

The Listening Way....

The Call

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World Café: The Listening Way

Sunday, March 24th, in the Great Room following worship

Do you ever get the sense that you aren't being listened to in a conversation? Or do you have trouble turning off the "monkey-chatter" in your mind to hear what someone – or maybe even God – is telling you? Or have you experienced the joy of truly having been heard? We have all been there, haven't we?!

You – all members and friends of FCC – are invited by the Elders to explore our Lenten theme in a World Café on Sunday, March 24th, immediately following worship in the Great Room (2nd floor). We will learn more about and practice **The Listening Way** together, with intentionality and fun! Light refreshments will be provided, and we will be finished by 1 pm.

What is a World Café? It is a lively, interactive approach to a theme. Gathered with others around tables, we are guided in the topic through learning and sharing. We have great fun as we listen to others, are heard and build connections.

Come experience **The Listening Way** as together we learn, share, ponder and laugh! We also anticipate that our time together will spark ongoing conversations!

—Deb Lewis (Chair), Cynthia Gaunt,
Vern Hawkins, Amy Kuehl,
John Lott, Larry Mesenbrink,
Gwen Mitzel and Pastor Mary Jane

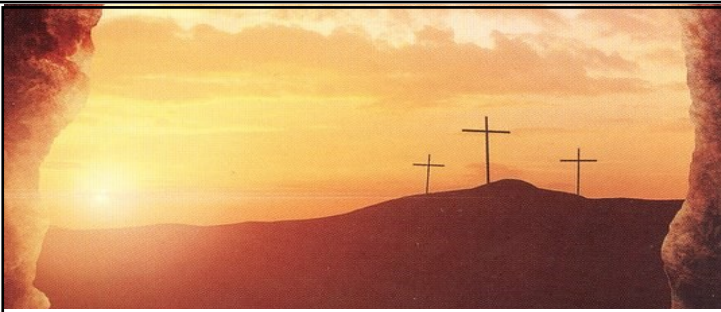
Worship & Learning Scriptures

Lent Worship

March 24	Open Mind Wedding Banquet	Matt. 22:1-14
March 31	Open Heart Bridesmaids	Matt. 25:1-13
April 7	Open Will Last Judgment	Matt. 25:31-46
April 14	PALM SUNDAY Triumphal Entry	Matt. 21:1-17
April 18	MAUNDY THURSDAY Words of Institution	Matt. 26:17-30
April 19	GOOD FRIDAY Crucifixion	Matt. 27:27-61

EASTER WORSHIP

April 21	EASTER	Matt. 28:1-10
April 28	Great Commission	Matt. 28:16-20



Prayer Vigil Sign-Up

For many decades, FCC has offered a Prayer Vigil as a time of prayer, quietness and peace on the journey from Good Friday to Easter. In vigil, we stand watch from the darkness of the crucifixion of Jesus on Friday to the joyous shout of "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" at the empty tomb on Easter morning. This year's Prayer Vigil will begin at 1 pm on Friday, April 19th and continue until 6 am on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

The FCC Coffeehouse will be set up with two "prayer stations". The space will be transformed in a way that promotes prayer, reflection and anticipation of Easter. Bibles, prayer guides and books, a prayer path, art supplies, writing materials, a prayer board, children's materials and more will be on hand to encourage your prayer and meditation in whatever way you find most helpful. However, you may also choose to pray from home.

For signing up, half-hour slots are available, and multiple time-slots may be selected. Signups may be made [online](#) or there will be a signup board at the back of the FCC Sanctuary, by the Welcome table. Please indicate your choice of FCC or home when you sign up. Someone will be stationed at FCC's entry door both nights for those who choose to pray at FCC during those times after dark.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask any of the Elders or contact Deb Lewis, Chair of the Elders, at deb.q.lewis@gmail.com or 515-290-6736.

—Deb Lewis, Elder Chair

Holy Week Observances

ECUMENICAL MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 7PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"MAUNDY" COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD "MANDATUM," WHICH MEANS "COMMANDMENT." ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, WE HONOR JESUS' COMMANDMENT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE LOVES US, AND TO REMEMBER JESUS' LAST SUPPER ON THE NIGHT BEFORE HE WAS CRUCIFIED.

GRIEF OF GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 7PM—
AMES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE STORY OF GOOD FRIDAY IS SO HORRIBLE, SO SORROWFUL, THAT MANY (MOST?) OF US SKIP IT, LOOKING THE OTHER WAY UNTIL EASTER'S SUNRISE. THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO TAP INTO THE SORROW AS IT CONNECTS TO THE SORROW IN OUR OWN LIVES VIA MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS. OURS IS NOT A GOD THAT WANTS SUFFERING BUT ONE WHO KNOWS IT INTIMATELY YET STILL OFFERS HOPE. CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED.

ECUMENICAL EARLY EASTER SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 7AM
AMES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GREET THE EMPTY TOMB ON EASTER MORNING AT AMES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ALONG WITH FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES) - AMES AND AMES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. PLEASE COME!

EASTER SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 10:30 AM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY, AT 10:30 AM, AS WE REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS. HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!



Received on Sundays,
April 14 & 21, 2019

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." –

John 15:5 NRSV

The Easter offering, received on April 14 and 21, will be a bit different this year. We will be utilizing this special offering as a vehicle for giving to the general manifestation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As our approved budget did not include any contributions to the general or regional church (only local outreach ministries), the Trustees recommended and the church Board approved that the unexpected profit from 2018 be given directly to the general church.

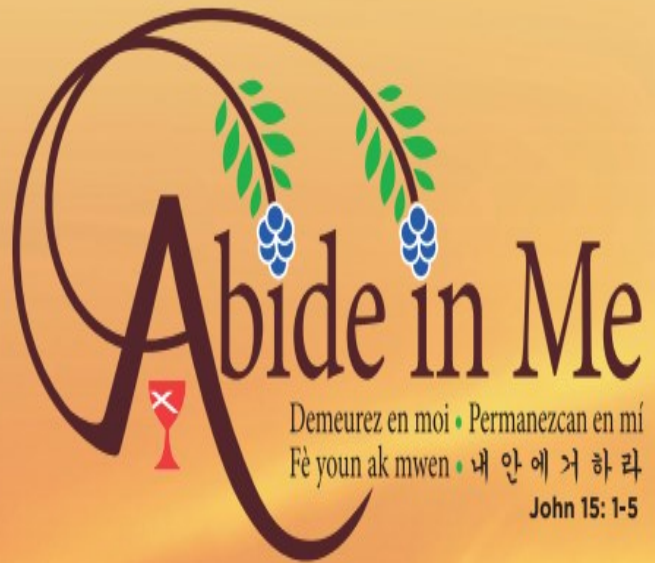
This means that \$7,500 will be given from the FCC profit in our Easter offering. Last year members of our congregation gave \$901 in this special offering. Wouldn't it be wonderful to make this year's offering 10 times that amount or \$9,010?

The Easter offering supports the general ministries of the larger church including Disciples Home Missions; the National Benevolent Association and other critical services to local congregations like ours. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to this year's Easter offering.

[Please give generously to this year's Easter Offering.](#)

Easter Offering

April 14 & 21, 2019



Your gifts to the Easter offering
can transform our shared work.
Find more stories from our general
ministries and make a gift online at
disciplesmissionfund.org.



News from the FCC Library

As the new Church Librarian, I wanted to provide an update to members of the congregation, both to share my thoughts about future directions for the library, and to let you know of a few projects that are currently underway.

First of all, FCC is fortunate to have an excellent library that has been well cared-for through the years. This fact alone made me happy to assume this new responsibility. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Gaunt family, in particular, who have been the most recent stewards of the collection. Thanks to their hard work, we have a good assortment of books, including many newer titles, most of which are cataloged, classified with Dewey Decimal numbers, and searchable via the library computer.

Building on this solid foundation, here are my top five priorities for the library:

1. Inventory the current collection and get it back in a usable working order through the re-labeling of books and shelves. (Most of the existing book labels have grown faded and unreadable, and the shelf arrangement could be more user-friendly.)
2. Restore access to the online catalog (via the library computer) and explore ways to make

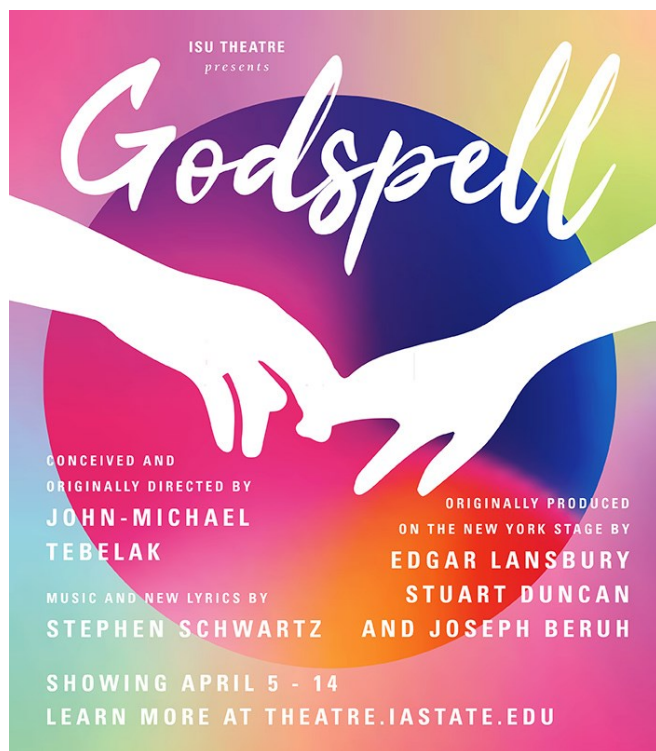
the catalog available from remote locations as well.

3. Catch-up on purchasing new items for the collection, concentrating on books that have been published in the last few years.
4. Plan for more regular promotion of library resources, especially new items.
5. Review the relationship between the library and church archives/local history collections.

I have already begun the inventory and re-labeling project, which is likely to require 3-4 weeks, and will be somewhat disruptive. If you glance in the library, you'll notice that a growing number of books have work-slips tucked into them, and may be stacked or tipped on their sides. If you would like help finding or borrowing a book during the next few weeks, please contact me directly and I will be most happy to assist! (See contact information below.) There's no reason the library can't be used during this time period—the books will still be in (relatively) good order by Dewey Decimal number, but I suspect I'll be able to locate an item more quickly than you can.

If you have questions about this current project, or comments/suggestions about the library in general, let me hear from you! I look forward to working with you in this capacity.

—David Gregory
 Mobile: 515-708-9004
dgregory@iastate.edu



You are invited to join the FCC Youth Group for a special presentation of *Godspell* by the ISU Theater, on Sunday, April 7th, at 2 PM at discounted ticket prices.

Adults (\$22.40 per ticket)
Youth Group Members (Free)
Other Youth Under 18 (\$14.50)

ALL the Congregation is invited to attend.

First Christian Church will pay for Youth Group Member tickets.

Click the button below to RSVP today!
RSVP no later than
Monday, April 1st, at NOON.

[CLICK TO RSVP](#)



DARUL ARQUM ISLAMIC CENTER PRESENTS:

MUSLIM DAY IN AMES

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

COME LEARN ABOUT ISLAM, MEET MUSLIMS LIVING IN THE AMES COMMUNITY, AND ENJOY FREE ACTIVITIES!
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

HENNA | CALLIGRAPHY | FOOD | FUN

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH
11 AM - 4 PM

- IOWA FARM BUREAU PAVILION -
2143 OSBORN DRIVE, AMES, IA

WWW.ARQUM.ORG // PH: 515-292-3683

10 Ways to Know What's Happening at FCC

- The Call Newsletter – 3rd 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

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



The
Call



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.

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

Mar. 31	Regional Operations Council Online
Apr. 6	Property Committee Meeting
Apr. 28	Regional Operations Council Online
May 3-4	Regional Committee on Ministry



Extra Housing Needed!

The Good News is that so many are planning on attending the General Assembly that we have run out of hotel space.

NOTE: 3 more hotels will be added to the registration process this week. However, the wider church has asked if we can help provide other housing to make sure that there is enough room and other options to make sure that everyone who wants to attend can find affordable housing.

I'm asking that if you or your members have space in your homes OR if the church building might be available for groups that you take time to fill out this housing form.

<https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/general-assembly-lodging>

This is just another way I hope the Disciples in the Upper Midwest can model to the rest of the church how to make room at the table. Thank you again and please share in your newsletters and with your friends and members.

Bill Spangler-Dunning
Regional Minister and President

Calling all Upper Midwest Disciples!

We want to astound the General Church with an overwhelming presence of Disciples from the Upper Midwest. The Local Arrangements Committee is hosting a friendly competition to see which of the Upper Midwest churches can bring the most members to General Assembly 2019. The competition will be based on the ratio of attendees to members, so small churches and large can compete alike!

The winning congregation will get to celebrate with a guest preacher and fellowship dinner hosted by the Christian Conference Center!!

Some things to keep in mind as you plan to attend:

- Worship is free to attend each evening regardless of registration, but there are many fantastic activities and events that are included with registration.
- Sunday, July 21, 2019 will be Upper Midwest Day at Assembly. We will be hosting a gathering of disciples from across our Region on this day and hope to connect with each other and celebrate our Region in a very visible presence.
- Volunteers get a discounted rate for Assembly—there are lots of opportunities, big and small. Sign up today and then register with the discount!
- Don't let lodging costs keep you from coming! We will be working to offer Disciples hosts in the Des Moines area for those who are interested.



The Upper Midwest abounds in creative and talented individuals. We are blessed and through the work of the Local Missions Committee for General Assembly, we have an opportunity to share that blessing!

Volunteers will be needed throughout the 2019 General Assembly to help host the blanket and lap robe making. It would be best if our volunteers are able to do one of the following tasks: crochet, knit, or make fleece blankets.

If you can share your blessing, sign-up for a shift at the Upper Midwest General Assembly Volunteer Page:

<https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/general-assembly-2019>

YARN NEEDED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Some fantastic mission opportunities are in the works for GA2019! One of these great opportunities will be blanket and lap robe making for nursing homes, for DHS children removed from their homes, and for Child Saving Institute in Omaha. Volunteers will be knitting, crocheting, and making tie fleece blankets.

Your help is needed to ensure this mission's success!

The following donations are needed:

- Size 13 Knitting Needles
- Size N Crochet Hooks
- 4 Ply Yarn
- Fleece (1 3/4 yards by at least 42 inches wide)
- Monetary Donations (to purchase supplies not previously donated)

You can donate from your yarn-stash or hold a church-wide yarn drive.

If you are able to provide any donations, please let JoAnn Thomas know (revthomasga77@gmail.com or 712-262-2945).



Join us in Des Moines for the 2019 All REGIONAL Congregational Gathering!

This year's event will be an opportunity for us to enjoy each other as Disciples Together and as well as celebrate the ministry of Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning as he completes his time as Regional Minister with us.

**Plan to be in Des Moines on
Sunday, July 21, 2019
4 p.m.—6 p.m.**

Building an Inclusive Church Toolkit

When: Saturday, March 30, 2019
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Workshop 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Capitol Hill Lutheran Church
511 Des Moines St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Hosted by: Downtown Disciples
Des Moines

Cost: \$30 includes materials and lunch

Register at
<http://contribute.disciplesallianceq.org/>
Questions? mark@disciplesallianceq.org

Using the Building an Inclusive Church Toolkit, this workshop will provide the tools that empower congregations to create a grace filled, respectful process towards becoming Open & Affirming, a process uniquely designed for each congregation's specific needs.

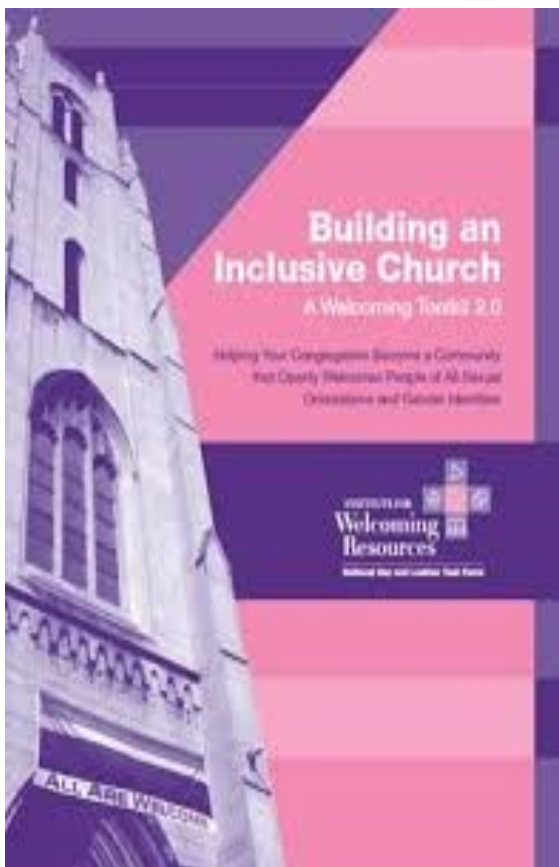
This day-long workshop will provide in-depth and hands-on training in the tools of Graceful Engagement, One to One Conversations, Storytelling, Framing, and more.

These tools are also powerfully useful in many other contexts.

Rev. Dr. Mark Johnston, Executive Director of AllianceQ's Open & Affirming Ministry Program, will lead this workshop.

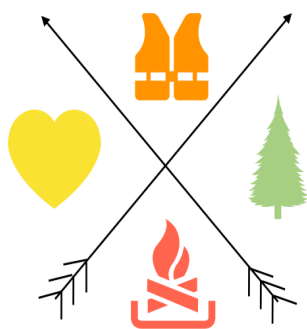
The Toolkit is an ecumenical tool useful in congregations of all denominations—you are certainly welcome here!

For more information about the Toolkit and to download for free, go to <https://goo.gl/wuj559>



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SUMMER CAMP 2019



Live. Love. Camp.

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 Summer Camp!

Registration is now OPEN! First Christian Church will pay for HALF the registration costs of each Camp participant, for one camp.

Applications are on the Welcome table in the back of the Sanctuary — please turn them in to the Church office, and make any check payments to First Christian Church of Ames. You may also enter Credit Card payment information on your application. Please only pay for HALF of your registration costs. We will pay the rest! **Don't wait too long! Camp slots fill fast, and the early bird deadline is May 1st!**

Come and listen to Rev. Tiff Williams, Camp Director, and Dana Kokjohn give us the 411 on CAMP! on Sunday, May 5th. Bring all your questions!

Grand Camp (Age 4 to grade 2 with a grandparent)

Session 1: June 28-29

Session 2: July 26-27

Cost: \$50 per person

Family Camp (Kids 0-18 with an adult)

Session 1: June 14-16

Session 2: August 16-18

Cost: \$50 per person, \$135 max per family

Beginner Camp (Grade 2)

Session 1: July 1-3

Cost: \$110

Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)

Session 1: June 9-14

Session 2: June 23-28

Session 3: July 7-12

Session 4: August 4-9

Cost: \$230

Middle School Camps (Grades 6-8)

Rustic Chi Rho 1: June 9-14

Rustic Chi Rho 2: June 16-21

Rustic Chi Rho 3: June 23-28

Rustic Chi Rho 4: July 7-12

Cabin Chi Rho: August 4-9

ADAM Camp: July 28-Aug 2

Adventure Camp: July 28-Aug 2

Cost for all middle school camps: \$230

High School Camps (Grades 9-12)

CYF 1: June 16-21

CYF 2: July 14-19

ADAM Camp: July 28-Aug 2

Adventure Camp: July 28-Aug 2

Standing Rock Camp: June 8-15

Cost for all high school camps: \$230

Senior Adult Retreat (Ages 55+)

Session 1: July 1-3

Cost: \$110



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:

- **LISTEN** along the way, at the World Café All Congregational Gathering, Sunday, March 24, after worship, in the Great Room on 2nd Floor.
- **PRAY** as you hold vigil through the journey from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Half hour timeslots are available in the Sanctuary, or [online](#).
- **LOVE** others by knitting, crocheting, or helping provide tools for the General Assembly.
- **GIVE generously** to Easter Offering, and help support our regional ministries.
- **MEET** your Muslim neighbors, at the Muslim Day in Ames, on Saturday, March 30, see page 5.
- **VOLUNTEER** to host persons who may need a place to stay during the 2019 General Assembly. Hotel spaces have filled up fast, and they’d like to have affordable options ready.
- **Be CREATIVE with music or worship arts**, to be readers, writers, actors, musicians, singers, bell ringers for worship. Contact Tim Button-Harrison at 641-485-5604.
- **Facilitate worship, by assisting with Sound or Video** on Sundays. Contact Janet Lott at jalott@isunet.net.
- **Fight hunger with FCC’s Food at First Core Group of Volunteers**, which serve every first Saturday of the month. Contact Cynthia Gaunt at cygaunt@hotmail.com. You may also GIVE financially through Givelowa.org. (See page 8.)
- **GIVE** faithfully to the mission and vision of First Christian Church, by fulfilling your pledge commitments.

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.

News from the Pews

News from the Personnel Committee:

We are excited to introduce and welcome a new child care worker—Eiley Misfeldt. And, as I sat to write this article, it occurred to me that Eiley’s own words in her cover letter is the best introduction!

Hello! My name is Eiley Misfeldt and I am a Junior at Iowa State University studying Early Childhood Education! I am from Kohler, Wisconsin but I grew up in Superior, Wisconsin. My mom was an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, and growing up, I spent a lot of time in her classroom. I have always had a strong passion for children and helping people. I want to go into Early Childhood Education to help make a difference in young children’s and impact them in many ways. I want to be a part of First Christian Church to become a stronger part in the community and strengthen my faith while being able to spend time with children.

We interviewed Eiley and knew she was a great fit for our faith community! Please get to know Eiley and help her feel welcomed into our First Christian Family.

—Amy Kuehl





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

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

Stewardship Report

	February	2019 YTD
Income:	\$13,344	\$27,281
Expenses:	19,465	36,220
Difference:	(6,121)	(8,939)
Local Outreach	386	804



Register for the General Assembly!

Volunteer Rate:** \$140
BEFORE March 31st: \$165
AFTER March 31st: \$205

For those who can only attend
for one day, there is same day
registration for \$50, and worship
is free in the evening.

World Café
All Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 24
After worship
in the Great Room
on Second Floor

Help Needed with Fellowship Dinners

Every third Sunday of the month, through May, congregation volunteers faithfully help prepare a meal we can share in fellowship, following worship. This meal requires a lot of hands, coming together for:

- Meal Prep and Set-Up (beginning at 10 am)
- Cooking and making sides
- Tear down and Clean-Up

YOUR help can make the load lighter and keep the tradition going. (Questions? For more information, contact Jeannie Fitz at jeanniefitz@mchsi.com or 515-232-9306.

Dear Crop Walk Friends:

Thank you very much for your 2018 CROP Hunger Walk contribution of \$801.00. On behalf of the Ames Crop Walk Team, many thanks. Our almost official 2018 walk income was \$31,366.00. We are inviting you to participate in the 2019 Ames CROP Hunger Walk, scheduled for October 13, probably starting between 1-2 PM. Please let me know how I may be of assistance.

Rev. Russ Melby

Church World Service




Emergency Residence Project

Carrie Moser, Executive Director for the Emergency Residence Project, has resigned from her position. She will be relocating to South Dakota. If you

are interested in applying and learning about this position, you may visit: <http://www.amesshelter.org/careers/>.

Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>April 2019</div>  </div>				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 nd Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library CR = Conf. Room GR = Great Room		
31 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship *Zach Brown	1 10-11:30 am Ukuleles Play 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) Deadline for Godspell tickets – Contact Church Office	2 6:00 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting (LIB)	3 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF 6:15 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (CH) 6 pm Bells 7 pm Singers	4 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	5	6 9:30 am – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First (FH) *Laura Pogwizd
7 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship (CH) 12-1 pm Youth Group (HUB) 2:00 pm Godspell, at Fisher Theater, ISU	8 10-11:30 am Ukuleles Play 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) 12 pm – Com. Team Mtg. (LIB) *Michael Ewalt	9 9:00 am Welcome Group Mtg. (LIB) 7:15 pm Property Meeting (LIB)	10 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:15 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (CH) 6 pm Dinner with FAF 6 pm Bells 7 pm Singers	11 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	12	13 *Gwen Mitzel
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Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
April 7	Ron & Dee Matthews	Jeff Sobotka	Kay Scott
April 14	Bob & Jean Watson	Gwen Mitzel	Corry Bertelsen
April 21	Bob & Jean Watson	Gwen Mitzel	Corry Bertelsen
April 28	Corry Bertelsen & Stacey Maifeld	Michael & Aubrey Ewalt Family	Cindy Ratliff

What we do as Disciples, Together!



Wednesday Prayers

Wednesdays, at 12:15 PM
Coffee House



Spiritual Practices

Wednesday Nights, Great Room
5:15 – 5:30 PM
Community Worship
5:30 – 5:50 PM



Listening to God

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



Sunday Fellowship

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



Coffee Fellowship

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



Fellowship Dinner

Every Third Sunday of the month,
after worship

wednesdaynight CHURCH

Refresh

Renew

Recharge

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

Church Night Schedule:

5:15 pm	Spiritual Practices (Great Room): Labyrinth Walking, Posting Prayers, and other Spiritual Practices – Great Room.
5:30 – 5:50 pm	Worship – Great Room
6:-00 pm	Dinner available with Food at First – Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm	Meeting Jesus Midweek —Coffee House
7:00 pm	FCC Singers Practice in the Sanctuary

First Christian Church Youth Group

The First Christian Church Youth Group meets once a month, after church, on the to engage in learning, fun, and fellowship. Meetings will be filled with getting to know each other through “bummers and blessings,” games, acting out scripture, and art projects, with sack lunches provided.

What: FCC Youth Group

Who: Kids in grades 4-8

Next Meeting: We will attend “Godspell,” on Sunday, April 7, 2 PM, at Fisher Theater. Please let us know if you’ll be attending by April 1st so we can get enough tickets.

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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