

# The Call

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## Summertime at First Christian Church

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**S**ummer is nearly here! In Ames that means things slow down a bit. Restaurants aren't as crowded. And of course, there are more opportunities to be out in the beauty and wonder of nature. It is also a time when people go away for vacations, reunions and other travels.

At First Christian Church we have a different pace as well. There are no Sunday Learning Time Classes and the FCC Singers and FCC Ringers take a break. This year we are trying something different. **Worship will continue to be held at 10:30 am** for the summer. At the end of the summer we will ask you how that worked for you. There will still be plenty of opportunities to grow in faith, discipleship, and fellowship throughout the summer.

**Mid-week Spiritual Practices** will continue each Wednesday in the Great Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, but from 5:15 -6:00 pm with worship starting at 5:30 pm.

**Pentecost Sunday** is June 9<sup>th</sup>. Come to this Spirit-filled service celebrating the birthday of the church. ***Wear red if you'd like!***

The **Church Family Picnic** is scheduled for **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** at the Butternut Shelter at Emma McCarthy Lee Park. Kris and Larry Mesenbrink are heading up the organizing team. Let them know if you want to help out!

Ames **Ecumenical Vacation Bible School** for children 4 yrs. – 6<sup>th</sup> grade will take place June 24-27 from 8:30-11:30 am at First United Methodist Church. This year's theme is "To Mars and Beyond". In addition to this being an opportunity for our children to learn, it is an opportunity for adult volunteers to serve. Child care is available for nursery age children of volunteers. Visit <https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/AmesVBS2019/> to sign up.

There are children from Ames First Christian Church (FCC) who will be

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attending **church camp** at the Disciples Christian Conference in Newton. Adult volunteers are needed there as well.

Of course, in July we'll **worship together with our friends** from Ames United Church of Christ (UCC). We will worship at UCC July 7 and 28. We will worship at FCC July 14 and 21. (July 21 we will also have guests from the Disciples General Assembly). Then on August 4 we'll have Worship in the Park (Brookside) with UCC and First Baptist Church. This is one way we practice our unity in Christ.

The **Disciples General Assembly** is coming to Des Moines July 20-24! This is a great opportunity to gather with several thousand other Disciples from across the United States and Canada for worship, workshops, Bible study, fellowship, and service. Volunteers are needed. Check out what's happening! Amy Kuehl and Mark Love will serve as FCC's delegates to the Assembly.

Stay tuned! Other opportunities may arise as needs and desires are expressed, and plans made. If you have an idea, please share it! And wherever your summer takes you, please stay in touch with your FCC faith family!

—Pastor Mary Jane



**Volunteers needed**  
to help serve lunch on July 21st, after the FCC Ames General Assembly Worship.

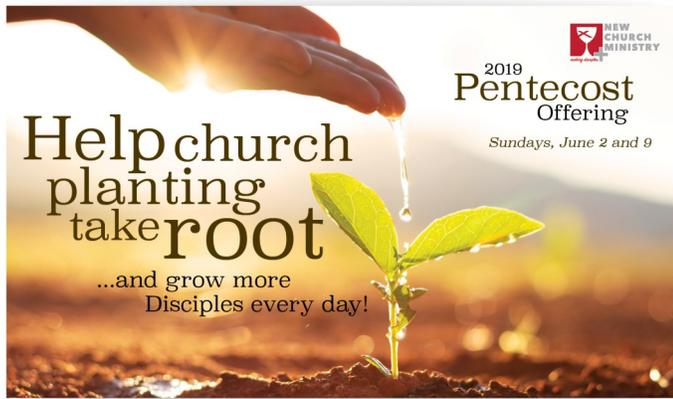
If you would like to help,  
please contact [Cory Bertelsen](#),  
[Cathy Krebs](#) or [Dawn Heaberlin](#).

Thank you, Dawn



### Worship & Learning Scriptures

<i>May 26</i>	Prayer Sunday	Philippians 4:4-9
<i>June 2</i>	Play Sunday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
<i>June 9</i>	<b>PENTECOST</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-4</b>
<b>Pentecost Worship</b>		
<i>June 16</i>	To See Thee More Clearly	Acts 2:37-41
<i>June 23</i>	To Love Tee More Dearly	Acts 2:42-47
<i>June 30</i>	To Follow Thee More Nearly	Acts 5:12-16
<i>July 7</i>	Disciples of Christ Identity	At UCC
<i>July 14</i>	United Church of Christ Identity	At FCC
<i>July 21</i>	Ministry of Reconciliation	At FCC
<i>July 28</i>	Global Ministries	At UCC
<i>Aug. 4</i>	Worship in the Park	



**The Pentecost Offering will be received on Sundays, June 2nd and 9th.**

**You may give on those Sundays in the designated envelopes, or by online clicking the link below.**

**How Is the Pentecost Offering Used?**

To help our new church movement continue to take root! Each year, half of this offering stays in the local Region or Area where it's collected to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada by New Church Ministry to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Our church planters remain committed to answering God's call . . . to serve their neighbors, spread the gospel, and make more Disciples. But they need the nurturing and generous support of people like you through the 2019 Pentecost Offering.

[Please help our new church movement continue to take root, bear fruit . . . and grow more Disciples every day!](#)

## **FCC prepares to host General Assembly worship on Sunday, July 21!**



**T**he General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada will hold its biennial gathering in Des Moines, July 20 - 24, 2019. This is the first time in decades the assembly has met in Des Moines, and, to make this event even more exciting, Ames First Christian Church will be a host site for worship for General Assembly attendees on Sunday, July 21.

On that Sunday, we will be joined by guests from General Assembly (who will travel up to Ames by bus from Des Moines), friends from Ames United Church of Christ, and a special guest preacher — the Rev. April G. Johnson, Executive Director of Disciples Ministry of Reconciliation. After worship, we will enjoy lunch together in Fellowship Hall.

As Minister of Reconciliation, Rev. Johnson facilitates the church-wide process of awareness, analysis and action toward healing the fractures in the body of Christ that are caused by systemic racism. She brings to this work a deep passion for racial understanding, justice and compassion. In 1996, the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) approved the formation of a church-wide process to discern the nature of racism in North America and develop ways of helping congregations address racism. Out of this process, an Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation initiative was put to the church and approved in 1998.

Rev. Johnson previously served at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, as Assistant

Dean of Students/Director of Diversity Services and as Associate College Chaplain. She received her degrees from the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana and Howard University in Washington, D.C. Rev. Johnson is a native of Chicago, Illinois.

Along with the wonderful opportunity to hear Rev. Johnson preach at FCC, we also have an opportunity to practice gracious, welcoming hospitality on Sunday, July 21! That will take many hands.

Task teams have been formed to make sure we are ready for our guests. Let the task team volunteers know if you can volunteer to help in any of these areas. These task teams will be meeting again on Sunday, June 2, and Sunday, June 23.

—Stacey Maifeld

## 2019 General Assembly Day at First Christian Church - Ames July 21, 2019

### Task Team Responsibilities

<u>Task Team</u>	<u>Team Leaders</u>
<b>Building Guides and Bus Guide</b> Guides stationed throughout building to direct people to spaces, to answer questions and give tours, if asked. Designate a host for bus driver and General Assembly bus riders on event day, and make sure everyone who came on the bus goes back on the bus.	<b>Mary Gregory</b>
<b>Childcare</b> Provide childcare for pre-school age in church nursery during worship.	<b>Faith Formation Team - Tiffany Walker, Anleah Walker, Nancy Schroeder</b>
<b>Communications &amp; Publicity</b> Thorough communication of event through all media. Communication pieces for visitors. Develop the message and be bold in getting it out.	<b>Stacey Maifeld</b>

<u>Task Team</u>	<u>Team Leaders</u>
<b>Coordination and Planning</b> Coordinate vision, program and responsibilities of task teams. Convene all team leaders for orientation.	<b>Council of Ministries</b>
<b>Directional Signs / Way Finding</b> Clearly communicate directions to all spaces.	<b>Sue Prins</b>
<b>Finances</b> Create a budget and way of accepting donations for the event.	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>Hospitality</b> Evaluate and prep spaces for accessibility and welcoming.	<b>Deb Lewis</b>
<b>Lunch</b> Coordinate people to prepare and serve lunch for 125-175 people. Ask for dessert donations from congregation.	<b>Dawn Heaberlin</b>
<b>Parking Lot Attendants</b> Direct traffic for parking. Create/print maps to hand out.	<b>Need Leaders</b>
<b>Physical Spaces</b> Setting up before event. Dealing with overflow issues during event. Tearing down/cleaning up spaces after event.	<b>Vern Hawkins</b>
<b>Tech</b> 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. Transportation from Des Moines.	<b>Scott Walker</b>
<b>Worship</b> Plan and organize worship.	<b>Worship Planners</b>

# Ames Ecumenical Housing Wins 2019 Home for Everyone Award



Every year during April's Fair Housing Month the Ames Human Rights Commission honors an organization or individual that provides equitable housing opportunities in the community with the Home for Everyone Award. The 2019 award went to Ames Ecumenical Housing, Inc. for its operation of Keystone Apartments and Stonehaven Apartments.

The brainchild of former First Christian Church Pastor Roy Key, Keystone and Stonehaven provide low cost housing options for low income individuals who are elderly or suffer from physical impairments. Since 1985 the combined 110-unit housing community has provided affordable, quality housing for more than 1,000 individuals. To make the rent affordable, each resident's adjusted gross

income is calculated, then 30% is computed as their rent. Then, with financial subsidies from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the residents' net rent is calculated. The result is that the average rent paid by residents of Keystone and Stonehaven is \$328, compared to the \$850 market value for those apartments.

In addition to quality housing at affordable rates, the residents of Keystone and Stonehaven have regularly scheduled activities such as bingo, ice cream socials hosted by the Ames Ecumenical Housing Board, excursions into the Ames community, and visits by health and activity specialists. The Board is made up of representatives of fifteen churches (First Christian Church, Bethesda Lutheran Church, Collegiate Presbyterian, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist, Northminster Presbyterian, St. Cecilia, United Church of Christ, Trinity Christian Reformed, Collegiate United Methodist, Episcopal Parish of Ames, Lord of Life Lutheran, St. Andrews Lutheran, St. Thomas Aquinas, and University Baptist) and three representatives of the community at large.

**For more information you may contact Vern Hawkins, the current representative from First Christian Church on the Ames Ecumenical Housing, Inc. Board.**

## The Prayer of Jesus

is one of the best loved and most spoken prayers on the planet. There are numerous versions of the prayer, based on the text on Matthew 6:9-11 and Luke 11:2-4.

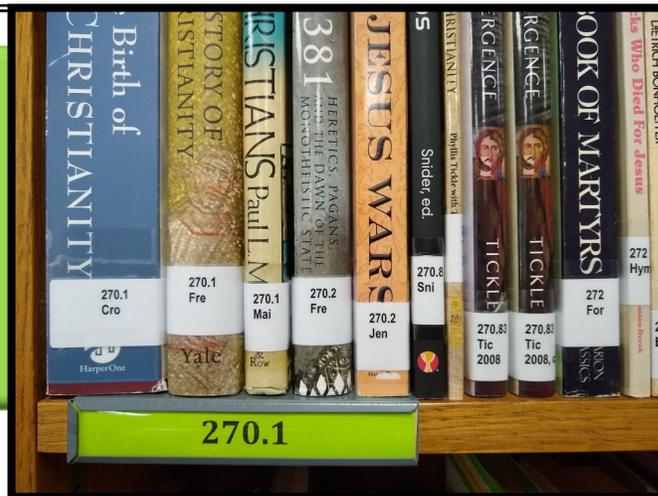
Across time and cultures people have prayed it and adapted it into over 1800 languages and dialects. Here is one such rendering:

## The Prayer of Jesus

-from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.

# News from the FCC Library



Over the past few months, I've completed an inventory and re-labeling project in the Church Library. Thank you for your patience during this time! It should now be much easier for you to identify, locate, and borrow books of interest. Here's what you need to know to start (or resume) using this wonderful resource that is conveniently housed under our roof.

**General and Special Collections:** All books have received new spine labels and are shelved by call number, either in the large general collection (north wall) or in smaller specially marked collections (east wall). The latter include Biographies, Fiction, Teen, and Spanish-language books, as well as a collection of books dealing specifically with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Children's books also continue to be shelved in a separate bin.

**Call numbers:** Our library continues to use the Dewey Decimal system, just like the Ames Public Library. This system arranges books by subject. Most of our books fall in the 200-299 range (Religion), but we have books in other areas as well. For books in special collections, the call number begins with a letter: **B** (Biography), **C** (Children), **D** (Disciples), **F** (Fiction), **S** (Spanish), and **T** (Teen).

**The Catalog:** A printed catalog is now available; it is housed in a 3-ring binder that sits on the countertop on the west wall. There are separate lists sorted by author, by title, and by call number. The electronic catalog (from which the

printed catalog is generated) is not yet available for searching.

**Borrowing and Returning:** To borrow a book, simply search the printed catalog by author or title to determine the book's call number; retrieve it from the shelf; add your name and TODAY'S date to the enclosed card; then place the card in the front of the Lending File box (which also sits on the countertop on the west wall). If there is no card in the book, take a blank card from the Lending File and add author and title information along with your name and the date. Please return the book within 3-5 weeks or check with me if you need a longer loan. Return books in the Book Return box just outside the Library door.

**What's next?** I'll be contacting people who may still have books checked out from the library, so we can get these items re-labeled and make sure they are included in the catalog. We will then undertake a project to start acquiring some new books for the collection, through purchases and donations—stay tuned on that front!

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

—David Gregory  
FCC Librarian  
Mobile: 515-708-9004  
[dgregory@iastate.edu](mailto:dgregory@iastate.edu)



## To Mars and Beyond VBS!

First United Methodist Church  
First Christian Church  
Ames United Church of Christ

**June 24-27 (Monday through Thursday)  
we will go To Mars and Beyond  
for Vacation Bible School 2019!!**

This year we will have VBS from 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m. AND have the option of early drop off and late pick up-hopefully helping work around parent/guardian work schedules a little better. Early drop off time will begin at 7:45a.m. and late pick up will end at 12:15p.m.

We will also be offering "drop off" at the library if your child is signed up for the summer free lunch program. We will have volunteers walk those who are signed up for that program over to the library at 11:30 where they MUST then meet up with a previously designated adult whether it's a parent, child care provider, or leader of a program they are signed up for later in the day.

Sign up [ONLINE](#) and help spread the word! **Our VBS is open to ages 4 and up** - go to Child Registration at the top of the page. Those entering 7th grade and up in the fall are eligible to be youth helpers. If you are a youth or adult volunteer, please register at the Volunteer Sign-Up tab at the top.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email Nicole Smith at 515-232-2750 or [nicole@fumcames.org](mailto:nicole@fumcames.org)

## Disciples Coffee Project

Equal 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 \$1,105.65 in 2018 alone!

You can see the coffee, teas and others products available to order at the Equal Exchange website here: <http://shop.equalexchange.coop/>

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, May 31** 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).



# Greetings to you from the Communion and Offering Committee for the 2019 General Assembly



**W**herever two or more are gathered (*or, in this instance, a few thousand*)...a **WHOLE BUNCH** of volunteers are needed in order to serve communion and collect the offering!

We're asking for your help to fill more than 300 volunteer slots over five days by encouraging adults and youth in your congregation to take part.

- Would you consider organizing a road trip to Des Moines (or across town, as the case may be) for a group of people from your church to help serve one night? *No group is too small!*
- How about bringing your youth (*completed grade 6 and older*)? We'd love to have them serve as well.
- Carpooling makes parking easier and more cost effective.
- ***There is no need for any of the communion and offering volunteers to register for the assembly*** as attendance at the worship services is open to the public.

All training will be provided on site at the assembly.

**These are the time slots that most need to be filled:**

- Saturday evening, July 20:  
serving communion and collecting offering
- Sunday evening, July 21:  
collecting offering only
- Monday evening, July 22:  
collecting offering only
- Tuesday evening, July 23:  
serving communion and collecting offering
- Wednesday morning, July 24:  
There are a few slots for door greeters

**There are two ways you can sign up to help:**

Option #1: Email me (Claudette Sederburg) with information: Name, email, and phone # for each volunteer, indicating the night(s) each is willing to serve, **OR** Name, email, and phone # for the person who will coordinate volunteers from your church. Indicate how many people will be coming and which night(s) they are willing to serve. I will simply enter your church's name in the number of slots you commit to fill.

Option #2: Go to <https://www.uppermidwestcc.org/general-assembly-2019> and sign up individuals under Volunteer Opportunities / Communion and Offering Servers.

We hope you will consider sharing a bit of your time to be a part of this awesome experience. We can't do it without you! If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me via email or phone at West Des Moines Christian Church (515-223-1639.)

Peace and blessings,  
Claudette Sederburg

Communion and Offering Committee:  
Susan Bridge, Becky Darnell, Sue Ehrhardt,  
Amy Lester, David Lester, Claudette Sederburg

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West Des Moines Christian Church  
4501 Mills Civic Pkwy.  
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## **We are Collecting Your Yarn at the Church Office for the 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 and drop it off at the church office through the week before the General Assembly!

## **2019 All REGIONAL Congregational Gathering and Reception for Bill Spangler-Dunning**

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.





## 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 Pentecost Offering, and help support new churches in our regional ministries, and worldwide.
- **SHARE AS FAMILY** at 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.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:cygaunt@hotmail.com). You may also GIVE financially through Givelowa.org. (See page 8.) If Saturdays don’t work, Food at First also needs extra help through the summer! Contact them at 515-344-4357.
- **COMMIT** 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.

## Save the Date!



## A Church Family Picnic Saturday, June 22nd

There comes a time when folks just need to sit back, relax, laugh, talk, and enjoy the company of friends. No real purpose other than to have fun!

There will be food, games, music, playground, and shade to sit in while watching the action.

When – June 22, 2019

Where – McCarthy Lee Park  
(Butternut Shelter) - Ames, Iowa

Times – Setup 10:00 AM  
– Lunch 12:00 AM  
– Fun till 4:00 PM

The good time planning group (GT) will firm up final details after Church on June 2.

See you there,  
GT Planning Group

See Kris or Larry Mesenbrink for  
more information.

[kamlhm@aol.com](mailto:kamlhm@aol.com), 515-460-6141



## Church Family Picnic

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A time to have fun and relax with your Church family at a potluck picnic

**MEAL @ NOON**

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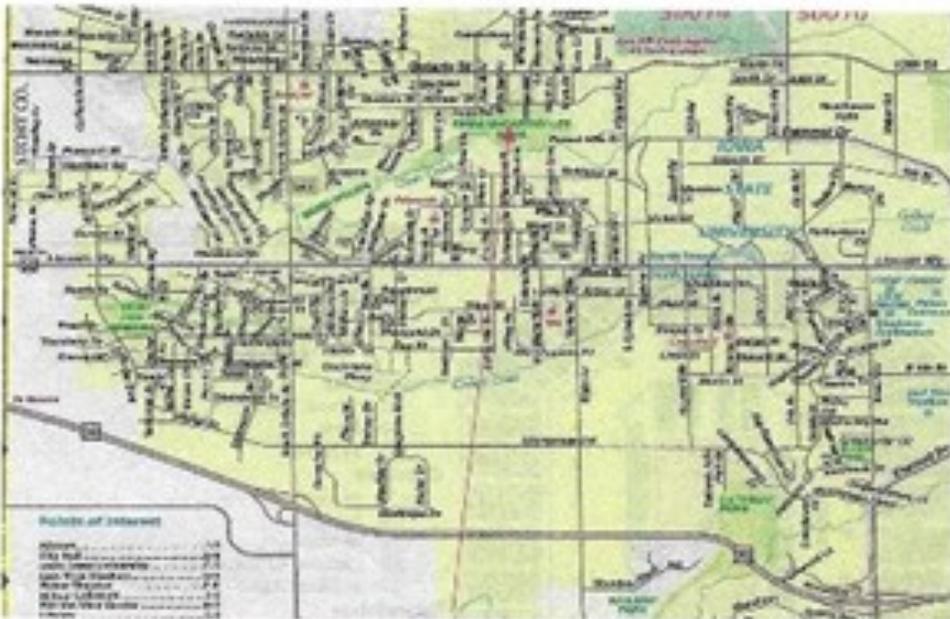
Meat, Buns, Drinks, Condiments, and Table Service will be provided!

# SAT. JUNE 22

## 11:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM

# WHERE

Emma McCarthy Lee Park  
3400 Ross Road Ames, Iowa



The Butternut Shelter (down the hill)

Playground, volleyball, tennis courts, games, and music!

**Come One**

**Come All**



# News from the Pews



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

Have a question?  
Email Liz Collazo at: [fccames@fccames.org](mailto:fccames@fccames.org)

## Stewardship Report

	April	2019 YTD
<b>Income:</b>	\$11,308	\$63,887
<b>Expenses:</b>	16,248	71,226
<b>Difference:</b>	(4,940)	(7,339)
<b>Local Outreach</b>	N/A	804

**In and Out of the Hospital:** Bob Fitz  
**Baptism and New Membership:**  
Mark Holliday, April 28.

**The Office will be closed on  
Monday, May 27th, in  
observance of Memorial Day**

**The Pentecost Offering will be  
received on Sundays,  
June 2nd, and June 9th.**

**Pastor Mary Jane  
will be on vacation**

from Monday, May 20th, through  
Wednesday, May 29th. If you  
have a pastoral care need, you  
may contact Deb Lewis at  
515-290-6736 or Cynthia Gaunt  
at 515-450-3757.

**Sherri Khan will be on vacation**

from Saturday, May 25th,  
through Tuesday, June 4th.  
During her absence, please help  
us keep plants watered, church  
grounds, bathrooms, and  
Sanctuary clean.

## Summertime Worship

**Will remain at 10:30 AM this year!**

*(Yes, really!)*



## Summertime Stewardship

It's Summertime! A time to enjoy the sun, a time to have fun, and to change our winter routines.

And one of those winter routines is keeping our pledging going.

Pledging can drop off when we are not in church each Sunday and it may slip our minds.

Our church's 2019 budget relies on our annual pledges throughout the seasons.

The Board of Trustees and the Stewardship Team ask that you continue your pledge-giving throughout the Summer

Yours faithfully –

The Stewardship Team:

Vern Hawkins, Janet Lott,  
Stacey Maifeld, Sue Prinz,  
Don Wither, and  
Rev. Mary Jane Button-Harrison

# Congratulations!



*To*  
*Marko Holiday,*  
who was baptized &  
became a member of  
First Christian Church,  
on Sunday, April 28th.



*To John Lott!*

John received the Paul E. Hellwege Guardian of Integrity Award at the Rotary District 6000 Conference Banquet on May 3<sup>rd</sup>! The award is presented to those who exemplify “the attributes and passion for ethics and integrity in his or her vocation, business and personal life,” and it “recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions that foster the development of integrity.” John was nominated for this prestigious award by the Morning Rotary Club of Ames.

—Deb Lewis



Guardian of Integrity Awards were given to (L to R) John Lott, Sally Schroeder, Paul Holzworth, Ed Arnold and Wyndell Campbell.

*To Tristian Cook*  
*and Vivian Cook*

*Whose parents are*  
*Charissa Menefee and*  
*Kenny Cook*

*For graduating from*  
*Iowa State University*  
*on*  
*Saturday, May 11th.*

## Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 20px;">June 2019</div> </div>				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library CR = Conf. Room GR = Great Room		
26 10:30 am Worship  <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Pastor Mary Jane on vacation through June 27<sup>th</sup>.</div>	27	28 *Jackson Haley	29 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship	30 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	31 *Norma Hensley  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Sherri Khan on vacation through June 4<sup>th</sup>.</div>	1 9:30 AM – 1 pm FCC Volunteers for Food at First (FH)
2 <b>Pentecost Offering Received</b> 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Church Family Picnic Planning Meeting 11:45 am General Assembly Task Team Meeting	3 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	4 9:30 am Welcome Group Meeting (LIB)	5 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship  *Barb Gurganus	6 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	7	8  *Isaac Brenden
9 <b>Pentecost Sunday Pentecost Offering Received</b> 10:30 am Worship	10 11:00 am Elder's Circle (LIB) 12 pm – Com. Team Mtg. (LIB)	11 3:00 pm Council of Ministries Mtg. (LIB) 7:15 pm Property Meeting (LIB)  *Lily Pendry	12 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship	13 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	14  *John Lott	15
16 10:30 Worship 11:45 am Elder's Meeting (CH)	17 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) <b>Noon – The Call Deadline</b> 7 pm Trustees Meeting (CR)	18	19 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:00 PM Faith Formation Team Mtg. (CH)	20 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	21  *Walter Pogwizd	22  11-4:00 pm Church Family Picnic, Emma McCarthy Lee Park
23 10:30 am Worship *Sherri Khan	24 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	25	26 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship	27 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	28	29
30 10:30 am worship *Derek Krebs						

### Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
<b>June 2</b>	Kris & Larry Mesenbrink	Michael & Aubrey Ewalt Family	Cindy Ratliff
<b>June 9</b>	Ron & Dee Matthews	Nancy Schroeder	Mark Schroeder
<b>June 16</b>	Ron & Dee Matthews	Nancy Schroeder	Mark Schroeder
<b>June 23</b>	Bob & Jean Watson	Linda Anderson	Cynthia Gaunt
<b>June 30</b>	Bob & Jean Watson	Linda Anderson	Cynthia Gaunt

#### Deacons Serving in June:

- Captain: Eileen Sambos
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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Dough Clark    | 3. Corry Bertelsen |
| 2. Meg Knol-Digby | 4. Amanda Mokaya   |

#### Elder's Serving in June:

- Offering: Amy Kuehl  
 Communion: Gwen Mitzel  
 Alternate: John Lott

# 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).

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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