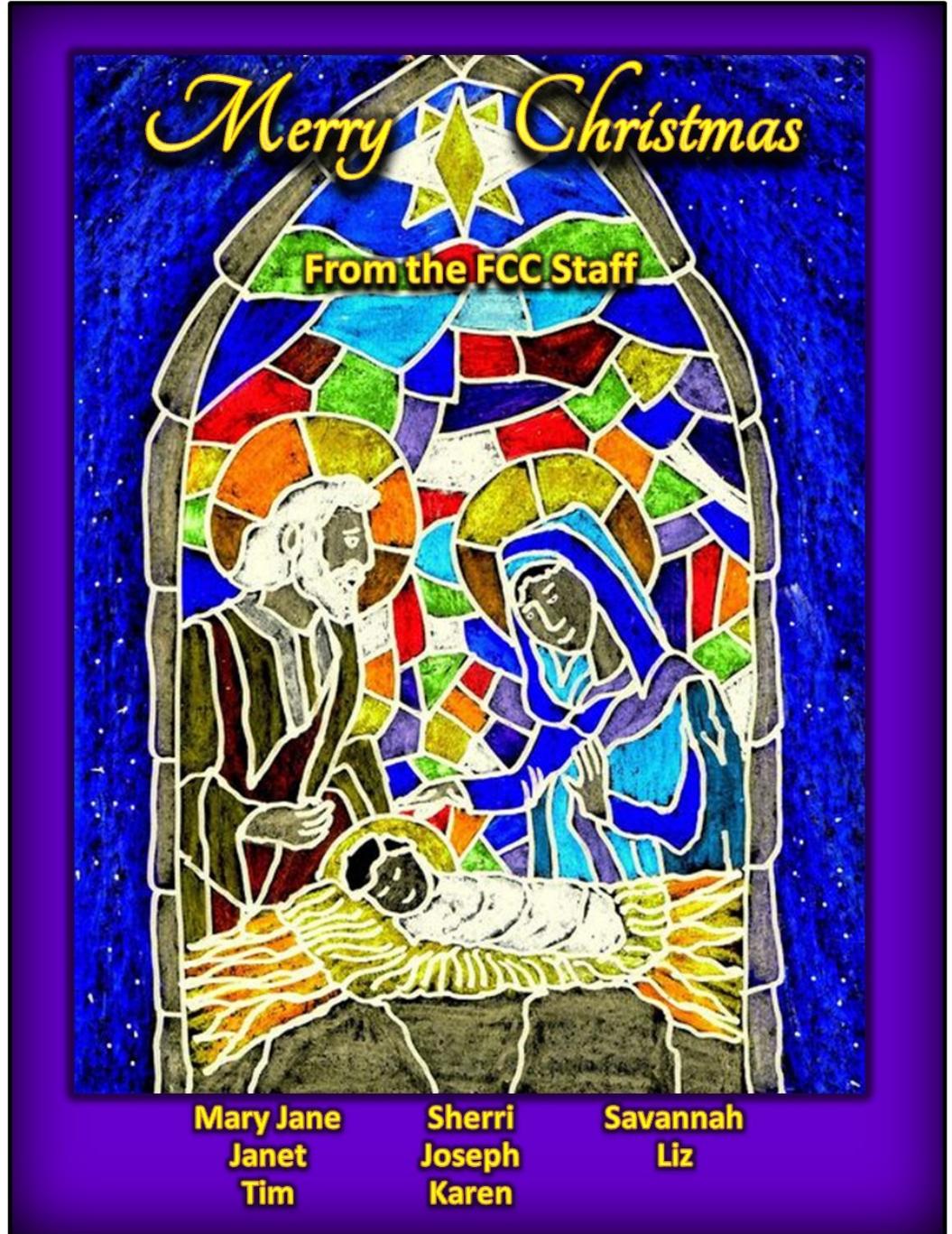


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Looking Back, Moving Forward

A year ago we were making plans for how to continue the work and ministry of First Christian Church while I, your pastor, was away on Clergy Renewal April 17 – July 17. In January, we gathered around tables in the Great Room and heard the Clergy Renewal Leadership Team share the who, what, and how things would continue while I was away, and invite your questions, thoughts, and ideas. In February and March the Elders hosted small group gatherings to give us a chance to talk with each other about where I was going, what I was doing, and to share some of your own stories. In March and April Building Hosts were trained, preachers were scheduled, teachers developed their lesson plans, the newly developed Communications Team got to work, and leaders planning all congregational events started recruiting help and participants. Together we planned thoroughly and worked hard to make sure everything was ready for my extended absence from the daily life at FCC. It was wonderful to see people willing to step up and do things they had not before done, or to be ready to assist in whatever way was needed!

On Easter Sunday, we said “good-bye” to one another and commissioned Deb Lewis as Renewal Chaplain and Janet Lott to add extra duties since Tim Button-Harrison took a leave of absence while I was away. We then set out, on separate journeys of renewal. Belonging, Boundaries, Balance was the theme as I spent time far away in several different “communities of practice” experiencing how others maintain a wide welcome and hospitality in ways that allow people to join in and know what is expected in ways that encourage high levels of participation and faithfulness. Here, you heard sermons and wrote down your thoughts on Belonging, Boundaries, Balance. And you read books and shared in conversation in small groups using authors and topics that would connect our journeys.

In July, I returned (as did Tim) and we have been reconnecting to one another and to the ministry, mission, and vision of FCC in light of our respective renewal journeys. There is a saying, “Many hands make light work.” We proved the truth of that as so many of you shared your talent, knowledge, time, presence, and willingness to share in the work of being church in 2017. When we gathered to reflect on our renewal journeys in October you expressed a desire to continue to find avenues for each of us to share more of ourselves for God’s purposes through this congregation.

This year we have made many memories together - through our weekly worship, which this year included a large variety of preachers, through smaller gatherings like the Elder-hosted ones before the renewal, the study groups during the renewal, and the weekly Wednesday evening spiritual practices since the renewal, through whole church events like Fellowship Coffees and Fellowship Dinners and the All Church Picnic, through the thousands of prayers lifted up and acts of care expressed to and for one another and people and situations all over the world, through cooking, serving, and cleaning up a Food at First meal once a month, and through the children who are such an important part of our life together, as was beautifully illustrated in Sunday’s Children’s Christmas Pageant! Thanks to the teachers, parents, and those who lovingly made and stuffed Christmas stockings to give them!

Some of the memories we have made are a mix of joy and sorrow. This year we have been blessed to get to know new friends at FCC, but we have also said good-bye to some of our beloved members. In 2017, we celebrated the lives of Marian Chance, Mable Woodward, John Mitzel, Olene Dowell (service to come in the Spring), and Dana Allman. We are thankful for

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the gift of their lives among us and that they will continue to live in our hearts and memories.

May we hold one another nearly and dearly as we continue to seek God's wisdom and guidance in the coming year. May we continue to welcome newcomers in our midst and live out our motto, "Come as you are, you belong." May we continue to share authentically from the heart with one another as we deepen our connection to one another and to God. May God bless you and keep you and may the face of God shine upon you as we close 2017 and look to 2018!

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Mary Jane

Epiphany Worship - Living Christ! Love on the Move

The Christian year begins the first Sunday in Advent (this year December 3). Next comes the season of Christmas which begins Christmas Day and lasts 12 days. Remember the song! The Christmas season ends on January 6th - Epiphany - which continues until Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (this year February 14th).

FCC's theme for Fall 2017-Summer 2018 is *Living Christ, Liberating Spirit, Loving Disciples - For Such A Time As This*. In the fall, we focused on *For Such A Time As This* as we explored several of the New Testament letters. During Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, we turn our focus to "Living Christ." *Living Christ! Love in the Flesh* for Advent/Christmas. Then *Living Christ! Love on the Move* for Epiphany. We will spend the entire season of Epiphany in the Gospel of Luke starting with Jesus' baptism and ending as he is just about to approach Jerusalem and face his last week. This will be a fast pace, on-the-move trip through the life of Jesus' ministry. Then during Lent we will slow our pace going through Jesus' last week, one day per week. We will hear the story of Jesus entry into Jerusalem the first Sunday in Lent (Feb. 18), and celebrate the

empty tomb on Easter Sunday (April 1).

If you'd like to go deeper in your study, I invite you to read Luke in its entirety between January 1 and April 1. You could look ahead to the scripture for the coming Sunday and read the chapter (s)/verses leading up to what we will focus on in worship. Then spend each week reading what's in-between. I also invite you to participate in the Adult Learning Time at 9:15-10:15 am on Sundays. During Epiphany, Randy Allman will lead the class in diving deep into the scripture for that Sunday.

We read and learn the stories so we more deeply know the way of Jesus. The more deeply we know the way of Jesus, the more our identity and our actions will be shaped by Christ. What a great way to begin a new year of living!

Pastor Mary Jane

Epiphany Worship
Living Christ!
Love on the Move



	Title	Scripture
Jan. 7	Into the Wilderness	Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13
Jan. 14	Return to Galilee	Luke 4:14-21; 5:1-11
Jan. 21	In the Crowd	Luke 5:17-6:11
Jan. 28	Across to the Other Side	Luke 8:22-39
Feb. 4	On the way to Jerusalem	Luke 10:38-11:13
Feb. 11	In the Thick of It	Luke 14:7-35

2018 Stewardship Campaign a Success!!

The theme of the 2018 stewardship campaign at First Christian Church was “Generosity,” and there could not have been a more appropriate one-word theme for the congregation in 2017!

In the early months of 2017 the congregation prepared for a clergy renewal during which congregants would use – and enhance – their own personal gifts to sustain the church’s spiritual life during the pastor’s three-month absence. Members of the congregation stepped forward in a variety of ways to help staff the church office, produce newsletters, plan worship and provide pastoral care. And this is just a partial list of the many ways members generously offered their talents and gifts for the church.

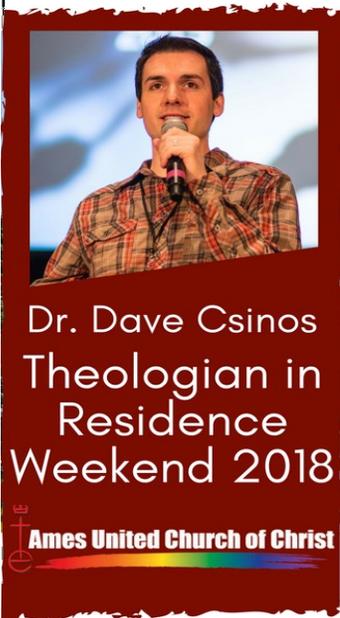
But “Generosity” at First Christian Church did not end with the clergy renewal efforts. As we entered the fall season our thoughts turned to funding for 2018, and the Stewardship Team of Mark Love (Chair), Don Withers and Vern Hawkins

reached out to you, the congregation, to ask you to support the 2018 pledge budget of \$193,000. You did it! Barely two weeks after Stewardship Commitment and Dedication Sunday on November 19, you as a congregation had submitted 2018 pledges that met our pledge goal!

The Stewardship Team thanks you for your willingness to use your skills and talents to serve the church, and for your generosity in pledging your financial gifts to enhance the ministries that First Christian Church embraces.

Sincerely,

The 2018 Stewardship Team
Mark Love (Chair), Don Withers, Vern Hawkins



UCC Theologian In Residence

Mark your calendar. UCC will be hosting the 2018 Theologian-In-Residence program on Friday evening, January 26, and Saturday morning, January 27. It is open to all interested persons. Please click on the image or contact UCC for more details regarding registration and any dietary needs.

This is done every year, but this year sounds especially interesting. David Csinos, a theologian and Christian educator, is the leader this year speaking on education of children and youth.

—Nancy Schroeder

Share your gift of welcome as an FCC greeter or usher in 2018

One of our core values at FCC is to genuinely accept, welcome and love everyone as Jesus did. And one way you can share your gifts of acceptance, welcome and love is by serving as an FCC greeter or usher in 2018. Ushers and greeters have the role of greeting, smiling, saying hello, and warmly welcoming everyone on Sunday mornings. They also guide new visitors into the sanctuary and help them feel comfortable and pass out bulletins. Serving as Sunday morning greeters would also be a wonderful way for children to practice this core value together with their family.

If you would like to serve as an usher or greeter in 2018, please find Stacey Maifeld in worship, or contact Stacey at staceymaifeld@gmail.com or 515-520-9844 for more information. Thank you!

Report on the 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting

The 2017 Annual Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, December 10. Those in attendance voted to approve the following slate of officers and budget for 2018:

SLATE OF OFFICERS (<i>one year positions</i>)	
Board Chair	Kay Scott
Vice Chair	Vern Hawkins
Secretary	Nancy Schroeder
Treasurer	Amy Kuehl
Financial Secretaries	Dave & Jeannie Fitz
Property Chairs	Derek Krebs, Jim Lester, and Shirley Malaby
Council of Ministries Moderator	Darla Ewalt
Delegate to Ecumenical Housing	Vern Hawkins
Delegate to the Emergency Residence Project	Gwen Mitzel
Delegate to Food at First	Dawn Heaberlin and Linda Anderson
Delegate to Good Neighbor	Shirley Malaby
Nominations Chair	Stacey Maifeld
Stewardship Chair	Don Withers

(three year positions)

Deacons

Jocelyn Digby, Amanda Mokaya, Eileen Sambos, Chris and Jackie Haley

Elders

Deb Lewis, Amy Kuehl, John Lott, Cynthia Gaunt

Trustees

Jim Gaunt

A proposed change to the By-laws was also approved.



2018 BUDGET

Income:

Pledges	\$193,000
Loose Offering	\$ 3,000
Food at First	\$ 24,000
Building Use	\$ 400
Faith Factor	\$ 18,431
Total:	\$238,831

Expenses:

Administration	\$ 9,500
Payroll	\$148,506
Utilities	\$ 27,000
Property	\$ 21,600
Council of Ministries	\$ 10,782
Outreach (10% of cash receipts)	\$ 21,443
Total:	\$238,831

Income/Expense Difference: \$ 0



Poinsettia Dedication

- * In Memory of Lana Klug, sister of Sue Prins
- * In Memory of Raymond Bond and Jack Ewalt, fathers of Darla & Jake Ewalt
- * In Memory of our Mother, Olene Dowell, and our son, Benjamin Lott — Janet & John Lott
- * In Memory of Al & Alma Brouwer, Norman & Ferne Bertelsen, parents of Roger & Corry Bertelsen
- * In Memory of Edna Geggen (mom/grandma), Art Heggen, Brother, Uncle — Eileen Sambos, Judy Koplín & Keith Sambos
- * In Memory of Paul & Regina Durst, parents, and in Honor of Mardy Durst, stepmother — Jeannie & Dave Fitz
- * In Memory of my father, Hector R. Collazo — Liz Collazo
- * In Memory of Our Parents — Dawn Heaberlin
- * In Memory of Glendon Button — Wanda Button

**STRONG CITIES ARE BUILT ON
STRONG FAMILIES IN STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

MECHANICS OF STRENGTH

Saturday, January 13, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames

\$20 Registration which includes lunch

(Need based scholarships are available.)

RSVP to Jason Paull by Sunday, December 31st

How do we grow as a church? How do we identify, develop, and connect the gifts and resources we have among us as a church community so we can be strong in faith and action? In “such a time as this” as we are called upon to not only be deeply rooted in our faith, but also able to respond in love to the concerns within our church and beyond, that takes faith plus strong relationships and leadership skills.

On Saturday, January 13th there will be a day-long training put on by AMOS staff for the purpose of building up the leadership of congregations and organizations of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). First Christian Church is a member organization, so we are invited to participate along with many other Ames churches and organizations.

At the planning session for this event I asked if the training is primarily about building up AMOS so we will be better AMOS members. The response was, “No. This is a training offered as part of our membership in AMOS to help us make our own institutions stronger. That will, of course, also make the alliance stronger, but the emphasis is really on our churches and non-profits.” Organizer, Liz Hall put it this way, “At this training we will have a day to reflect on our growth and development as leaders, as well as how we want to lead within our churches.”

If you are in leadership in any capacity at First Christian Church – Elders, Deacons, Council of Ministries, Trustees, Property, Representative to a Partner Organization, etc. – please consider attending this leadership training event.

It is important to register ahead of time. **If you can attend, please let Jason Paull know you are coming, and any dietary restrictions you have. You can also give him your \$20 registration fee. And please let him know before or on Sunday, December 31st.** The more people who participate in this training from FCC, the more positive impact it will have! I’ll be there! I hope you will be, too.

Stronger Together,
Pastor Mary Jane

Active Love

DISPELS DARKNESS

2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service

January 14, 2018

2:00 PM

Hosted by:

**Trinity Christian
Reformed Church**

3626 Ontario

Ames, Iowa

Special offering for the
Dream Seed Scholarship

A Reception

Will Follow

All are Invited

All Are Welcome



**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."
*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

Illustrated by Bryan Collier

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:

- Sign up to be an Usher or Greeter in 2018. Contact Stacey Maifeld at staceymaifeld@gmail.com or 515-520-9844.
- Volunteer to help prepare the Christmas Meal. Contact Food at First at 515-344-4357.
- Attend the MLK Interfaith Service and give to the Dream Seed Scholarship.
- **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.



Join us for Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship
Sunday, Dec. 24 at 7PM



First Christian Church
611 Clark Avenue

*Food at First's
FREE Community-Wide
Christmas Day Meal*

INFO

Monday, December 25th
11:30am – 1:00pm
First Christian Church
6th Street & Clark Avenue

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARKING

West side of the church,
Fareway parking lot,
and City Hall's parking lots

Featured Members: The Walker Family

Wasn't the Christmas Pageant wonderful on Sunday? What a special morning in worship, thanks to all of the children who led the sharing of the Nativity story and all those who helped in the planning and performance. Among them, you may have noticed Scott Walker playing keyboard, Anleah Walker playing piano, and Tiffany Walker directing. We are so blessed to have the Walker family with their many gifts and caring hearts here at First Christian Church!

Scott was born in Tampa, Florida, and he moved to Wisconsin before his sophomore year of high school. That's where his mother attended Nashotah House Theological Seminary, a seminary of the Episcopal Church. He later came to Iowa to attend Coe College where he earned his Bachelor's of Music in Education.

"I came to Iowa for college, met Tiffany, and am trapped here for the rest of my life," he joked.

Tiffany grew up on a farm in rural Stockton, Iowa, in the eastern part of the state, and lived in the same house for 19 years until she met Scott. With their family's love of music, it should be no surprise that Tiffany and Scott met at a Polka Fest in Durant, Iowa. They were both volunteering in the Music Boosters tent at the time.

Before they moved to Ames, Scott was teaching band in the West Marshall Community School District in State Center, one of three school districts where he has taught, and Tiffany was working at the Ames Tribune. Scott later worked at Engineering Animation, Inc., and has been involved in technology for the past 15 years. Today, he helps businesses with search engine optimization, improving their

Google search rankings. Tiffany is now a teaching assistant at Northwood Preschool and has previously worked as a manager at phClean and the downtown Ames businesses Duckworth Wearing and The Loft.

Scott and Tiffany have three children, Zechariah, Harrison, and Anleah. Zechariah is 23 years old and an assistant manager at Hy-Vee in Mankato, Minnesota, where he loves outdoor recreation, even in the winter. Harrison graduated from Ames High School in 2017 and is currently an auto mechanic at LOF Express. In his spare time, he enjoys working on his 1976

Lincoln Continental Mark IV. Anleah is in sixth grade at Ames Middle School where she is involved in Lego League (robotics) and several musical groups.

The Walkers keep busy as a family attending sporting events and musical performances. Scott loves all kinds of technology, exercising, and family time. Tiffany enjoys craft projects, especially with kids,

Girl Scouts, and shopping (she hasn't met a department store she didn't like.)

Many of you know Scott was instrumental in starting Food At First back when the organization was housed in First United Methodist Church. Scott also helped start Food At First's Free Market and the Pass Along Party tradition. Food At First was the Walker family's first connection to First Christian Church.

"I knew about [FCC] from the time that Food At First started moving," Scott said. "We were looking for a church where our kids could be involved in the service, using their talents. We felt amazingly welcomed from the first time we stopped by."



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We are so grateful they did stop—and stayed! Scott said he particularly enjoys playing with talented and enthusiastic musicians. Scott has played piano, bass, and handbell choir when he can, and has lent his technical skills to redoing the church website and occasionally helping with the sound system. Tiffany helped restart the Christmas Pageant and enjoys helping with the Faith Formation Committee, nursery, child care for events, and coordinating Scripture readers. She is also helping with the church's membership database. And we have been blessed to hear Anleah play music in worship and at church events and to have Harrison help with sound while in high school.

“We love the diversity of... well, everything!” the Walkers said about FCC. “Personalities, theologies, skills, ages, styles... and yet it all fits together in a perfectly imperfect way!”

Amen!

— Stacey Maifeld

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Another Big Success!

The 30th Annual FCC and Food at First Community Thanksgiving Dinner was one of the largest ever! A total of nearly 600 meals were served! Beyond the numbers, it was a blessing to be present as plans were made, food prepared and served, space set up to accommodate so many, and also to receive the smiles, Thanksgiving greetings and gratitude expressed by so many guests and volunteers. Many of you participated: the FCC Men’s Group set up tables and chairs; others were involved in planning, food prep and clean-up; Jim Lester took care of several building needs; and Pastor Mary Jane was present throughout the meal to make everyone feel welcome – my thanks to all of you!

If you wish to get involved next year, for the 31st one, sign up early since the sign-up slots fill quickly! It is truly a gift to and by the Ames community, thanks to FCC’s three decades of vision and involvement!

—Deb Lewis



Around the Region Things We Do Together

For more info or to register for events:

<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/regional-newsletter-dte>

All held at the Christian Conference Center

- Jan 22-24 Ministers Institute 2018
- Feb 9-11 Junior Retreat at CCC
- Feb 9-10 Committee on Ministry at CCC
- Feb 23-24 CYF Midwinter Retreat



Regional News



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

Have a question?
Email Liz Collazo at:
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Stewardship Report

No giving info. available for Nov. at this time

Income:			
Expenses:			
Difference:			
DMF:			

In and Out of the Hospital: Mel Popelka, Janis Pyle

Our Deepest Sympathies for: Sue Prins and her family, on the passing of her sister, Lana Klug on October 15th; Janet Lott and her family, on the passing of her mother, Olene Dowell, on November 19; and Randy Allman and his family, on the passing of his wife, Dana Allman, on December 4th.

Thank You

My sincere thanks for all of the prayers, cards, calls, flowers, food, encouragement and visits during my surgery for full knee replacement and since my return home for recovery. Although, it has been a "long" and sometimes stressful recovery, you - my church family have certainly made it must better for me! Thanks for helping Derek with meals prep as well. He was been the best care taker in the world to help me get through!

Love to all, Cathy Krebs

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We would like to thank everyone who helped us move into our new home in Ames. It was overwhelming. You went out of your way to make us feel at home. We've received many warm welcomes from you.

Traverce and Mary Lou Harrison

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Christmas Stockings 2017

Many FCC women have been meeting to continue a long standing tradition of planning and filling stockings for Bethesda Food Shelf. We filled 100 stockings to be given out December 15th, along with Christmas food baskets.

We also prepared stockings for all of our church family children that were given out after the pageant on December 17th.

Also, we will give some stockings to Food at First.

Thank you to all who participated, donated money or bought items to make another successful year.

Dawn Heaberlin



Christmas Eve Schedule
Sunday, December 24
9:15 AM Learning Time
10:30 AM Worship
7:00 PM Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship

There will be NO Learning Time on Sunday, December 31

Leadership Sunday 
During worship
January 21st

On this day, during worship, we will thank our outgoing leaders and commission our leaders for 2018.

The Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, and Mondays, January 1 and 15.

Hanging of the Greens Party, November 26, 2017



Christmas Party, December 13, 2017



Children's Christmas Pageant, December 17, 2017



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



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
5:50 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

SECOND THURSDAY @ THE HUB

Connecting with God & One Another Thursday, January 11 at 7 PM

Join us every second Thursday of the month for a casual time of fun, fellowship, and growing closer to God and one another. We will be meeting in The Hub, which is the space on Second Floor just outside the elevator doors.

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: #ffcc00;">January 2018</h1>				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 nd Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library		
31 NO Learning Time 10:30 am worship *Jackie Haley	1 New Year's Day Office Closed *Guillermo Velez *Ginny Khan	2 6:30 pm Council of Ministries Mtg. (The Hub)	3 12:15 Prayers (CH) <u>Wed. Night Church</u> 5:45 Dinner with FAF 5:50 Bells Practice 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:50 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice	4 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) *Keith Sambos	5	6 9:30 – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First (FH)
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14 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm Interfaith MLK Service at Trinity Christian Reformed Church – “Active Love Disperses Darkness” 3:30 pm Air Cond. Group (CR)	15 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	16	17 12:15 Prayers (CH) <u>Wed. Night Church</u> 5:45 Dinner with FAF 5:50 Bells Practice 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:50 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice *Traverce Harrison	18 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) 7 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting	19	20 *Don Withers
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31 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am worship						

Servant Schedule

Ushers

Narthex

West Entry

December 24	Bob & Jean Watson	Eileen Sambos	Eric Wierson
December 24 Christmas Eve Service	Meg Knol-Digby	Corry Bertelsen	Eric Wierson
December 31	Meg Knol-Digby	Eileen Sambos	Deb Lewis
January Usher Information not currently available.			

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
Minister of Worship & Discipleship:	Tim Button-Harrison
Minister of Worship Arts:	Janet Lott
Administrative Assistant:	Liz Collazo
Worship Musician:	Joseph Schwartz
Building Custodian:	Sherri Khan
Nursery Attendants:	Karen LeCount
Nursery Helper:	Gianna Heelan

Return Service Requested

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