twenty-five percent of all funds raised by CROP are returned to these local food programs. The Ames walk raised just over \$37,000 last year. Our walk raised the second high total for the state. First Christian Church raised \$1524. Our goal for this year is to raise at least \$45,000.

Walk. Give. Change the world.

To Join the FCC Team
or to Donate to the FCC Team:
www.crophungerwalk.org/amesia/fcc



Questions? Please contact
Vern Hawkins at hawkinsis@icloud.com

2017 General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ Indianapolis, Indiana July 8-12

The 2017 General Assembly provided four educational paths from which to choose for the convention attendees – Social Justice, Stewardship & Resources, Worship, and Transformative Leadership & Innovation. I chose Social Justice and learned that the issues of social justice in the United States are not as simple as the snapshots and sound bites that we see on television and in the newspapers. For example, many undocumented immigrants are rounded up and arrested not because they are a menace to their communities or a drain on social service resources, but because there is a for-profit system in place that pays jails and prisons for holding these individuals. I did not know that!

Even legal refugees don't have it as easy as we might think. Every refugee who is granted entry into the United States – every man, woman, and child – is held accountable for a fee representing their travel expenses into the country. This fee, currently \$1,100 per person, is presented as a bill on which payments are expected after six months in the country. That means a refugee family of two adults and three children starts life in the United States with a debt of \$5,500 not including housing, utilities, clothing, health care, or any other

necessities that we take for granted. Again, I did not know that!



DeLores and Vern with the new General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hurd Owens.

Another social justice topic was mental illness, and I learned that even though it is recognized that one in five Americans is dealing with a mental illness, even this figure may be an understatement.

These are just a few of the social justice topics discussed at the General Assembly. More information is available through the Disciples of Christ National Headquarters in Indianapolis. A main point that I gained from the General Assembly presentations is that with any social issues, we as a Disciples of Christ congregation must engage in discussions about those issues in order to remove the stigmas that may be attached to them.

That way, we can begin to see the individuals affected by those issues as who they really are – our friends, our neighbors, our family. Only then can we more clearly see some of the problems that surround us and then begin to develop solutions for those problems.

—Vern Hawkins



I attended my first Disciples of Christ General Assembly. It was a blessing to share the experience with my husband, Chaplin Deb Lewis and Randy Allman. I will treasure learning and worshipping with hundreds of my fellow disciples, as “*One*.”

As a voting representative, my primary purpose was to perform the worshipful work of the Church through active participation in the afternoon business sessions. The business sessions allowed us to responsibly receive and act upon General Assembly submitted policy, programs, reports and resolutions. Also, the varied learning tracks offered spirit-filled and spirit-lead learning and networking opportunities.

The Assembly said good-bye to outgoing General Minister and President Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, the first female General Minister after serving the Church well for twelve year. Later in the week, the Assembly installed the Rev. Teresa (Terri) Hurd Owens as the first African American elected to lead a major denomination. In this current climate of rife and intolerance Rev. Owens has been called to lead for "such a time as this."

Twenty-two resolutions were presented. Of particular interest to me were resolutions GA-1722; **A Call to Education and Support for Indigenous Voices in the Witness of the Church**; GA-1723, **On Becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Community** and Emergency Resolutions; GA-1739 and 1740, **Concerning support for the “New People’s Campaign: National Call for a Moral Revival.”**

In addition to the learning tracks the General Assembly banquets and luncheons provided opportunities to meet and greet old friends and make new ones. Of particular interests to Vern and me was the Jarvis Christian College luncheon where we heard from the college president and other administrators. In addition, we had

an opportunity to visit with alumni who knew and were mentored by my father-in-law, the late Jesse Hawkins during his time at Jarvis. It was a memorable occasion.

I was enlightened to hear about the role of African Americans in the early Church when I attended the National Convocation Heritage Dinner. The dinner commemorated the 100th anniversary of the National Christian Missionary Convention. The 1917 convention was the first one held by African Americans who were members of the Christian Church.

The **Bringing Healing Back to the Church** workshop intrigued me. This workshop demonstrated how to bring Jesus' healing back to church through healing prayer services. The presenters were Rev. Richard Brooks and Catherine Brooks of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Falls Church, Virginia. To learn more visit <http://ga.disciples.org/>

—DeLores Hawkins

I found my fifth General Assembly (GA) experience in Indianapolis to be jammed-packed with meetings. Perhaps that had to do with two things: this was my first GA without Dana accompanying me and this was my first GA not serving as pastor of a local congregation (and with the delegates from that congregation). Thus, the tone was very different. I found myself engaged in three different “chaplain” sessions with Disciples chaplains from across the country. We got to know the new “head chaplain” – a former Navy chaplain and now serving a regional hospital in Vancouver. Tom will bring a different “order” to the chaplain’s service.

I also found myself in one-one sessions with national staff members related to my responsibilities at both the local and regional manifestations of the church:

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A significant amount of time with folks from the XPLO program – gathering information to begin a discernment process about FCC becoming a host site for this program in 2020. Thanks Deb for participating in these conversations.

Time with our national immigration legal counsel reviewing the shifting policies regarding the deportation of undocumented persons and the proactive Ames/Des Moines AMOS efforts with this vulnerable population.

Time with compensation specialists from the Pension Fund regarding the unique treatment of benefits for bi-vocational, part-time ministers (30% of our region's ministers).

The worship highlight of this GA for me came

Sunday morning when I heard Dr. William Barber speak at Central Christian Church in Indianapolis. He challenged us to seek and demand justice; to speak the truth to power - "stand our ground, bowing down is not an option." Afterwards I spent some time with Sharon Watkins and her husband Rick Lowery, both of whom I had as instructors in seminary. The 2019 General Assembly will be in Des Moines....wouldn't it be great to invite Sharon to an encore worship service here at FCC the opening Sunday of that GA?

—Randy Allman

Speaker at NBA Criminal Justice Workshop



DeLores and Vern Hawkins, with outgoing Sharon Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins



DeLores and Vern Hawkins, Deb Lewis, and Randy Allman.



Jarvis Christen College Speaker at luncheon



Rev. William Barber



Dr. Marcia McAfee presenting.



Children area during evening worship.

Opportunities to Serve

“Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift... The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...” (Eph. 4:7;11)

Opportunities to serve:

- Help with Coffee Fellowship theme suggestions. Contact Sue Prins at 515-460-2628.
- Attend the **All Congregational Gathering** on Sun., Oct. 22, after worship.
- Help sew Christmas stockings with the Women’s Group on Sunday, Oct. 29. Contact Dawn at 515-451-9618.
- Give generously to the Reconciliation Offering.
- Sign up for the **CROP Hunger Walk**, which will be on Sunday, October 8th. Contact Vern Hawkins at hawkinsis@icloud.com.
- Learn about the role of an **Elder & a Deacon!** Attend the Sept 3rd info. meeting, after worship.
- Join us for **church on Wednesday nights**.
- **Volunteer with music or worship arts**, to be readers, writers, actors, musicians, singers, bell ringers for worship. Contact Tim Button-Harrison at 641-485-5604
- **Help out with Sound or Video**, on Sundays. Contact Janet Lott at jalott@isunet.net
- **Join FCC’s Food at First Core Group of Volunteers**, which serve every first Saturday of the month. Contact Cynthia Gaunt at cygaunt@hotmail.com.
- Be a faithful steward, and **fulfill your monthly pledge**.

Keep watching this box and respond as you are able. It takes a lot of people contributing their gifts to keep the ministry of FCC moving, growing and vital.

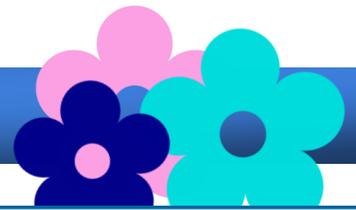
What’s Happening Around the Region Things We Do Together

— Christian Church in the
Upper Midwest

For More Info: <http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/regional-newsletter-dte>
CCC = held at the Christian Conference Center

Sept 9	Commission on Ministry at W. Des Moines CC
Sept 16	Regional Property Committee at CCC
Sept 16	Organic Ministry Retreat at Taproot Garden
Sept 22-24	Women’s Fall Retreat at Lake Koronis
Sept 24	Regional Operations Council online
Oct 6	A Day for Sharpening—PRO2717 at FCC Des Moines
Oct 7	Drama in Worship Workshop Pt. 1 at Glen Echo CC
Oct 11-15	Metanoia Women’s Retreats at CCC
Oct 14	Drama in Worship Workshop Pt. 2 at Ankeny CC
Oct 14	Central Iowa Choir Festival at Highland Park CC
Oct 22	Regional Operations Council online
Nov 11	Commission on Ministry at CCC
Nov 11	VOICES Conference Series with Christian Piatt
Nov 10-12	Chi Rho Retreat at CCC
Nov 26	Regional Operations Council online





Church office hours are
9 am—2 pm
Monday-Thursday

Have a question?
Email Liz Collazo at:
fccames@fccames.org

Stewardship Report

	August
Income:	\$ 13,580
Expenses:	\$ 19,514
Difference:	\$ (5,934)
DMF:	\$ 1,042

In and out of the Hospital:

Traverce Harrison

**The Reconciliation Offering
will be Received Sundays,
Sept. 24 and Oct. 1.**

Lifetree Café

Thursday, Sept. 28 will be the last showing of Lifetree Café at First Christian Church. If you have any questions or wonder what's coming next, please contact Cindy Ratliff, at 515-290-7670, or Vern Hawkins, hawkinsis@icloud.com.

**Fellowship Coffee
Sunday, October 1
Following Worship**

**Board Meeting
Monday, October 9
7:00 PM Coffee House**

**Renewal & Beyond...
ALL Congregational
Gathering
Sunday, October 22**



DEB LEWIS RECEIVES ISU AWARD!

On September 25, 2017 FCC's own Deb Lewis will be presented the Carroll Ringgenberg award by Iowa State University. This award honors a long-term staff member who, through contagious dedication, has been instrumental in the extraordinary development of a program at the university.

Deb has served as Curator of the university's Ada Hayden Herbarium for 33 years, researching plant systems, maintaining plant species collections, and working with other professionals, students, and the general public to advance understanding of, appreciation for, plants. The Ada Hayden Herbarium contains 650,000 specimens, making it the 12th largest among US university herbaria. 'Way to go Deb, and congratulations! Your FCC family is so proud of you!!

Thank You !

—Vern Hawkins

- On Sun., Sept. 10th, we gathered together to help kick off the fall season, and it was a big success. We had around 65+ people in attendance! We are especially thankful for all the people who helped plan, coordinate, set up, tear down, and joined us in fellowship for our Sunday Sundaes. We had a blast!
- A big THANK YOU to Carol Baker, who lovingly made Fruits of the Spirit pillows to be used in Sunday Learning Time. Her talents are a real blessing to our community.
- THANK YOU to Gloria Carpenter and Bonnie Smith who faithfully come in, every Thursday morning, and help Liz Collazo fold bulletins for Sunday services.
- Liz Collazo & Guillermo Velez are immensely THANKFUL for the love and concern of the FCC Community for their families in Puerto Rico and Florida during the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Join us in Fellowship at FCC!



Wednesday Prayers

Wednesdays, at 12:15 PM
Coffee House



Spiritual Practices

Wednesday Nights, Great Room
6:30 – 7:30 PM
Community Worship
6:50-7:10 PM



Listening to God

Every Thursday, from 5:30—7 pm,
in the Great Room.
(except major holidays)



Sunday Fellowship

Learning Time, 9:15 AM
Worship, 10:30 AM



Coffee Fellowship

Every First Sunday of the month, after
worship, and the first two Sundays in July



Fellowship Dinner

Every Third Sunday of the month,
after worship

wednesdaynight LIFE

Refresh Renew Recharge

A mid-week time to refresh, renew, and recharge our spirits! Anyone can join in. You are invited to join us in the Great Room on second floor for experiences to recharge your spirit.

Church Night Schedule:

5:45 pm	Dinner available at Food at First – Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Bells – Sanctuary Balcony
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Labyrinth Walking, Posting Prayers, and other Spiritual Practices – Great Room.
6:50 – 7:10 pm	Worship – Great Room
7:15 – 8:15 pm	Singers – Sanctuary

Food at First

Free Meal Program +
Perishable Food Pantry



Meals

Sunday thru Friday 5:45 pm and Saturday at 11:30 am
(7 days a week)

FCC's Volunteers the 1st Saturday of every Month!
Contact Cynthia Gaunt for more information,
at cygaunt@hotmail.com.

Grocery Distributions

Monday and Thursday at 4:45 pm a
and Saturday at 10:00 am

Sign Up to Volunteer at <http://bit.ly/1tG7Xb2>

Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: #e67e22;">October 2017</h1> 				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 nd Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library		
1 Reconciliation Offering Received 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship	2 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH) 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (CR)	3 6:30 pm Council of Ministries Meeting (The Hub) *Mary Barkley	4 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Night Church 5:45 Dinner with FAF 6:00 Bells Practice 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:15 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice *Chris Haley *Molly Schwartz	5 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) 7pm Mary Jane's Renewal Journey Slide Show (CH)	6 *Marge Andrew	7 9:30 am – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First in Fellowship Hall *Sarah Gaunt
8 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm CROP Walk at Brookside Park, Maple Shelter (Registration at 1 pm)	9 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH) 7:00 pm Board Meeting, CH *Jeremiah Culp	10 7:15 pm Property Meeting (Library) *Janet Lott	11 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wednesday Night Church 5:45 Dinner with FAF 6:00 Bells Practice 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:15 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice	12 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) *Chris Krebs	13 *Kay Scott	14
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22 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship After worship Renewal and Beyond All Congregational Gathering	23 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH)	24	25 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wednesday Night Church 5:45 Dinner with FAF 6:00 Bells Practice 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:15 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice *Emily Paull	26 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	27	28
29 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am worship 12-3 pm Women's Stocking Sewing & Planning (The Hub)	30 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH) *Calista Hagan	31	1 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Night Church 5:45 Dinner with FAF 6:00 Bells Practice 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:15 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice *Terrisa Clark *Kailee Culp	2 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) *Amanda Mokaya *Ryan Ratliff	3	4

Servant Schedule

Ushers

Narthex

West Entry

October 1	Bob & Jean Watson	Corry Bertelsen	Eric Wierson
October 8	Bob & Jean Watson	Corry Bertelsen	Eric Wierson
October 15	Gloria Carpenter & Mark Love	Shirley Malaby	Deb Lewis
October 22	Gloria Carpenter & Mark Love	Shirley Malaby	Deb Lewis
October 29	Mel & Pat Popelka	Kay Scott	Stacey Maifeld

Renewal . . . and Beyond!

All Congregational Gathering Sunday, October 22 Following Worship Great Room, 2nd Floor

This All Congregational Gathering is our intentional follow-up from the Clergy/Congregation Renewal we experienced April 17-July 17 of this year. Following Worship on October 22nd, we'll go upstairs to the Great Room. On the way, you can pick up sandwiches and veggies for a light lunch, then gather around the tables with one another. Together we will:

- Eat a light lunch
- Share what you learned about yourself during the renewal
- Share how you saw the congregational experience renewal
- Hear some of Pastor Mary Jane's learnings from her renewal
- Discover similarities in what is shared
- Reflect on what we hope will come out of our renewal as we move forward in ministry together

We hope to see everyone there!

Renewal Leadership Team

Darla Ewalt
Jim Gaunt
Vern Hawkins
Deb Lewis

Janet Lott
Shirley Malaby
Emily Paull
Marv Prins



The people of First Christian Church accept these values as core...

Genuinely accept, welcome and love everyone as Jesus did.

Connect people to God and to one another.

Cultivate an environment where people grow in faith and discipleship.

Celebrate everyone's gifts for ministry and encourage people as leaders.

Minister in the community with God's healing love.

Staff at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ames, IA:

Minister:	Mary Jane Button-Harrison
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Minister of Worship Arts:	Janet Lott
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