

The Call

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Ecumenical Worship IN JULY



July 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, sharing through 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 at the Ames United Church of Christ's sanctuary on Sundays, July 7th and 28th, and at the First Christian Church sanctuary on Sundays, 14th and 21st — with Sunday, July 21st being a special day

when folks from around the denomination will join us for worship, as part of the General Assembly biannual gathering. Please wear your nametags to help us know one another! There will also be a joint choir which will practice at 9:30 am before worship, at the respective sanctuaries.

To top off our summer, on the first Sunday in August 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



Worship & Learning Scriptures

Pentecost Worship		
June 23	To Love Thee More Dearly	Acts 2:42-47
June 30	To Follow Thee More Nearly	Acts 5:12-16
July 7	Disciples of Christ Identity	At UCC
July 14	United Church of Christ Identity	At FCC
July 21	Ministry of Reconciliation	At FCC
July 28	Global Ministries	At UCC
Aug. 4	Worship in the Park	



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



Interview with
Rev. April G. Johnson
Executive Director of Disciples
Ministry of Reconciliation
By Janis Pyle



The 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 on Sunday, July 21.

On that Sunday, we will be joined by a special guest preacher — the Rev. April G. Johnson,

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Executive Director of Disciples Ministry of Reconciliation. 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.

I. Where in Chicago did you grow up? How does your upbringing connect to your career/calling?

I grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago. My parents moved there on my first birthday. Folding under the pressure of tuition of parochial school for my two oldest siblings, they anticipated a better public-school education for their children in the suburbs. Our subdivision was entirely populated by Black residents. Seeing the disparities in my own education as well as the lack of businesses owned by people who looked like me, propelled my nascent passion to right-align opportunities for all people. I was no young version of Angela Davis in my formative years by far, but the differences simply did not make sense to me and kept me exploring new ways to understand and change a system that excluded and withheld opportunity for 'some' people.

II. How do you keep from being overwhelmed by current political/racial divides?

Our choices today regarding the divisive rhetoric and tribalism in our current national and global dialogue for me are clear. It is our imperative to affirm each other's humanity. We have made "othering" an art form. Sadly, when we legislate making people 'other' while affording a dominant group access to more resources and a better quality of life than those excluded or impacted by such legislation, we justify racism and other oppressions. I simply find no justification for dehumanization. So, I am not overwhelmed by the ministry and work of changing our churchwide and national narrative of division and devaluing people as a standard. Where I do get overwhelmed, or more accurately exasperated, is by the fear that is generated that halts dialogue that keeps 'good people' silent and inactive toward promoting inclusion and human dignity for all. As Christians, God reconciled us to all be in God's beloved "in" group. We are all "A-listers," as annoying as that can be.

III. Was there a story or a turning point connected to your calling toward a ministry of reconciliation?

As a College chaplain, I received an e-mail from a staff person that encouraged travelers to be aware that Middle Eastern men were storming airplane cockpits. I ripped the e-mail off my printer, "stormed" into the President of the College's office, insisting that this use of the College's e-mail platform was unacceptable and must be denounced. Subsequently, I was promoted to Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Diversity Services. It became crystal clear that this is the work that I cannot not do.

IV. What is your vision for the denomination? The world?

It is my desire that as a communion we embody this work by turning our outrage into action on behalf of those whose lives and stories are dismissed, distorted and diminished by a narrative of exclusion and American exceptionalism. For those of us who are new to being outraged by racism and oppression, I hope that we can support and mutually

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develop new ways to be in dialogue and relationship with one another that transforms the way we worship and the way we vote. It is my hope that we become leaders in thought and deed that transforms our world where exclusion is the exception instead of the norm.

V. Possible to share a couple of story-based examples of types of groups or personal differences you have been able to mediate or bring together?

The work of reconciliation is very often most visible when we are intentionally engaged in mediation of conflicting perspectives. I was invited by an anti-racism team in one of our Regions to facilitate a dialogue with two groups who were in conflict over the use of a racial stereotype at an area convention during registration for the event. The offending party opted not to attend. We shared a meal together. Then we began a listening session by paying particular attention to allowing each side to describe what was experienced during the incident. I then invited persons who were not involved in the incident to recount what they heard said by both sides. Next, each side was allowed to speak directly to each other. There were tears and anger on both sides. At one point out of frustration, a participant said in anger, "The worst thing you can say to a white person is that they are a racist!" Ironically it was a God moment. Silence lingered for a moment. Then dialogue continued, exploring the comment and naming new ways forward that would be life-affirming for both sides. They agreed to meet again to get to know each other better. It was amazing. God doesn't ask us to agree to disagree. God asks us to love one another. We know that it is hard, which might be why we avoid the work of relationship with people who are not like us. God keeps calling us into opportunities to birth new relationships and new perspectives.

VI. Who was/is your mentor, someone who modeled reconciliation for you?

There were many people who influenced and encouraged my proclivity toward justice. As a college

student I was very active in student government. In my second semester of freshman year, the Black Alumni Association named me "Most Outstanding Black Freshman" which honored me and served as encouragement. So, too, did the Director of Housing and my area housing director by exposing me to opportunities to meet civil rights leaders. After my undergraduate years, my pastors Rev. Leroy Haynes, Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas and Rev. Dr. Alvin O'Neal Jackson, invested in my leadership skills and nurtured my justice bent. Specifically, Alvin Jackson, shepherded me during my seminary years as a trusted advisor and mentor while I navigated a career change and the rigors of seminary. All of this while himself fielding covert and overt racism in his ministry with a reticent, yet growing and increasingly diverse, Church and congregation.

VII. Where do you see hope?

In the continuous commitment to change the world for good, we are called into conversation and relationship with one another. We have a program called "One Bag of Tea, One Conversation, One Relationship," where congregations and individuals are encouraged to invite other congregations and individuals to a conversation over tea, following a prescribed list of questions printed on the teabag cover. It has been well received.

VIII. Your sources of renewal?

Family, friends, my four and five-year-old great niece and nephew, and yoga.

IX. Fill in the blank: What the world needs now is _____.

Courage to love. A colleague said after visiting the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, AL, that he was amazed by how many stories shown in the museum were told from the perspective of scripture interpreted that enslavement was a form of love. We clearly have differing perspectives on what love means for each of us. We are commanded to explore and stay in the exploration and work of loving one another as Christ has loved us.

celebrate

AMOS

a mid-iowa organizing strategy

Celebrate AMOS and make an investment in our vital work in Ames, Ankeny, Norwalk, and the Des Moines metro! Join us for a celebration and fundraising party in Ames:

**Friday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Ames
1015 N Hyland Ave., Ames, IA 50010**

RSVP to the party and learn how you can contribute at amosiowa.org/yourinvestment.

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:

Holy One, our only Home,
blessed be your name,
may your day dawn,
your will be done,
here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us,
as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

Benedictine Women of Holy Wisdom Monastery

The Listening Way....

The Listening Way Summer Conversations 2019

This summer the Council of Ministries (COM) is inviting members and friends of First Christian Church (FCC) to practice listening to one another by having one on one conversations with another member/friend. The goal of these conversations is twofold:

1. Build relationships
2. Share dreams and ideas for ministry at FCC.

If you'd like to participate, please invite a member/friend of FCC to have coffee, tea, dinner, a walk, or whatever conversation venue you prefer. A possible structure for your conversation could be:

Tell each other something about yourselves.
(15 minutes)

Go through the list of questions listed below. Allow time for each person to answer, then go to the next. (30 minutes)

1. What brought you to FCC?
2. What has kept you coming?
3. What are your hopes/dreams for FCC?
4. What big idea or small tweak to enhance how we are church together?
5. What are you passionate about?

Decide what you'd like to share from your conversation and write it on the form.

(10 minutes)

Offer closing words of encouragement and/or prayer. (5 minutes)

In order to broaden and deepen connections in the church, we hope you will invite someone you don't know very well to be in conversation. We also hope that everyone who would like to have conversation gets the opportunity to do so.

We also suggest that you consider scheduling as many of these conversations as you'd like. No need to limit it to just one! We have question forms available in the Narthex and in the Church office. Please turn in the form after each conversation to one of the members of the COM. The thoughts and ideas shared with the COM will be reviewed and shared with the congregation at a World Café event in the Fall. Thanks for participating in conversations with fellow FCC members and friends. And enjoy!

—The Council of Ministries
Darla Ewalt (Moderator), Janet Lott,
Tim Button-Harrison, and
Mary Jane Button-Harrison



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



MUSIC CAMP 2019 July 8-12, 9:00-11:30 am

Music Camp is an awesome week of music, friends, and fun for grades K-6 (completed)

[Click here](#) for details
and printable registration form

[Click here](#) for online registration

First Baptist Church will hold its Summer Music Camp July 8-12 from 9-11:30 am each morning. The camp is for students grades K-6 (completed). This year's camp includes a youth percussion group and other musical guests, tie-dyeing t-shirts, a talent show, and more. The group will learn music through the week and present a concert on Friday. Campers from any or no particular faith tradition are welcome. For more information or to register, go to fbcames.org or phone 515-292-9612.

Everyone is welcome! Invite a friend! \$20 registration includes t-shirt - scholarships available registration deadline June 28.



We are located at 200 Lynn Avenue in Campustown, one block south of the ISU Memorial Union

Sheltered Reality



FREE ADMISSION
offering to support
Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance
Concession stand opens 6:15
Concert in conjunction
with our Music Camp
Join us for a great evening!

**Sheltered Reality
In Concert!**
On the Front Lawn,
First Baptist Church,
July 10, 7 pm

Sheltered Reality
is a youth percussion group with a
positive message.

Come and enjoy a great evening and help
support Good Neighbor, a cooperative effort
of many faith communities that provides
assistance to families in need in Story County.



**The concert will be on the front lawn –
bring lawn chairs or a blanket (inside in case of rain).**

**A concession stand with
hot dogs, veggie dogs, and more will open at 6:15 pm.**

More information available at fbcames.org or 515-292-9612

*"AND DON'T FORGET TO DO GOOD AND
TO SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED."*

— HEBREWS 13:16

Hi friends at First Christian Church,

Are you driving to the Disciples Conference this summer in Des Moines? If you've registered, we have a new way for you to build disaster response into this trip.

You may be familiar with CWS' Kit ministry, which has helped fuel disaster response for thousands of families this year. Because of that response, we're incredibly low on supplies like hygiene kits and emergency cleanup buckets. We need all the help we can get to restock before hurricane season bears down - and that's where you can help.

Will you help restock these supplies by assembling kits? We're opening a CWS Kit drop-off point at West Des Moines Christian Church during the Conference dates. If you and your congregation choose to assemble kits - [you can find assembly instructions here](#) - you can easily drop them off at this location:

Location Details

West Des Moines Christian Church

4501 Mills Civic Parkway

West Des Moines, IA 50265

(515) 223-1639

Contact: Luke Ehrhardt, Luke@wdmcc.org

Let me know if you have questions or if there are other ways your congregation wants to support this ministry.

Blessings,



Matthew Stevens
Director of Congregational Giving
Church World Service



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	Local Arrangements Committee
June 30	Regional Operations Council Online
July 20-24	General Assembly @ Des Moines
July 21	Reception for Bill Spangler-Dunning
July 28	Regional Operations Council Online
Aug 15-17	UMWYC Meeting
Aug 25	Regional Operations Council Online
Sept. 6-7	Regional Committee on Ministry
Sept. 27-29	Upper Midwest Fall Women's Retreat

Volunteer for General Assembly 2019!

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 Local Mission Projects
- 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
- Cashiers for Registration
- Greeters at the GA Entrances
- Childcare Staff for Both Preschool and School Age Children
- Security and Hospitality Staff

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!](#)



Be a Home Host for General Assembly 2019!

Many attendees and small churches sending delegates struggle to pay for costly hotels during the event. If you live in the Des Moines area, please consider hosting a fellow Disciples in your home during Assembly.

[Sign up to host or to learn more about how it works!](#)

Attend General Assembly 2019!

[Register Today!](#)

Rev. John Richardson Called as Interim

Rev. John Richardson has been called to serve as the interim minister for the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest. John comes to us with a wealth of experience and wisdom as he's served churches in Texas and George and served as regional minister in North Carolina and most recently as Interim Regional Minister in Ohio.

Operations Council Moderator, Tim Butler, and Regional Personnel Chair, Suzie Moore are "confident that he will help provide a guiding heart for the region in the months to come." Rev. Bill Spangler Dunning noted that "John mentored me in regional ministry and has much to offer the Upper Midwest." John will begin on August 1.



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)

Summer brings MANY opportunities to serve!

- **FIGHT HUNGER.** With many students and families gone for the summer months, Food at First always needs extra help getting volunteers. Contact them at 515-344-4357. You may also serve every first Saturday of the month with our FCC core of volunteers. For more information, you may contact Cynthia Gaunt at cygaunt@hotmail.com.
- **GOING ON VACATION? PLAN AHEAD** to faithfully commit to the mission and vision of First Christian Church, by remembering your pledge during the summer months.
- **BEAUTIFY** the church! We need many hands for summer chores like mowing, weeding, planting, painting, etc. Contact Shirley Malaby at 233-1827, for more information.
- **Come SHARE AS FAMILY** at the Church Family Picnic on Saturday, June 22nd, from 11 am to 4 pm, at the Emma McCarthy Lee Park (Butternut Shelter). Bring a side dish to share!
- **WELCOME and greet in love** all those who visit us this summer, especially for the July 21st General Assembly Worship at FCC. We also still need Ushers and Greeters for the Ecumenical July 14th worship. Contact Stacey Maifeld at 520-9844.
- **VOLUNTEER** for one of the Task Teams during General Assembly worship on Sunday, July 21st to help the event be a great success.
- **LOVE** others by knitting, crocheting, or helping provide tools for the General Assembly.
- **Make a LOUD noise** unto the Lord by joining the summer Ecumenical choir! Contact Tim Button-Harrison at 641-485-5604.
- **Facilitate worship, by assisting with Sound or Video** on Sundays. Contact Janet Lott at ja-lott@isunet.net.

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, 515-460-6141



Church Family Picnic

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

MEAL @ NOON

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)

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

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

Stewardship Report

	May	2019 YTD
Income:	\$26,379	\$90,266
Expenses:	\$27,682	\$98,908
Difference:	\$(1,303)	\$(8,642)
Local Outreach	\$804	\$804

In and Out of the Hospital: Jeff Sobotka, Mel Popelka, Dorothy Hayes

The Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day

Liz Collazo will be on vacation from Monday, July 1st, through Thursday, July 4th.

July Worship Schedule:

7 Ames UCC
14 First Christian Church
21 First Christian Church
28 Ames UCC



Join us for Worship in the Park!
Brookside Park,
August 4th,
Hickory Shelter,
by the fire engine.

Thank You!

Thanks to all my Christian friends for your prayer and concerns during this illness of mine. — Gloria Carpenter

THANK YOU to everyone who has prayed for my mother and asked about her health during the last 6 months. She has completed her radiation treatment and all cancer check-ups have been clear. Mom is very joyful and thankful to all of you. — Lizmari M. Collazo

General Assembly worship day is right around the corner!

There will be so many new faces, and friends to meet. We should remember to wear our nametags to make fellowship easier for those who will be visiting us.



Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>July 2019</div> <div>SUMMER</div>				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2 nd Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall LIB = Library CR = Conf. Room GR = Great Room		
30 10:30 am Worship	1 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) *Morgan LeCount <div>Liz Collazo on vacation</div>	2 9:30 am Welcome Group Meeting (LIB)	3 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship	4 Fourth of July Office Closed 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	5	6 9:30 AM – 1 pm FCC Volunteers for Food at First (FH)
7 10:30 am Worship at UCC followed by Coffee Fellowship	8 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) 12 pm – Com. Team Mtg. (LIB) *Angela Mokaya	9 7:15 pm Property Meeting (LIB) *Lillian Lawson	10 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship *Stacey Maifeld	11 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) *Everett Wierson	12 *Mark Schroeder	13
14 10:30 am Worship at FCC followed by Coffee Fellowship	15 11:00 am Elder's Circle (LIB) Noon – The Call Deadline 7 pm Trustees Meeting (CR) *Karen LeCount	16 *Mel Popelka	17 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship *Linda Anderson	18 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.) *Wanda Button	19 *Margie Nickum	20
21 10:30 am General Assembly Worship at FCC followed by Coffee Fellowship 12:45 pm Elder's Meeting (CH) 4-6 PM All Regional Congregational Gathering and Reception *Gloria Carpenter	22 General Assembly	23	24 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship *Victoria Brenden	25 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	26	27
28 10:30 am Worship at UCC	29 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	30 *Del Woodward	31 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship *Marge Hartman	1 5:30-7pm Listening to God (Great Rm.)	2	3 9:30 AM – 1 pm FCC Volunteers for Food at First (FH)

Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
July 14	Opportunity to Serve	Opportunity to Serve	Opportunity to Serve
July 21	Kris & Larry Mesenbrink	Meg Knol-Digby	Stacey Maifeld
Aug. 4 (Worship in the Park)	Ron & Dee Matthews	Cynthia Gaunt	Linda Anderson

Deacons Serving in July:

Captain: Jocelyn Digby

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| 1. Michael Ewalt | 3. Dianne Brown |
| 2. Chris & Jackie Haley | 4. Suzanne Clark |

Elder's Serving in July:

Offering: John Lott

Communion: Deb Lewis

Alternate: Amy Kuehl

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.

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.

Staff at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ames, IA:

Minister:	Mary Jane Button-Harrison
Minister of Worship & Discipleship:	Tim Button-Harrison
Minister of Worship Arts:	Janet Lott
Administrative Assistant:	Liz Collazo
Worship Musician:	Joseph Schwartz
Building Custodian:	Sherri Khan
Nursery Attendants:	Karen LeCount
Nursery Helper:	Eiley Misfeldt

Return Service Requested

Website: <http://www.fccames.org/>

Phone: (515) 232-5766

Ames, Iowa 50010-6137

611 Clark Avenue

(Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church