

# The Call

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# Ecumenical Worship




# IN JULY

**J**uly will soon be here, and with it the warmth of summer gatherings with friends and family, sharing in picnics, park outings, and as is our tradition here at Ames FCC, ecumenical worship.

For over 50 years, First Christian Church of Ames and Ames United Church of Christ, have sought to live out Jesus' prayer that 'they may be one' by worshipping together in each other's sanctuaries during the month of July.

The two congregations will worship together in our sanctuary at 611 Clark on the first two Sundays and

then at the UCC sanctuary at 6th & Kellogg on the second two Sundays. There will also be a joint choir which will practice at 8:45 am before worship, at the respective sanctuaries.

On the last Sunday in July, we will worship together along with First Baptist Church, at Brookside Park — the Hickory shelter which is by the fire truck.

There is nothing better than to worship with friends, and to love one another as God has loved us.

—Liz Collazo  
FCC Administrative Assistant



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# Worship Schedule



**Title: 1 John**      **Location**

<b>June 24</b>	<b>1 John 1:1-4</b>	<b>At FCC</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>1 John 1:5-2:2</b>	<b>At FCC</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>1 John 4:1-6</b>	<b>At FCC</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>1 John 4:7-21</b>	<b>At Ames United Church of Christ</b>

**Title: Ruth**      **Location**

<b>July 22</b>	<b>Ruth 1:1-22</b>	<b>At Ames United Church of Christ</b>
<b>July 29</b>	<b>Ruth 2:1-23</b>	<b>At Brookside Park</b>
<b>August 5</b>	<b>Ruth 3:1-18</b>	<b>At FCC</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Ruth 4:1-22</b>	<b>At FCC</b>

**Title: Stewardship  
Generosity**      **Location**

<b>August 19</b>	<b>Matthew 6:19-34</b>	<b>Worship at 10:30 am</b>
<b>August 26</b>	<b>Mark 10:17-31</b>	
<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>Luke 12:13-34</b>	
<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>Kickoff Sunday: Learning Time begins at 9:15 am, and Sunday Sundaes after church</b>	

Disciples Leaders Invite You to Join Them in a Statement Against Separating Migrant Children from their Parents.

## Family Separations: A word to the Church

*“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:1-2, NRSV)”*

Dear Church,

Over the past several weeks, new policies for the implementation of immigration laws have resulted in family detention and the separation of thousands of children from their parents across the United States. We, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), have proclaimed ourselves to be a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church, which extends welcome to all people, recognizing that every person is created in the image of God. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are commanded to “love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8). When we start with love, we will understand that when laws dehumanize and discriminate, we are faithful in opposing such laws, and we are faithful in using our voice and our vote to call for love.

We condemn, therefore, the policy and practice of separating children from families and criminally prosecuting all persons who enter the United States without previous authorization. We denounce actions that degrade our neighbors and treat as criminals those who seek freedom and safety.

The practice, especially as implemented by the current administration through “zero tolerance”

policies, is cruel and does violence to the most vulnerable—families who have fled their homes seeking safety in an unfamiliar land, only to have their children taken away from them. This violence is unnecessarily punitive. The stated intent of using family separation as a deterrent effectively weaponizes children against their parents and causes lasting emotional, psychological, physical, and spiritual harm. Jesus had strong words for those who did harm to children, whom he welcomed to himself: “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.” (Matthew 18:6, NRSV)

For decades, we have supported, through congregational and denominational action, the rights and dignity of immigrants and those seeking asylum, remembering that according to the gospel of Matthew, Jesus and his parents were forced to flee for safety, and remembering with gratitude that Egypt did not separate our savior from his parents. From our origins, Disciples have exhibited as a primary mission commitment the extension of compassion and care to orphans, children, widows and families in need. Most recently, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) convened in July, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN, affirmed Sense-of-the-Assembly resolution GA1723, which encouraged the church to “deepen its commitment to building unity and integration among all our Disciples congregations by issuing a call to congregations to become ‘immigrant welcoming congregations;’” support immigrant families “when facing and experiencing separation;” and “develop community protection and response models for families facing separation due to detention or deportation.”

In this crucial moment, we must put our faith into action, responding to the cries of our neighbors. Foremost must be advocacy to put an end to the policies that lead to family separation. Here are some things you can do right now:

- Learn about how current policies are affecting our immigrant neighbors, and connect with immigrant communities in your area. Call and

visit your elected representatives to oppose policies of family separation and support legislation that will keep families together. (Information and resources are available through [Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries](#) and [Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel](#))

- [Add your signature to this letter](#) to show your support. Invite members of your congregation to sign on, too.
- Continue to pray, learn, and speak out! [Donate to Week of Compassion](#) with the designation “*Keep Families and Children Together.*” These children and families are deserving of human dignity and love. Let’s stand together as followers of Christ to live out Jesus’ commandment to love.

With the love of Christ,

Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and  
President, Indianapolis, IN



Join us for worship in the Park!  
Sunday, July 29, at 9:30 am  
Brookside Park, Hickory Shelter  
By the fire truck

## UCC and Disciples leaders on North Korea: Peace is a process

Posted on June 14, 2018 at 9:27 am.

*Leaders of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) issued this statement following the summit meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un which resulted in an understanding that Pyongyang would work toward denuclearization and the United States would end joint military exercises with South Korea.*

***“He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” Isaiah 2:4***

**T**he United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have long worked and prayed for peace alongside our Global Ministries partners, the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCKK). After 70 years of separation and conflict, we are heartened by the Singapore Summit held between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Un as a first

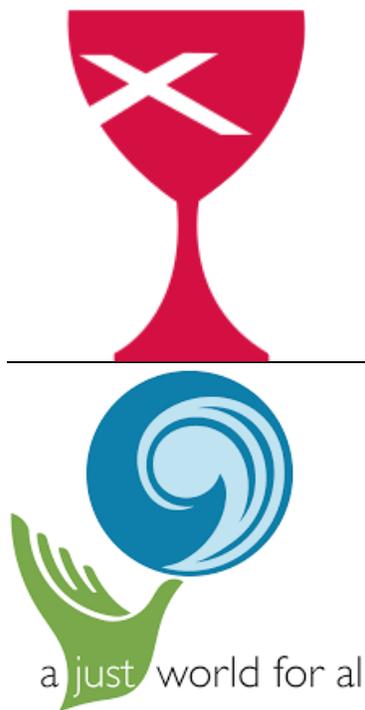
step toward peace. We echo the hope expressed by these leaders for a “lasting and robust peace regime on the Korean Peninsula” and call on our policymakers to take concrete actions to make this hope a reality.

Even as people of hope, we know that peace is not assured. Peace must be pursued (1 Peter 3:11) and built like a hammer fashioning a plow from the sword (Isaiah 2:4). Both sides will need to make sacrifices and take risks for peace. We believe that greater substance, assurances, and verification will be needed, but we are encouraged by the U.S.’ agreement to

halt military exercises and North Korea’s willingness to recover and repatriate U.S. service member remains, along with actions taken before the summit to halt missile and nuclear tests and release detainees. All of these actions are steps taken in good faith toward normalization of relations and, most importantly, steps that can lead to forgiveness, reconciliation, and trust which are necessary for peace to be achieved and sustained.

Over the months and years ahead, there will be challenges that will test the resolve of both sides. Our leaders must respond to such challenges and set-backs by redoubling commitments to

peace rather than reverting to threats of war. This effort must ultimately aspire to the full reunification of the Korean people, the replacement of the armistice treaty with a peace treaty, and the full denuclearization of the peninsula which is critical to building regional cooperation and peace. The road will be long, but we believe that a long hoped-for peace on the Korean peninsula is possible. We assert that it is better to take risks for peace, even when outcomes are not assured, than perpetuate a status quo that edges us toward war. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ are committed to fostering wholeness in a frag-



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mented world and to building a just and peaceful world for all. As such, we declare our shared hope that the Singapore Summit may one day achieve its aspirational goal of reconciliation and a just peace in Korea, and affirm together our commitment to making such aspirations for peace a reality.

**Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer**  
*General Minister and President  
United Church of Christ*

**Rev. Dr. James Moos**  
*Executive Minister, Wider Church Ministries  
Co-Executive Global Ministries  
United Church of Christ*

**Rev. Traci Blackmon**  
*Executive Minister  
Justice and Local Church Ministries  
United Church of Christ*

**Rev. Teresa Hord Owens**  
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**Rev. Julia Brown Karimu**  
*President, Division of Overseas Ministries  
Co-Executive Global Ministries  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

**Rev. Sotello Long**  
*President, Disciples Home Missions  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

# Disciples Coffee Project



**E**qual Exchange started with an idea: what if food could be traded in a way that is honest and fair, a way that empowers both farmers and consumers? Three decades later, Equal Exchange continues to work toward building a different kind of food system. We are invited to play a part in these efforts through the Disciples of Christ Fair Trade Project! Started in 2008, the project is a collaboration between Equal Exchange, Disciples Home Missions and Week of Compassion to involve more Disciples in supporting small farmers around the world.

Equal Exchange helps small farmers earn a sustainable income through fairly traded coffee, teas, chocolate and other food products. For each pound of fairly traded items Disciples purchase through the Fair Trade Project, 15 cents per pound goes to the Project's Small Farmer Fund. According to the Equal Exchange website, that fund amounted to \$1168.82 in 2017 alone!

Visit the Equal Exchange website here: <http://shop.equalexchange.coop/> to see the coffees, teas and others products available to order. Chocolate ordering is on hold until the cooler months return.

Every few months we place a group order from FCC for anyone that would like to order. If you would like to order something, contact Stacey Maifeld by **Friday, July 6** at [staceymaifeld@gmail.com](mailto:staceymaifeld@gmail.com) or [515.520.9844](tel:515.520.9844).

(To see the discount pricing we get for wholesale orders, you will either need to create a free login on the Equal Exchange website or Stacey can check on it for you).

# AMOS ECONOMIC SUMMIT In Review

On Saturday, June 2nd over 130 AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) leaders from throughout its 36 member institutions in Ames, Ankeny, Des Moines and Norwalk came together for the afternoon-long AMOS Economic Summit & Assembly with Public Officials and Candidates. There was even a bus-full from Ames! While there were many competing events that day, three FCC leaders were in attendance – Pastor Mary Jane, Tim Button-Harrison, and Jason Paull. The afternoon was broken into three key sessions – the Opening Session, House Meeting Conversations, and the Closing Session.

During the Opening Session, the conversation was framed and focused on having an adult conversation about taxes, and having reflections on what our faith traditions have to say about taxes and the economy. The highlight of the Opening Session was the twenty minute presentation “A Grown-Up Conversation on Taxes”, given by two AMOS leaders from the Tax Research Team. This presentation was exceedingly informative and insightful, showing a very high-level overview of “who pays, who benefits”. This presentation will be available soon, both as the slide deck and as the recorded presentation.

Next, the attendees of the Sum-

mit participated in one of the foundational activities of AMOS/IAF organizing – House Meeting conversations. The House Meetings were framed by a single question – *Think about your family, neighborhood, and community. For what is it worth paying – and even raising – your own taxes?* From these small gatherings of 7-9 people, hundreds of responses flowed forth that people would be willing to pay/increase their taxes for – mental health care, universal/single payer healthcare, food security, repairing/remediating neighborhood blight, fully funding our educational institutions, and fighting hunger and homelessness (amongst many others). Conspicuously absent from the responses were

things like “tax breaks for large corporations” and “privatization of Medicaid” – places where our tax dollars currently go. Our institutions care about our neighbors, our neighborhoods, and the least amongst us.

Finally, the Closing Session brought the learning and house meetings of the day together. An accountability session – which is different from political forums or debates in that AMOS asks for a public commitment from candidates or elected officials to support the agenda of our work – was held with the City Managers of Des Moines and Norwalk, and three Democratic gubernatorial candidates – Cathy Glasson, John Norris, and Ross Willburn. AMOS obtained several key commitments from officials that day. Mr. Scott Sanders, Des Moines’ City Manager, committed to meet and work with AMOS to incorporate language and goals from the AMOS agenda into a forthcoming ballot initiative for a local option sales tax in Polk County (one of the few remaining places in the state without one). Mr. Luke Nelson, City Manager of Norwalk, committed to working with AMOS leaders there toward the establishment of a Warren County Housing Trust Fund (a successful action of AMOS in Story County in 2017). Finally, all three gubernatorial candidates committed (if elected) to work on the establishment of sustainable funding for





# 10 Ways to Know What's Happening at FCC

- The Call Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month
- Weekly News Update – an email sent every Thursday
- Worship Bulletin Inserts – every Sunday
- Prayers of the People – an email sent as needed
- Video Slides before Sunday worship – every Sunday
- Announcements during Sunday worship – every Sunday
- Bulletin boards in the church - ongoing
- Word of mouth - ongoing
- Facebook – First Christian Church (Disciples) Ames
- Website - [www.fccames.org](http://www.fccames.org)

To receive a hardcopy newsletter, please contact the church office. To receive newsletter, news updates and prayers via email **please sign up by clicking on an icon.**

Weekly  
News Update



Prayers  
Of  
The  
People



## 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)

Grocery Distributions: Monday and Thursday at 4:45 pm and Saturday at 10:00 am. Sign Up to Volunteer at <http://bit.ly/1tG7Xb2>

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

## Featured Member: *Wanda Button*

In November 2007, Wanda Button moved to Ames with her husband, Glendon, and became part of Ames FCC.

They previously lived in Conrad for 45 years where Glendon worked as a family physician, and they raised five children, four who now live in Ames (Cosette, Tim, David, and Susanne) and one who lives in Orlando, Florida (Karin). In 2015 Glendon died after a number of years with dementia. Wanda and Glendon were married over 59 years.

Wanda was born in Twin Falls, Idaho in 1931, where her father served as a Church of the Brethren minister. In 1933 her father received a call and moved the family to Wenatchee, Washington, and in 1940 another call and moved to Chicago, Illinois. Wanda graduated from John Marshall High School in Chicago in 1949 and then went to a Brethren college in North Manchester, Indiana, where she majored in religion and philosophy, graduating in 1953. Wanda then entered Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) and was sent to Germany for two years where she met Glendon, who was also in

BVS. She worked with the International Youth Exchange program. Upon their return to the states in 1955, they lived in McPherson, KS where Wanda taught school while Glendon finished college. In 1956 they were married and moved to Iowa City where Wanda continued to teach school and Glendon began medical school. After a medical residency in Cedar Rapids and first practice in Kingsley, Iowa, in 1963, Glendon and Wanda moved to Conrad with three children.

In 1964 they adopted two children from Korea.

Wanda has an expansive view of family and home. In addition to raising five children, she took in many others including her nephew Scott, Rachel from Carrollton, Mississippi, Ruthie and Rosemary from Chicago, Jeff from Adel (who would become a son-in-law), Joe from Kenya, Seumus from Ireland, Linda and daughter, Sabrina, who needed a home. One summer while her parents were visiting, Wanda's father looked around the dinner table and remarked that Wanda might as well be running the United Nations! This continued in Ames as Wanda



Wanda Button, and granddaughter, Hannah Button-Harrison

took into her home Imrete and Burim Perquka from Kosovo, Odongi Odihak from Sudan, Esther Mukete from Namibia... and her youngest daughter, Susanne, is now living with her.

During the Conrad years, Wanda served on a number of community boards including the Conrad Public Library and Oakview Nursing Home where she helped in the development of new facilities and programs. Wanda also served the Church of the Brethren denomination in multiple ways: as Brethren representative to the World Council of Churches meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in 1975, member of the denomination's national board for eight years and chair of the World Ministries Commission for four years. She also chaired several denominational study committees elected to address important church concerns (Biblical Inspiration and Authority 1979, Congregational Structure 2000). Wanda has also been active on the district level of the church, serving many years on the District Board and as representative to Iowa ecumenical organizations, also as District Moderator in 2000.

One of Glendon and Wanda's projects was taking each of their grandchildren on a significant education trip. These included Germany with Ben, England with Greg, Italy with Levi and Sam, China with Hannah and Nick, Hawaii with Megan, several countries in Central America with Rachel.

Moving to Ames has been very satisfying and stimulating for Wanda. She has developed many meaningful friendships through book studies, adult learning classes, the church, and volunteering weekly at the Israel Family Hospice House.

—Tim Button-Harrison (Wanda's son)

**Remember Your Pledge!**  
FCC keeps on going  
throughout the summer,  
so please keep your pledges  
going, too.  
-The Stewardship Team



## 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:**

- Remember the Church with your pledge during summertime.
- Help collect shoes for the Waukee Christian Church Shoe drive. Contact Gwen Mitzel, at 292-3385.
- Join us in Ecumenical worship, with Ames United Church of Christ and First Baptist Church, during the month of July.
- Sign up for Vacation Bible School.
- **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](mailto: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](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.**

## Disciples Women Heartland Interregional Conference

Disciples Women of the Heartland will explore how we are Called, Connected, and Charged for Christ at the Heartland Interregional Conference June 22-24, at Culver Stockton College, Canton, Missouri.

This event will include mission opportunity, inspirational worship, empowering Bible Study, workshops, and leadership training.

Preachers for the event include Terri Horde Owens, Dietra Wise Baker, and Lori Tapia. Speakers include Pat Donahoo and Chesla Nickelson.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).



### ***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

**June 22-24** Heartland Interregional Disciples Women Leadership 2018

**June 24** Regional Operations Council online

**July 22** Regional Operations Council online

**Aug 9-19** Iowa State Fair Hymn Sing

**Aug 13-16** CCC Office Closed

**Aug 24-25** All Congregational Gathering

**Aug 26** Regional Operations Council online

**Sept 28-30** CCUM Fall Women's Retreat

**Sept 29** Regional Property Committee @ CCC

**Sept 29** Regional Committee on Ministry

# Shoe Drive

Stepping Up our Ministry

**Deadline — Sunday, June 24**

**Waukee Christian Church**

**Shoe Drive!** Again this year Waukee Christian Church will be collecting shoes to send overseas to developing nations. Remember, this mission reduces waste in our nation's landfill while also helping people become financially stable and self-supporting. This year, with your help, we hope to break our record of 7200 pairs of shoes! What a difference this makes in the lives of people who have far less than we have been blessed with.

Clean your closets... tell your neighbors... hang a poster... set out a box... do whatever you can to help out. Please recruit your neighbors and the businesses you patronize.

We will accept ANY size and ANY style. All that is required is that there is a sole and a mate. It would be helpful to have shoelaces tied together or rubber bands around each pair, but if you can't do that, don't worry -we can do that. This is a great way to be in ministry.

**May God bless our efforts!**

(There are shoe donation boxes around the church. Contact Gwen Mitzel, at 292-3385)





## All Congregational Gathering

**Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018  
Christian Conference Center,  
Newton, IA**

Come to **worship** as one body of faith! Come to **learn** in a variety of optional workshops! Come to **share** great ministries that your church is doing! Come to **be inspired** by new relationships, worship, and other ministries! Come to **play**!

## When Words Fade, Music Speaks

**CCUM Fall Women's Retreat  
September 28-30, 2018**  
Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds  
Paynesville, MN

### Keynote Speaker:

Mary Lenard, Giving Voice Chorus

### Chaplain:

Rev. Tammy Rottschaefter, Lake Harriett  
Christian Church

Music connects us in so many ways—to our history, our memories, our loved ones, to each other. Join us as we make a joyful noise—break forth into joyous song and sign praises.



Watch for registration information Summer 2018. Invite a friend! Scholarships available.

Interested in helping?

Have a gift to share?

Contact Retreat Coordinators:

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Terry Jones [terrij@ilcresources.com](mailto:terrij@ilcresources.com)

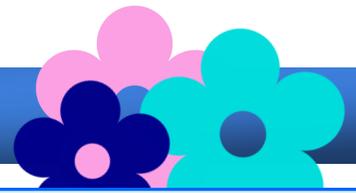


**General Assembly  
of the Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**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)



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

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

## Stewardship Report

No updated information available as of print.

Income:		
Expenses:		
Difference:		
Disciples Mission Fund:		
Pentecost Offering:		\$394.00

### *In and Out of the Hospital:*

Kaiden Hale, Dorothy Hayes

### *Our Deep Sympathies:*

Our deepest sympathies are with the family of Jim Gaunt, spouse of Cynthia Gaunt, who passed away on Saturday, June 9th; and with the family of Leahla Wierson, spouse of Matthew Wierson, who passed away on Monday, June 4th. May God's love and comfort be with them.

**The Church Family Picnic is postponed until further notice.**

**The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.**

### **July Ecumenical Worship:**

**Sundays, July 1 & 8**

Worship will be at  
First Christian Church

**Sundays, July 15 & 22**

Worship will be at

Ames United Church of Christ

**Sunday, July 29**

Worship will be at  
Brookside Park, Hickory  
Shelter

(by the fire truck)



## A Celebration of Life for Olene Dowell



Olene Dowell

**Saturday, June 30**  
**First Christian**  
**Church, Ames, Iowa**

**1:00 pm** - Visitation with  
the family in the Sanctuary

**2:00 pm** - Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

**Following the Service –**

Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

**4:00 pm** – Committal Service at  
Ames Municipal Cemetery



Roy & Evelyn Key

## Remembering the Life of Evelyn Key

**Monday, July 16,**  
**First Christian**  
**Church, Ames, IA**

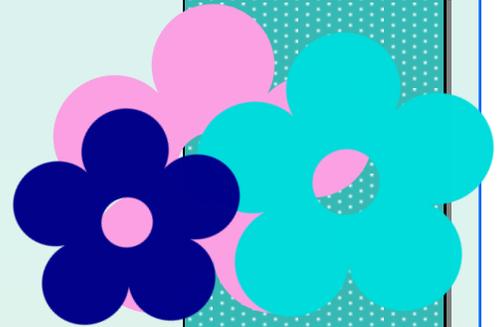
**10 am** - Visitation in the Coffee House

**11:30 am** - Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

**Following the Service -**

Lunch in the Great Room, 2nd Floor

# Thank You!



The Gaunt Family extends their thanks and love and great appreciation to all the FCC friends and family members who offered prayers, food, lawnmowing and yard work, house cleaning, child care, words of condolence, cards, visits, phone calling, offers to help with anything at all, and especially the hugs! You helped to carry us through the week and we will always hold all of you in our hearts as well. Jim is sorely missed but I feel he is still present guiding us all into the future, one day at a time.

Thanks. From Cynthia, Sarah, Rich and Brittney Gaunt

Thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my 25th Ordination Anniversary! Thank you for the cards, the prayers, the heart-felt expressions, and for the donations to FCC ministry partners in celebration of this milestone. Together we raised \$1,125 for Food at First and \$1,430 for Good Neighbor. Your generosity is a testimony to your deep faith and gratitude which blesses so many!

Pastor Mary Jane

A warm THANK YOU to everyone who attended our daughter, Hannah, and Hannah Monroe's Wedding Reception on Saturday, June 9th. We are especially thankful to Marge Hartman, Shirley Malaby, and Dawn Heaberlin for coordinating the event, plus all those who helped set up, prepare food, and make the room inviting and beautiful. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance to share the joy of their union. Also thank you to those who gave them gifts, including financial gifts for their upcoming honeymoon backpacking in South America.

—Mary Jane and Tim Button-Harrison

## Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: orange;">July 2018</h1> 				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library CR = Conf. Room		
1 8:45 am Combined Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Ecumenical Worship at FCC followed by Coffee Fellowship *Morgan LeCount	2 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting (CR)	3	4 <b>Fourth of July Office Closed</b>	5 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	6	7 9:30 – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First (FH)
8 8:45 am Combined Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Ecumenical Worship at FCC followed by Coffee Fellowship	9 11:30 am Communications Team Meeting (LIB) *Lillian Lawson	10 7:15 pm Property Meeting (Library)	11 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF *Everett Wierson	12 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)  *Mark Schroeder	13	14
15 8:45 am Combined Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Ecumenical Worship at UCC followed by Coffee 10:45 am Fellowship Elder's Mtg. (CH)	16 <b>Evelyn Key Celebration of Life</b> 10 am Visitation (CH) 11:30 am Memorial Service (Sanctuary) followed by lunch in the Great Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Noon – The Call Deadline</b> <span style="color: blue;">Sherri Khan on vacation</span>	17  *Linda Anderson	18 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF 7 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting (HUB)	19 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)  *Margie Nickum *Maleigha Hale	20	21  *Gloria Carpenter
*Karen LeCount	*Mel Popelka		*Wanda Button			
22 8:45 am Combined Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Ecumenical Worship at FCC followed by Coffee Fellowship	23  <span style="color: green;">Pastor Mary Jane on vacation</span>	24  *Victoria Brenden	25  12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF	26 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship at Brookside Park (Hickory Shelter, by the fire engine)	30  *Del Woodard	31  *Marge Hartman	1 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF	2 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	3	4

### Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
<b>July 1</b>	Meg Knol-Digby	Eileen Sambos	Deb Lewis
<b>July 8</b>	Meg Knol-Digby	Eileen Sambos	Deb Lewis
<b>July 15</b>	Worship at Ames United Church of Christ		
<b>July 22</b>	Worship at Ames United Church of Christ		
<b>July 29</b>	Worship at Brookside Park		

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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