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General Assembly Worship at FCC

Sunday, July 21, 2-19, 10:30 am

You may have heard, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada will meet for its biennial gathering in Des Moines July 20-24, 2019. This is the first time in decades the assembly has met in Des Moines, so mark your calendar and plan to attend some or all of this extended church gathering! (See your invitation from Disciples General Minister and President, Terri Hord Owens inside.)

All worship services are free. No registration needed. However, if you'd like to get in on the workshops and business of the assembly, you'll need to register either by the day or for the whole event. The Upper Midwest Regional All Church Gathering will happen on Sunday, July 21st at 4:00 pm in Des Moines. That event is free and open to all.

Ames First Christian Church has been selected as a site to host worship for General Assembly goes on Sunday, July 21st. We will be privileged to have the Rev. April Johnson, Executive Director of Disciples Ministry of Reconciliation as our preacher.

In addition to having guests from the General Assembly that day, we will also have friends from Ames United Church of Christ joining us. And, we will all share in a meal following worship that day.

In order to be gracious, wide-welcome hosts we need your help. This will be an "all hands on deck" kind of event, like our Wholeness Weekend in January 2016. In order to make sure we are ready for our guests, we will be forming the following task teams. Take a look and see where you can help.

—Pastor Mary Jane

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2019 General Assembly Day at First Christian Church - Ames July 21, 2019 Task Team Responsibilities

Task Team

Team Leaders

Building Guides

Guides stationed throughout building to direct people to spaces, to answer questions and give tours, if asked.

Need Leader(s)

Childcare

Provide childcare for pre-school age in church nursery during worship.

Faith Formation Team

Communications & Publicity

Thorough communication of event through all media. Communication pieces for visitors. Develop the message and be bold in getting it out.

Need Leader(s)

Coordination and Planning

Coordinate vision, program and responsibilities of task teams. Convene all team leaders for orientation.

Council of Ministries

Directional Signs / Way Finding

Clearly communicate directions to all spaces.

Sue Prins

Finances

Create a budget and way of accepting donations for the event.

Trustees

Hospitality

Evaluate and prep spaces for accessibility and welcoming.

Need Leader(s)

Lunch

Coordinate people to prepare and serve lunch for 125-175 people. Ask for dessert donations from congregation.

Need Leader(s)

Parking Lot Attendants

Direct traffic for parking. Create/print maps to hand out.

Need Leader(s)

Physical Spaces

Setting up before event. Dealing with overflow issues during event. Tearing down/cleaning up spaces after event.

Need Leader(s)

Tech

Identify audio/visual needs in Sanctuary, Coffee House, Great Room and Fellowship Hall. Set up live streaming of worship to be able to watch from Coffee House and Great Room.

Need Leader(s)

Transportation from Des Moines

Coordinate with General Assembly bus organizers. Be the host for driver and riders on event day.

Need 1 Leader

Worship

Plan and organize worship.

Worship Planners



in the presence of other Disciples, sharing life, love and passion for mission together. Find out more in the following pages. I pray each of you will join us together as we praise our Holy God for all the wonderful abundance that flows over and around us. As we seek to abide in Christ, may we find that the fruit we bear is a blessing to all around us. See you in Des Moines!

With God's love –
Terri Hord Owens
General Minister and President



Hello, Disciples! I am so pleased to invite you to attend the General Assembly in Des Moines this summer! We will have a rich opportunity to dig into our theme scripture (John 15:1-5) through the Bible studies contained in this planning guide, through powerful preaching during worship and through morning Bible study sessions Monday through Wednesday. To “abide” means to remain, to stay, even to persist. I pray that you will find meaningful ways to abide in Christ before, during and after our time together at General Assembly. We will hear about exciting mission from MissionFest stories and general ministries working on our behalf. We will be gifted with the opportunity to learn with workshops ranging from elder training to administrative ministry and training for both lay and clergy leaders. We will come together at tables – the Lord’s Table in worship, luncheons with friends and dinners to learn about ministries of the Church. Most of all, we will be

Worship & Learning Scriptures

April 21	EASTER	Matt. 28:1-10
April 28	Great Commission	Matt. 28:16-20
May 5	Camp Sunday 2.0	Mark 9:2-13
May 12	Education Sunday	Deuteronomy 6:4-9
May 19	Music Sunday	Colossians 3:12-17
May 26	Prayer Sunday	Philippians 4:4-9
June 2	Play Sunday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
June 9	PENTECOST	Acts 2:1-4

Easter 2019



Dear Church –

We are approaching Easter, a time when faith communities and families gather to celebrate the joy that we have in the saving grace and resurrection of Jesus. We are also distinctly aware of new life with the signs of spring surrounding us in God's good creation.

I love this text from the book of Job. In chapter 14, verses 7-9, it says, "There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again...and though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant." There are those who would say that our experiment of covenantal structures and diverse belief is passe and obsolete, but I respectfully beg to differ. The text of Job proclaims that at the very SCENT of water, new life and new growth is possible! Your faith, indeed you, are that scent of water, standing and persevering wherever you are, still trusting and believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and in the power of that gospel to transform lives.

I have seen grass roots efforts to speak up with the poor just as Jesus did. I have seen faith communities reach out with kindness to those on the margins, just as Jesus commanded in Matthew 25. Our work together through regional and general ministries touches people all across the U.S., Canada and, indeed, the globe with the message of hope that is ours in Christ Jesus.

I want you to know that I have confidence in you, Disciples of Christ! More importantly, I have confidence in God, who has begun this work in and

among us, and who will complete it! I have seen the passion with which you serve your communities. God is not finished with us. As long as we abide in God, persisting in sharing the love God shows us through Christ Jesus, we can live; we can thrive.

We have another opportunity to gather as a faith community in Des Moines this summer. There we can see and demonstrate how the unity of our whole church matters. The rich diversity of our church means that while we are united in love, we are not uniform in how we live out our call. Whether you are able to [attend](#) or not, I invite you to spend some time in the Word with the [Bible studies](#) available from the General Assembly website (<https://disciples.org/ga>). "Abide in me," Jesus says, and you will bring forth good fruit.

You are a Church – a movement - whose time has come, Disciples. You can show this fragmented world what it is like to live together, united in our love for Jesus. We can show the world that when we walk together, even when we disagree, we make the most powerful witness to the love of Christ for us all.

With joy and love –

Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens
General Minister and President

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.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIS YEAR, IN LIEU OF A TRADITIONAL NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, WE WILL BE SETTING UP SEVERAL AREAS IN THE CHURCH AS "STATIONS OF THE CROSS." THE "STATIONS OF THE CROSS," ALSO KNOWN AS "THE WAY OF THE CROSS," DEPICT IMAGES OR SCENES WHERE JESUS WALKED ON THE DAY HE WAS CRUCIFIED. THE PURPOSE IS TO HELP THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TAKE A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE STORY OF CHRIST'S PASSION, REFLECTING ON EACH PIECE OF THE STORY, AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE JOY OF EASTER MORNING. TRADITIONAL "STATIONS OF THE CROSS" HAVE FOURTEEN DIFFERENT SCENES AT WHICH A PILGRIM WALKING THE STATIONS WOULD STOP AND PRAY. WHILE WE WILL NOT BE SETTING UP THAT MANY STATIONS, THE WALK WILL BE VERY MEANINGFUL FOR THOSE WHO COME. THERE WILL BE A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCENE, PRAYERS, AND SOMETHING TO DO WHILE AT EACH STATION.

THE "STATIONS OF THE CROSS" WILL BE OPEN AND AVAILABLE TO WALK FROM 8:30AM – 5PM, GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH. THE WALK IS SELF-DIRECTED, SO THAT ALL MAY WALK IT AT A TIME AND PACE THAT FITS THEM BEST.



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 Sunday,
April 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.

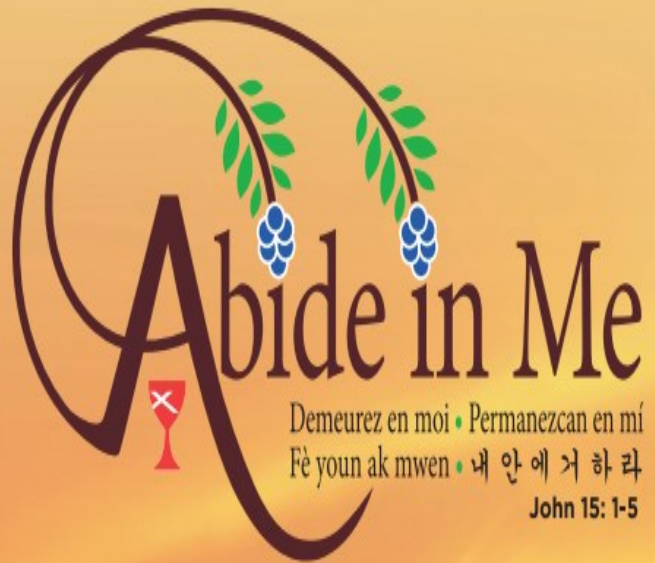
This means that \$7,500 will be given from the FCC profit in our Easter offering. Last year members of our congregation gave \$901 in this special offering. Wouldn't it be wonderful to make this year's offering 10 times that amount or \$9,010?

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.

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

Apr. 23 — Clergy Cabin Work Day @ CCC

Apr. 27 — Quinn Thomas Eagle Scout Work Day @ CCC

May 1 — Early Bird Deadline for Camp Registration

May 3-4 — Regional Committee on Ministry

May 5 — Wolf Lake and McKee Cabin Dedication @ CCC

May 17-18 — CMEP Retreat

May 28 — Camp Interns Begin!

June 8 — Camp Season Begins with Standing Rock Camp

June 22 — Local Arrangements Committee

June 30 — Regional Operations Council Online

July 20-24 — General Assembly @ Des Moines

Volunteers Needed!

There are still lots of opportunities to be involved in hosting the General Assembly of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ in the United State and Canada.

Can you help in one of these ways?

- Help Host the Knitting Local Mission
- Lost and Found Kiosk Staff
- Money Counters (after worship)
- Information Services Booth Hosts
- Registration Kiosk Assistants
- Transportation Booth Staff
- Transportation Ambassadors
- Communion Servers and Offering Collectors
- General Assembly Choir Members

We are also seeking home hosts who are willing to share space in their home to provide lodging for attendees.

Sign up by yourself or bring a group of volunteers from your church and work together.

Don't forget that all volunteers get t-shirt and a discounted rate for attending the assembly as well.

Find a slot and help us show off how welcoming the Upper Midwest Disciples can be!

SIGN UP TODAY!

To sign up to help or to learn more about the local efforts to host General Assembly:

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



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).

2019 All REGIONAL Congregational Gathering and Reception

After 20 years of service in ministry to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest, Bill Spangler-Dunning will be moving. Join us for a gathering of our congregations and an opportunity to express our gratitude for his service with us as Disciples Together.

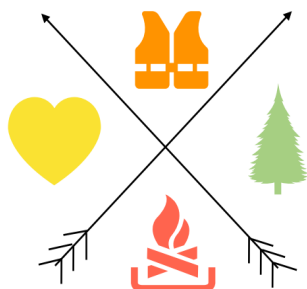
Forte Banquet and Conference Center
615 3rd Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Sunday, July 21, 2019
Come and Go Reception
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Formal Program at 4:30 p.m.

This reception will take place during the 2019 General Assembly.



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 15th!**

Come and listen to Rev. Tiff Williams, Associate Regional Minister, Camp, preach and give us the 411 on CAMP! on Sunday, May 5th, during worship. 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:

- **GIVE generously** to Easter Offering, and help support our regional ministries.
- **GATHER AS FAMILY** by helping plan the Church Family Picnic on June 22nd. Ask Kris or Larry Mesenbrink for more information.
- **WELCOME** those who visit us for the July 21st General Assembly Worship at FCC and **VOLUNTEER** for one of the Task Teams to help the event be a great success.
- **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.
- **FOSTER** dreams by giving generously to the High School Senior Scholarship Fund.
- **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.



First Christian Church High School Senior Scholarship Fund

First 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.

Save the Date!



**Church Family Picnic
Saturday, June 22nd**

See Kris or Larry Mesenbrink for more information.

kamlhm@aol.com, 515-460-6141



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

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

Stewardship Report

	March	2019 YTD
Income:	\$25,298	\$52,579
Expenses:	18,758	54,978
Difference:	6,540	(2,399)
Local Outreach	N/A	804
Week of Compassion	\$530	

Register for the General Assembly!

Volunteer Rate:** \$140
BEFORE April 20th: \$165
AFTER April 20th: \$205
Use code GA19-UMWRH40 at
checkout.

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

**MEETING OF THE
GENERAL BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 13, AT 7 PM,
IN THE COFFEE HOUSE**

LAST DAY OF:

**BELLS PRACTICE—
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

**SINGERS PRACTICE—
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

**LEARNING TIME—
SUNDAY, MAY 19**

Fellowship Dinner



April Fellowship Dinner

Because Easter falls on our usual Fellowship Dinner day, April Fellowship Dinner will be held the following **Sunday, April 28th** instead. Ham Loaf and a vegetarian alternative will be served.

Bring a side dish to share!


First Christian Church Cookout On the South Lawn Sunday, May 19th after worship (Fellowship Hall if it rains!)



**Bring A Side
Dish!**

Summer Worship will remain at 10:30 am this year. *Yes, really.*

Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>May 2019</div> 			* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 nd Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library CR = Conf. Room GR = Great Room			
28 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship	29 10-11:30 am Ukuleles Play 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) *Dee Matthews *Jeff Sobotka	30	1 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF 6 pm Bells 7 pm Singers	2 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	3 *Sam Brown *Corry Bertelsen	4 9:30 AM – 1 pm FCC Volunteers for Food at First (FH)
5 CAMP SUNDAY 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship (CH) 12-1 pm Youth Group (HUB)	6 10-11:30 am Ukuleles Play 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	7 9:00 am Welcome Group Meeting (LIB) 7:15 pm Property Meeting (LIB)	8 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF 6 pm LAST Bells 7 pm Singers *Nathan Ewalt *Ray Lawson *Marv Scott	9 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) *Jocelyn Digby	10	11
12 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship *Mary Israel *Joseph Schwartz	13 10-11:30 am Ukuleles Play 11:00 am Elder's Circle (LIB) 12 pm – Com. Team Mtg. (LIB) 7:00 pm Board Meeting (CH)	14 Early Registration for Summer Camp ends on May 15th! *Vern Ryan	15 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Dinner with FAF 6 pm LAST Singers 6:30 pm Musicians Picnic	16 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	17	18 *Nevan Schwartz
19 9:15 am LAST Learning Time 10:30 am Worship at FCC 11:30 am FCC Cookout on the Lawn 12:45 am Elder's Mtg. (CH) *Judith Koplin	20 10-11:30 am Ukuleles Play 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) Noon – The Call Deadline 7 pm Trustees Meeting (CR) *Lester Thompson	21 <div>Pastor Mary Jane on vacation from 05/20-05/27</div>	22 12:15 Prayers (CH)	23 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	24	25 <div>Sherri Khan on vacation from 05/25-06/04</div>
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		*Jackson Haley			*Norma Hensley	

Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
May 5	Corry Bertelsen & Stacey Maifeld	Michael & Aubrey Ewalt Family	Cindy Ratliff
May 12	Rom & Dee Matthews	Eileen Sambos	Kay Scott
May 19	Rom & Dee Matthews	Eileen Sambos	Kay Scott
May 26	Kris & Larry Mesenbrink	Michael & Aubrey Ewalt Family	Cindy Ratliff

Deacons Serving in May:

Captain: Jaleel Khan

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| 1. Cathy Krebs | 3. Mark Love |
| 2. Derek Krebs | 4. DeLores Hawkins |

Elder's Serving in May:

Offering: Larry Mesenbrink

Communion: John Lott

Alternate: Vern Hawkins

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:-00 pm	Bells Practice in the Sanctuary Balcony
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: Sunday, May 5th, from 12–1 pm, at the Hub, just outside the 2nd Floor elevator.

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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