



# The Call

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## Continuing the *Renewal*

One year ago, we began our Clergy/Congregational Renewal journey. I left Ames and First Christian Church (FCC) for 3 months to step back from my pastoral duties and allow God's spirit to touch my own through a variety of experiences and settings. You stayed here, and the variety of activities, content, and leaders created an environment of renewal. Before I left, several people (including other pastors) asked me if I was worried about leaving the congregation for so long. In confidence, I said, "No." I was not worried that important things would get dropped. I was not worried that things would come up that FCC leaders couldn't handle. So much preparation and organization had happened ahead of time. And my experience of Ames FCC is together we can do anything we set our minds to do! And we did. You did.



In October, we gathered around tables in the Great Room for the Congregational Gathering – Renewal and Beyond – to share what we learned on our respective renewal journeys as Pastor and Congregation. People expressed appreciation for the way so many people took on new areas of responsibility, new opportunities for learning, new spiritual practices, and new insights in worship as you heard a different preacher nearly every week and were given questions to reflect on what you heard. People spoke with great animation about the all church picnic and just how many people were involved in making that a success. For my part, during the renewal I experienced over and over again in so many ways my love for people, all kinds of people, which touched on my deep love for and commitment to the people of FCC. It

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is that love that touches me as I see how much difference we make on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Clark in Ames, IA. Mike Fritz, Director of Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance tells people 6<sup>th</sup> & Clark is “the caring corner” in Ames. We have become that because of our vision to be a Community Resource Center. One of the reasons I needed a renewal was the increase in awareness and responsibility in FCC’s growing “parish.”

As we look to the future, all the pieces are there: compassionate hearts, a variety of skills and perspectives, gifts of the Spirit, fruit of the Spirit, a sense that we are in this together and we can figure it out, and a deep faith in God to guide us. Continuing the renewal will include figuring out how to work together in such a way to maximize our ability to use the gifts and graces among us to lighten the burdens of leadership while expanding our capacity for ministry (you’ve heard “many hands makes light work”). Continuing the renewal will include emphasizing each of our part in life-long learning and growing in commitment and discipleship to carry out God’s vision for FCC. Continuing the renewal will include revisiting the Building Host program so that we can grow in hospitality and in our ability to help people make connections – to resources, to each other, and to God. Continuing the renewal will include finding more ways to communicate who we are and what we value so others can join us on the journey!

—Pastor Mary Jane

### **A year ago Deb and I wrote an article for the Call asking these questions:**

Why do we belong to this group of disciples and how do we help others belong? What are the boundaries of belonging? And how do we balance our lives to live out the greatest commandment that Jesus taught, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and,

‘Love your neighbor as yourself?’”

One place I see us living into renewal is Wednesday night spiritual practices and worship. In the middle of the week, in between Ringers and Singers rehearsals, I get to join others in pausing and taking a breath in worship together. The quiet, stillness of the Great Room as we gather together is unlike anything I could do alone.

The people gathered are as consistent as they can be in attending. Together we hold others in prayer and we slow down. This is another way of entry into belonging in this group of disciples as it provides a boundary of worshipping in quiet together and offers a rhythm of balance to our lives - transformation is happening.

A place I want to see renewal grow is in our ministries of radical hospitality. The study of Le Chambon last year was a true motivator. Sharing our building and supporting our ministry partners is a movement in this direction. Before renewal began, we opened our doors and hearts to becoming a community center. In this time of continuing renewal, can we take this another step deeper? Can we commit more deeply into pulling together our hands, minds and faith to work for wholeness beyond these walls as we welcome others into this place? I believe we can!

—Janet Lott  
Minister of Worship Arts

### **We were busy during the three months of the formal renewal time, weren’t we?!**

We learned, welcomed, grew, and stepped up as we were called to be church together. Worship and activities strengthened our connections to God and to one another and offered the Good News shared through new voices and experiences. We met to discuss what we were learning

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and experiencing. We took on roles that provided for care of FCC-folks and others who entered the building. We were changed -- and continue to be changed -- through all that has happened!

I see renewal continuing to happen in these opportunities to engage with each other in honest conversation, in telling and hearing stories, and in sharing together in our worship. Generally, our relationships with each other seem strong and supportive, and I'm grateful for each word and action offered, whether directed toward me or given for others.

Our society-at-large is living in fear, and it is so prevalent that we may find it taking root in our own lives. Yet we have Good News to share and a word of hope that are the best antidotes to fear. Although not yet defined in the sense of specific activities, I would like to see us include intentionally providing a refuge of hope within and beyond FCC in our ongoing renewal.

—Deb Lewis  
Renewal Chaplain

## The congregation of First Christian Church has always taken an active role in the life of the church.

The FCC clergy renewal that began in April 2017 provided a concentrated three month opportunity for the FCC congregation to become even more deeply involved in the music, worship planning, spiritual life, and every day operation of the church. In fact, according to data compiled by Jim Gaunt, 31% of the average weekly worship attendance May through July 2017 organized, led, and played key roles in the activities that made that three month phase of the clergy renewal process a success.

But it is important for us as a congregation to realize that Rev. Mary Jane's return in July 2017 did not signal the end of the clergy renewal process. Rather, her return signaled the beginning of the clergy renewal's next phase – the opportunity for the congregation to use the talents and skills we identified and developed during Rev.

Mary Jane's absence to grow the breadth and depth of the ministries, outreach, and internal effectiveness of First Christian Church. We have learned that we as a congregation can provide valuable skills in sustaining and growing our function as a church, and we owe it to ourselves and our community to continue to use those skills to maintain and to strengthen our church.

—Vern Hawkins

## Worship Schedule



*2018 Eastertide Worship*

**Liberating Spirit!**

**A New Way of Seeing**

	Title	Scripture
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Paul and Silas</b>	<b>Acts 16:16-34</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Paul's Sermon at Athens</b>	<b>Acts 17:16-31</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Partnership in the Gospel</b>	<b>Philippians 1:1-18a</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>The Christ Hymn</b>	<b>Philippians 2:1-13</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>PENTECOST Rejoice in the Lord</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-21 Philippians 4:4-7</b>



*2018 Pentecost*

**Loving Disciples!**

**For Such a Time as This**

### The Ten Commandments

	Title	Scripture
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Relationship First</b>	<b>Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Tune Into God</b>	<b>Exodus 20:3-11</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Turn Toward Your Neighbor</b>	<b>Exodus 20:12-16</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Desires of the Heart—Do Not Covet</b>	<b>Exodus 20:17</b>



# We're Cool!



In the March Call we announced the kickoff of the “Cool It!” campaign to raise funds to air condition the Coffee House. We needed to raise a minimum of \$5,000 of the estimated total project cost of \$9,000. We also announced that we were starting the campaign with \$3,550 already in hand.

After making a pitch for “Cool It!” in worship two Sundays ago (April 8th), we passed our minimum goal of \$5,000 with a total of \$6,650. After worship this past Sunday (April 15th), our total had reached \$8,196 – only \$804 short of the estimated total cost of the project of \$9,000. Later that day we received a pledge of \$804 to bring our total to exactly \$9,000, the full cost of the project.

We did it! We're cool! We can cool it in the Coffee House this summer and for many summers to come. The Air Conditioning Working Group sincerely thanks the generous donors who helped bring the “Cool It” campaign to such a successful conclusion. We also hope the congregation will be equally generous to the campaign to restore the hand bells used by the Bell Choir. You will be hearing about that effort very soon.

—Jim Gaunt, Chair  
Air Conditioning Working Group

## God's Abundance

*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work... He who supplies seeds to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness...”*

*Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!”*

II Corinthians 9:8-15

## Pentecost Offering 2018 Sundays May 20 and 27

*A special day offering  
supporting new churches*

Each year, half of the Pentecost Offering is designated to the local Christian Disciples Region/Area in an effort to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Disciples are on course to starting 1,000 new churches by 2020. For additional information visit [www.hopepmt.org](http://www.hopepmt.org).

You may donate to the Pentecost offering in on Sundays, in the designated envelopes, or [ONLINE](#).





# Easter Baptisms 2018

*Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018*

The FCC Congregation was witness to the beginning of a life long journey for some of our young people, as they confessed their faith in Christ and became baptized.

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# New Life in Christ!

## New Members of the Church

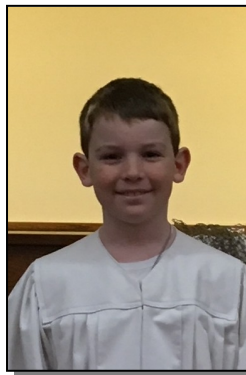
On Easter 6 young people came forward to make their confession of faith and be baptized. They had been part of a class called "Tour of Life Exploration of Baptism." Each week they attended worship and filled out a "Worship Response Form" then sat with their mentor following worship to discuss their answers. They met in class each week. They had extra experiences to participate in such as Ecumenical Lenten/Easter Worship Services and volunteering with their mentor at Food at First, and finally, participating in the FCC Easter Prayer Vigil leading up to Easter, and the day of their baptism. One week they even had to go around and find people in the church who have different roles or experiences in the church. Maybe you were one of those who signed saying you are an Elder or Deacon or someone who has been in the church a LONG time. On April 8<sup>th</sup> the students and their mentors gathered to celebrate and think about how to continue their learning and growing in Christ. This was not the end. It is the beginning! This is a group of wonderful, smart, thoughtful, and fun young people. I hope you all get to know them as they deepen their faith and relationship with the church. Here is just a little introduction to each one.

—Pastor Mary Jane

**Maleigha Hale** is the daughter of Cassi and Jerad Hale; sister of Kaiden, Madie, and MaKaylynn. Her mentor was Sue Prins. Maleigha is good at drawing, enjoys singing, and writing stories. She wanted to be baptized because "I feel like God chose me to be me. And because I feel like God wants to hold me forever." She will always remember her



and she tells me what Jesus did and why he did it. Also my mentor (Sue) helped me follow the path to Jesus."



**Jackson Haley** is the son of Chris and Jackie Haley; brother of Spencer. His mentor was Mark Schroeder. Jackson is good at "listening to stories about Jesus." He wanted to be baptized because "church is fun and I want to be a disciple of Christ." He will always remember "the cross I got for my baptism that I want to wear as a reminder of my faith for the rest of my life." First Christian Church helps Jackson follow Jesus by "telling me stories about Jesus."



**Victoria Brenden** is the daughter of Karen and James Brenden; sister of Jocelyn Digby, and Isaac; granddaughter of David Digby and Meg Knol-Digby. Her mentor was Deb Lewis. Victoria is good at singing, helping at Food at First, and someday she'd like to be a deacon to serve and help people. She wanted to be baptized because it is "important to me and my family for me to follow in Jesus' footsteps." She will always remember her baptism as the "most joyful moment of my life." First Christian Church helps Victoria follow Jesus "with the deep sermons from Pastor Mary Jane and others; participating in Food at First."

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**Spencer Haley** is the son of Chris and Jackie Haley; brother of Jackson. His mentor was Vern Hawkins. Spencer is good at “serving food and helping at Food at First”. He wanted to be baptized because “it shows I am more mature in my faith.” He will always remember Vern as part of his

baptism experience. First Christian Church helps Spencer follow Jesus because “it helps me focus.”



**Shania Bensen** is the daughter of Charity Bensen; sister of Maggie and Asher. Her mentor was Amy Kuehl. Shania is good at singing. She wanted to be baptized “so that I would finally be a person of the church and the body of Christ.” She will always remember “being baptized and my mentor

giving me a gift.” First Christian Church helps Shania follow Jesus “because they tell me about Jesus. I might want to do choir, become a mentor, and study to know more about church.”



**Adam Pendry** is the son of Mendy Krebs and John Pendry; brother of Lily and Olivia; grandson of Derek and Cathy Krebs. His mentor was Gwen Mitzel. Adam is good at soccer and ping-pong. He wanted to be baptized because “I felt I was ready and understood what baptism entails.” He will always

remember this about his baptism: “the people in front of me dancing on the steps to the music.” First Christian Church helps Adam follow Jesus – “Sunday School helps me learn more about Jesus. First Christian Church helps me made friends and to know them better.”

## First Christian Church High School Senior Scholarship Fund

**F**irst Christian Church has the practice of giving a \$500 scholarship to high school seniors who are active members of our congregation, and who seek to further their studies. The ability to grant these scholarships depends on your generous contributions.

**Please help us replenish the Scholarship Fund** by donating through the brown envelopes found in the Sanctuary pews, and labeling them “Scholarship Fund,” or by mailing a check to the church marked “Scholarship Fund” in the memo.



This year’s scholarship recipient is Nathan Schmitz, who is graduating from Ames High in May.

Congratulations, Nathan!

# FCC Church Family Picnic ?



As the saying goes “spring has sprung” which makes it a perfect time to start thinking about enjoyable outside activities (other

**Exploratory Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 29, after worship**  
**in the Conference Room**

than moving snow). Last year in April a group of 20 + folks began planning what we called the Church Family Pic-

nic. Our goal was to get our church family together for the single purpose of having a good time – and we did! That bunch of fun loving folks became the Good Time Planning Group (GTers) The ideas and effort that the GTers brought made the outing last spring memorable and fun for kids of all ages.

After church on April 29th there will be a meeting in the Conference Room to visit about the possibility of holding a Church Family Picnic (2018 addition) - come one come all it could be fun!

—Larry and Kris Mesenbrink



## LOOKING AHEAD....

*Come Hear Anne Gregory!*

Anne is YOUR Missionary, serving through the financial gifts you give in your Disciples Mission Fund and directly to her ministry. **She will be speaking about her experiences during worship, at First Christian Church of Ames, on Sunday, June 3rd.** Please welcome her home from the mission field and come for the opportunity to hear her stories.



Anne Gregory serves as Co-Pastor of English-Language Ministries at Wattana Church, a historically Chinese-Presbyterian church in the 6th District of the Church of Christ in Thailand. She has served in this position for the last three years.





## 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:

- Give generously to the High School Scholarship Fund by designating your giving on Sundays.
- Give generously to the Pentecost Offering on Sundays, or [online](#).
- Attend the Church Family Picnic on April 29, in the Conference Room, and bring your ideas!
- Sign up to volunteer for the General Assembly in 2019.
- Sign up your kids for camp!
- **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 [ja-lott@isunet.net](mailto:ja-lott@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](mailto: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.**



## Ames Ecumenical VBS 2018

We are so excited for VBS 2018! We hope you are able to join us as a participant or even a volunteer. Our VBS is open to children who are going into a 4 year old Pre-K class in the fall all the way through any who are going into 6th grade. We offer nursery care for any children of volunteers who are under the age of 4. Volunteers are needed and can be going into 7th grade in the fall through adult.

Serving Nursery through 12th grade

<b>When</b>	6/18/18 – 6/21/18 9:00 am - Noon
<b>Where</b>	516 Kellogg Avenue Ames, IA 50010
<b>Contact</b>	Nicole Smith (515) 232-2750 <a href="#">E-mail</a>

**Register a Child**

**Volunteer**

Hosted by Ames First United Methodist Church, Ames First Christian Church, Ames United Church of Christ, and St. John's By the Campus.



## General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**July 20-24, 2019  
Des Moines, Iowa**

The Christian Church in the Upper Midwest is hosting the 2019 General Assembly! The Local Arrangements Committee is already seeking volunteers to help plan and carry out this fun and faith-filled event. There are lots of ways to be a part of it! Find a way to share your gifts by checking out the online sign up form:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/  
go/409094EAFAB2FAB9-local](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409094EAFAB2FAB9-local)



## Summer Camp 2018

It's cold and icy outside, and between scraping our cars and shoveling our sidewalks, summer seems so far away... But it's not! Summer's just around the corner, and it's time to register for



There are a lot of new things going on for Camp this year — a few new camps (there are descriptions of camps by the Coffee House bulletin board, and in the church office) and a NEW Camp store where campers can purchase shirts.

And the registration process couldn't be easier! **First Christian Church will pay for HALF the registration costs of each Camp participant, for one camp.**

You may register [ONLINE](#) and pay for YOUR portion of camp costs. Just make sure to designate FCC Ames as your church — and forward your confirmation email to [fccames@fccames.org](mailto:fccames@fccames.org), so we may know to pay for the rest. You can also fill out a paper application with the church office.

**Don't wait too long! Camp slots fill fast, and the early bird deadline is May 1st!**

—Liz Collazo,  
FCC Administrative Assistant

## Regional News

### ***Around the Region — Things We Do Together***

*For more info or to register for events:  
<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/regional-newsletter-dte>*

Below, @CCC =  
held at the Christian Conference Center

Apr 21 Regional Property Committee  
Apr 22 Regional Operations Council online  
Apr 27-29 Work Retreat at CCC  
May 5 Committee on Ministry  
May 11-12 CMEP Retreat  
May 20 Church Camp Season Begins!



**MAY 1ST IS THE LAST DAY FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!**

# Summer Camp 2018



## Christian Conference Center

## Summer Camp Sessions and Dates

### **Grand Camp** (Age 4 to grade 2 and grandparent)

Session 1: June 22-23

Session 2: July 13-14

Cost: \$50 per person

### **Senior Adult Retreat** (Ages 55+)

Session 1: July 1-3

Cost: \$110

### **Family Camp** (Kids 0-18 with an adult)

Session 1: June 8-10

Session 2: August 17-19

Cost: \$30 per person, \$120 max per family

### **Beginner Camp** (Grade 2)

Session 1: July 1-3

Cost: \$110

### **Junior Camp** (Grades 3-5)

Session 1: June 10-15

Session 2: June 24-29

Session 3: July 8-13

Session 4: August 5-10

Cost: \$220

### **Middle School Camps** (Grades 6-8)

Rustic Chi Rho 1: June 10-15

Rustic Chi Rho 2: June 17-22

Rustic Chi Rho 3: June 24-29

Rustic Chi Rho 4: July 8-13

Cabin Chi Rho: August 5-10

ADAM Camp: July 15-20

Adventure Camp: July 29-Aug 3

Cost for all middle school camps: \$220

### **High School Camps** (Grades 9-12)

CYF 1: June 17-22

CYF 2: July 22-27

ADAM Camp: July 15-20

Adventure Camp: July 29-Aug 3

Standing Rock Camp: June 9-16

Cost for all high school camps: \$220

### **Young Adult Mission Camp** (Ages 18-25)

May 20-25

Cost: \$220

Register through your church office or online at  
[www.uppermidwestcc.org](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org).

## Registration Opens February 1st!



5064 Lincoln Street  
Newton, Iowa 50208  
Phone: 641-792-1266  
Email: [christianconferencecenter@gmail.com](mailto:christianconferencecenter@gmail.com)  
[www.uppermidwestcc.org](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org)







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

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

## Stewardship Report

	February	March
Income:	\$17,183	N/A
Expenses:	24,000	N/A
Difference:	(6,817)	N/A
Disciples Mission Fund:	1,330	N/A
Easter Offering:		\$901

*Our deepest sympathies* to the family of **Marge Andrew**, who passed away in early March. Marge was a longtime member of our church who had moved away to North Carolina. To the family of **Evelyn Key**, who passed away on Tuesday, March 22nd. A memorial service will be held later this summer at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Ames. Memorial contributions can be made to the Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Ark. 72764. To the family of **Spencer Selby**, who passed away on Monday, April 2nd. Spencer was a well-loved volunteer with Food at First.

*In and Out of the Hospital:* Mark Love.

**The Pentecost Offering will be received on Sundays, May 20th and 27th.**

**FCC Family Church Picnic Mtg.**  
Sun, April 29, after worship  
Conference Room

### Vacations

**Sherri Khan and Liz Collazo**  
Will be on vacation from Fri.,  
May 11th, through Fri., May 18  
**Pastor Mary Jane**  
Will be on vacation from Wed.,  
May 23 through Wed., May 30.

**First Christian Church Cookout**  
Sunday, May 20th after worship  
On the South Lawn  
(Fellowship Hall if it rains!)



## Board Meeting

There will be a meeting of the General Board on  
Monday, May 14th, 2018

## Learning Time

Sunday, May 20th, will be the last day of  
Learning Time until Fall.



## Celebrating Our Ministry Partnerships

On Sunday, May 5th, we will be celebrating our ministry partnerships with Food at First, Good Neighbor, and ACCESS, during worship.

## FCC Singers & Wed. Night Church

Wednesday, May 16th will be the last FCC Singers' rehearsal and Wednesday Night Church.

## Don't forget Your Summer Pledge!

This summer, when you're away, the church still depends on your continued generosity.

**Summertime worship will begin on Sunday, June 6, at 9:30 AM!**

## News from the Pews

### *Congratulations*

to Nathan Schmitz, son of Doan Schmitz and Sue Schmitz, who is graduating from Ames High this May. He plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College this fall ½ time and continue working. Nathan enjoys Adult Learning Time on Sundays and attending worship when he is in town. He also enjoys helping with church related projects and Food at First.

**Nathan's family invites you to celebrate his achievement with him, on Saturday, May 5th, from 12—2 pm, in the Great Room on Second Floor.**



THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT THE MARRIAGE OF

Hannah & Hannah

*Monroe*

*Button-Harrison*

*River Road Unitarian Church*

*May*

*4:00 pm*

6301 River Road

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Dinner Reception to Follow

Bethesda, MD

2018

For more information, or to RSVP, contact

Pastor Mary Jane Button-Harrison by April 23rd.





# Easter Sunday Baptisms, April 1, 2018



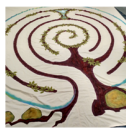


# Join us in Fellowship at FCC!



## 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 Every 2nd Thurs. of the month 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 meet-  
ing 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](mailto: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
<div>May 2018</div> 				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library CR = Conf. Room		
29 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship After worship – Church Family Picnic Mtg. (CR) *Dee Matthews *Jeff Sobotka	30 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH)	1	2 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Night Church 5:45 Dinner with FAF 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:50 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice	3 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)  *Corry Bertelsen *Sam Brown	4	5 9:30 – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First (FH) 12-2 pm, Nathan Schmitz Grad. Party (Great Rm.)
6 <b>Celebrating our Ministry Partnerships</b> 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship (CH)	7 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH) 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (CR)	8 6:30 pm Council of Ministries Mtg. (HUB) 7:15 pm Property Meeting (Library) *Marv Scott *Nathan Ewalt *Ray Lawson	9 12:15 Prayers (CH) <u>Wed. Night Church</u> 5:45 Dinner with FAF 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:50 Worship 7:15 Singers Practice *Jocelyn Digby	10 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) 7 pm Second Thursday at The Hub	11 <div>Liz Collazo on vacation May 11-18 Sherri Khan on vacation May 11-18</div>	12  *Mary Israel *Joseph Schwartz
13 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship	14 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH) 7:00 pm Board Mtg. (CH)	15	16 12:15 Prayers (CH) <u>Wed. Night Church</u> 5:45 Dinner with FAF 6:30 Spirit. Practices 6:50 Worship	17 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) 7:00 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting (HUB)	18	19
	*Vern Ryan		*Richard Deyo		*Nevan Schwartz	*Judith Koplin
20 <b>Pentecost Sunday – Offering Received</b> 9:15 am <b>LAST</b> Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by the Church Grill out on the South Lawn 12:45 pm Elder's Mtg. (CH) *Lester Thompson	21 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH) <b>Noon – The Call Deadline</b> *Kaiden Hale	22	23 12:15 Prayers (CH)	24 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) <div>Pastor Mary Jane on vacation May 23 through May 30</div>	25	26
27 <b>Pentecost Offering Received</b> 10:30 am Worship <b>(Last worship at 10:30 am. Next worship at 9:30 am.)</b>	28 10-11:30 am Ukuleleis Practice (CH) *Jackson Haley *Cynthia Ratliff	29	30 12:15 Prayers (CH)	31 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)  *Norma Hensley	1  *Jake Clark	2 9:30 – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First (FH)  *Sue Prins

## Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
<b>April 29</b>	Mel & Pat Popelka	Deb Sheetz	Stacey Maifeld
<b>May 6</b>	Mel & Pat Popelka	Deb Sheetz	Stacey Maifeld
<b>May 13</b>	Meg Knol-Digby and Sam Brown	Kay Scott	Shirley Malaby
<b>May 20</b>	Meg Knol-Digby and Sam Brown	Kay Scott	Shirley Malaby
<b>May 27</b>	Ron & Dee Matthews	Eileen Sambos	Eric Wiersen

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.

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