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# The Call

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## Meeting Jesus MIDWEEK

Every Wednesday,  
6:30-7:30 pm, The Hub



### **Meeting Jesus (and one another) Mid-Week**

Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 pm in the Hub  
(just off the elevator on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

In early July, Charles Moore, editor of and contributor to the book, “Called to Community” and his wife Leslie were our guests at First Christian Church. Many of us met for lunch and conversation with them as they shared insights from their life living in Christian community.

In chapter 13 of the book (that contains 52 short chapters – one for each week of the year), Charles Moore writes, “At one level or another, all of us want to be connected with others. But what does it mean to connect? What does it take to forge relationships that count?” “Jesus prayed that we might be a community, that his followers would possess the togetherness and love and unity that he and [God] have for each other (John 17:20-26).” Throughout the New Testament there is an emphasis on the mutually caring relationships and sense of belonging within the faith community. It

shows up as “one another.”

Here are just a few verses:

Live in harmony with one another. Wait for one another. Have the same care for one another. Bear one another's burdens. Build one another up. Be at peace with one another. Do good to one another. Forgive one another.

Beginning Wednesday, October 2, there will be a gathering of people who will meet weekly to read a chapter from the book and reflect on the intersection of faith and life with “one another.” Those wishing or needing to eat will first gather at 6:00 pm downstairs and share a meal together with Food at First, then head up to the Hub just off the elevator on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

The intention of the group is to study, pray, and share life as we seek to follow Jesus. The hope in gathering is to get to know one another and care for one another more fully and authentically as part of the community of Christ. The prayer is that we will build one other up in faith and in love. Please let me know if you are interested, if you need childcare, and if you have any questions. There are a few of the books available in the Church Office for \$5 on a first come, first serve basis.

—Pastor Mary Jane

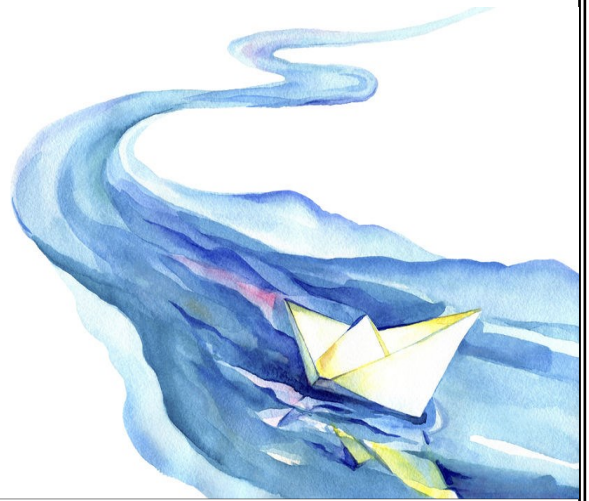


## **Journey to the Common Good: Resistance, Revelation, Revival**

<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>Resistance and Revival God's Image Revealed Genesis 4:1-16</b>
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Brokenness and Reconciliation God's Dream of Wholeness Genesis 6:1-9:17</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Dream God's Dream Genesis 11:1-9</b>
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>All Will Be Blessed Through You Genesis 12:1-9</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>Call of Moses Exodus 3:1-14</b>
<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>Bread of Heaven Exodus 16</b>
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Commandments and Commitments Exodus 20</b>
<b>Nov. 10</b>	<b>Idle Hands Exodus 32</b>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>Women at the Well—Stories of Faith from Mitchellville Prison</b>
<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>Choose Life! Stewardship Dedication Deuteronomy 30:15-20</b>

# Sharing Abundantly in Every Good Work

## Our First Christian Church 2019 Devotional Booklet



And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you might share abundantly in every good work. - 2 Corinthians 9

### Last year members shared their stories with us

In our 2018 Devotional Booklet we treasured some of the many talents, stories, and experiences that our members shared in each daily devotional reading. They chose a word from the given list of words and used it as their theme. Perhaps contributors would have preferred their own words, yet they found another word that best spoke to them. The booklet was part of last year's Stewardship Season, and contributors were encouraged through their word to reflect in some way on 'God's abundance and our stewardship.'

### In every good work

Sometimes we may hear 'Stewardship' and an annual 'Stewardship Campaign' as focused on church finances and services. Well, yes - they are. That is their main purpose. But not the only purpose - they also focus on 'good works.' The definition of 'good work' from 2 Corinthians can be mighty wide and broad.

Every contribution to last year's devotional booklet was in itself an act of generosity and personal stewardship. A good work. Contributors blessed us by sharing a part of themselves - "This is a bit of who I am" - with us. Now we know a bit more about our church friends. Taken together the Devotional Booklet was a good work, indeed! We readers received the gift of themselves with gratitude - becoming a part of our own abundance.

### This year the Devotional Booklet can also be your good work

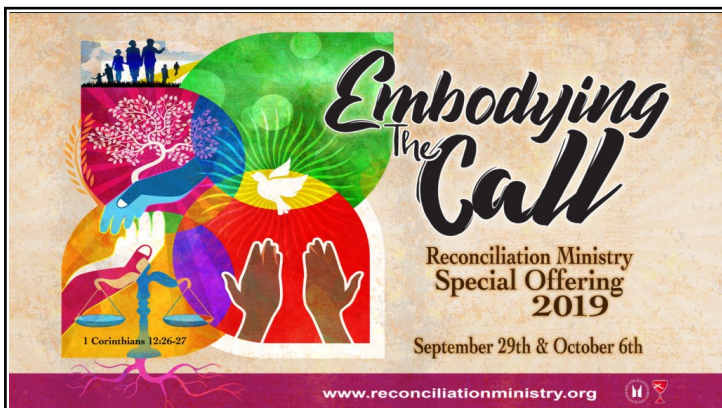
You have your own devotional thoughts, images and stories that we would be honored to know. So . . . the Stewardship Team invites you to choose your own word theme from this year's poster in the narthex. Reflect on your word in light of God's abundance. What thoughts, images, stories do your word inspire? What experience, what understanding, what "this is me" would you generously share with us? We eagerly and prayerfully await your good work.

### Details

- Contributions will be due by Sunday October 6, to allow time to produce the booklets.
- They will be passed out Sunday Oct. 27.
- There are 29 daily choices from Sunday, Oct. 27 through Sunday Nov. 24, pledge Commitment Sunday.
- 200-350 words, ending in prayer. With your name.

The Stewardship Team  
Vern Hawkins  
Stacey Maifeld  
Don Withers  
Mary Jane Button-Harrison





## The Reconciliation Offering will be received on Sundays, September 29th and October 6th

**W**e would like to invite the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and supporters to help Reconciliation Ministry to continue its mission of Anti-Racism, Pro-Reconciliation work.

### About the Special Offering

The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

*Donations on behalf of emergency grants on behalf of impacted communities and congregations toward*

*healing for the communities of Ferguson, Staten Island, Charleston, S.C., and Baltimore can be directed to the Reconciliation Annual Fund/Racial Justice Response.*

### Why Have a Special Offering?

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960s of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Ministry.

We receive this offering in the fall and use the funds throughout the year to give grants to the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative to organize to dismantle systems and structures that perpetuate this sin of division within the Church.

The 2020 Vision adopted by our church names this work as one of the four priorities of our mission together as a whole church. This voluntary annual offering is the only source of funding for this ministry.

***The form of this ministry may be changing, but the need for addressing racism has never been more obvious.***

As the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) lives into its identity as a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world" contributions to this offering facilitate camp and conference and leadership development opportunities as well as programs for dialogue across difference that promotes life-giving community within our beloved church and among the whole family of God.

Give GENEROUSLY to the Reconciliation Offering. You may give on Sundays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6th, in the designated envelopes, or [ONLINE.](#)





# CROP HUNGER WALK



## 2019 CROP Walk on October 13

The 2019 Ames Area CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 13**, starting at the Maple Shelter in Brookside Park. Sign-in will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the walk itself will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. As in years past, the walk is approximately 5 kilometers long (3.1 miles), passing through the ISU campus, north on Stange Road to 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and back through Brookside Park, returning to the Maple Shelter.

Money raised through the CROP Walk helps to fund food programs sponsored around the world by Church World Service. In addition, 25% of the total amount raised by Ames-area walkers is earmarked for *local* food programs right here in our community.

If you'd like to walk this year, please contact David or Mary Gregory (before or after worship, or at 515-708-9004 or 515-520-5536) to obtain a fundraising envelope and instructions. As in the past, we'll record the names of walkers on a poster in the west entrance to the church. Currently, the following people are registered to walk; we hope others will join us. Please support them with your donations—and THANK YOU!

Jocelyn Digby  
Mary and David Gregory  
Stacey Maifeld

The Schwartz Family  
Eileen Sambos  
The Walker Family

Eric Wierson  
Cynthia Gaunt  
Mary Jane Button-Harrison

### *How to donate to an individual walker or to the FCC Team!*

- Give cash or a check (made out to CWS/CROP) to an individual walker.
- Put a team donation in the Sunday offering plate, clearly identified for CROP WALK. (Cash should be in a marked envelope; checks should be made out to CWS/CROP).
- Go to the Ames CROP Hunger Walk website ([www.crophungerwalk.org/amesia](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/amesia)) and use the **DONATE** button to make an online donation. The process is very easy, and you can donate to either an individual walker or to our team, named "First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)."

### 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:

Dear One,

Closer to us than our own hearts,  
farther from us than  
the most distant star,  
you are beyond naming.

May your powerful presence  
become obvious not only in the  
undeniable glory of the sky,  
but also in the seemingly base  
and common processes of the earth.  
Give us what we need, day by day,  
to keep body and soul together,  
because clever as you have made us,  
we still owe our existence to you.

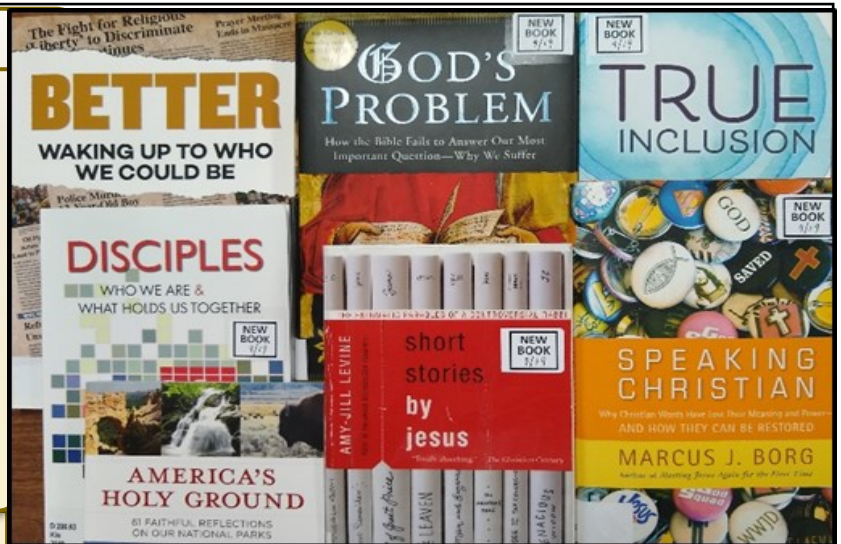
We recognize that  
to be reconciled with you,  
we must live peaceably and justly  
with other human beings,  
putting hate and bitterness behind us.

We are torn between  
our faith in your goodness  
and our awareness  
of the evil in your creation,  
so deliver us  
from the temptation to despair.

Yours alone is the universe  
and all its majesty and beauty.

So it is. Amen.

(JBurklo)



## New Additions to the FCC Library

**A**nother batch of new books has been added to the FCC Library. As usual, each newly acquired book will have a “New Book” label on its cover and will initially be displayed on the countertop or the New Book wire-rack. New and selected books will also be rolled into the narthex on Sunday mornings on the new “FCC Bookmobile.” If you need help locating a book, please contact David Gregory, the FCC Librarian. Enjoy!

**Karen Armstrong.** *In the Beginning: A New Interpretation of Genesis* (1996)

**Rob Bell.** *What Is the Bible?* (2017)

**Johann C. & C. F. Blumhardt.** *Thy Will Be Done: Sickness, Faith, and the God Who Heals* (2011)

**Benson Bobrick.** *Wide as the Waters: The Story of the English Bible...* (2001)

**Marcus J. Borg.** *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power--And How They Can Be Restored* (2011)

**Melvin Bray.** *Better: Waking Up to Who We Could Be* (2017)

**Brene Brown.** *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead* (2012)



**Brenda M. Cardwell & William K. Fox.** *Journey Toward Wholeness: A History of Black Disciples of Christ...* (1990)

**D. Duane Cummins.** *A Handbook for Today's Disciples* (5th ed.; 2017)

**Bart D. Ehrman.** *God's Problem: How the Bible Fails to Answer Our Most Important Question—Why We Suffer* (2008)

**Matthew Fox.** *Original Blessing: A Primer in Creation Spirituality* (1983)

**Peter Grose.** *A Good Place to Hide: How One French Community Saved Thousands of Lives During World War II* (2015)

**Philip Hallie.** *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed: The Story of the Village of Le Chambon...* (1979)

**Ferree Hardy.** *Postcards from the Widow's Path: Gleaning Hope & Purpose from the Book of Ruth* (2012)

**Carolyn B. Helsel.** *Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism* (2017)

**Sandhya Rani Jha.** *Transforming Communities: How People Like You are Healing Their Neighborhoods* (2017)

**Michael Kinnamon & Jan Linn.** *Disciples: Who We Are & What Holds Us Together* (2019)

**Amy Jill Levine.** *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* (2014)

**Richard H. Lowery et al (eds.).** *Seeking God's Design: Disciples' Quest for Unity & Wholeness* (2019)

**Brady Lyons & Bruce Barkhauer.** *America's Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections on Our National Parks* (2019)

**Brandan Robertson.** *True Inclusion: Creating Communities of Radical Embrace* (2018)

**Jim Wallis.** *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets it Wrong, and the Left Doesn't Get It* (2005)

**N.T. Wright.** *The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is* (1999)



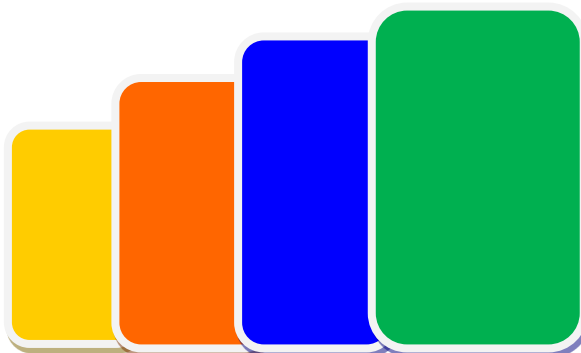
## New Children's Books in the FCC Library

**Elizabeth F. Caldwell & Carol Wehrheim.**  
*Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*  
(2018)

**Elizabeth F. Caldwell & Theodore Hiebert.**  
*God's Big Plan* (2019)

**Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso.**  
*The Marvelous Mustard Seed* (2018)  
*Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons* (2017)  
*Who is my Neighbor?* (2019)

**Sandy Eisenberg Sasso.**  
*Adam & Eve's First Sunset* (2003)



## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST FAIR TRADE PROJECT AND THE HUMAN STORY BEHIND A CASHEW



If you've never ordered from Equal Exchange's Disciples of Christ Fair Trade project, now is a great time to give it a try! Equal Exchange helps small farmers earn sustainable wages through fairly traded coffee, teas, chocolate and other foods. For Equal Exchange, fair trade means more than paying fair prices. Equal Exchange trades only with democratically-organized small farmer co-operatives, where men and women get to vote together on how to use fair trade premiums in their communities. Here is the human story behind one of these foods - the cashew - and how fair trade helps cashew farmers strengthen their communities:

"Farmers are proudly reclaiming an island where El Salvador's civil war once raged. After struggling for peasant rights and suffering violent reprisals during the country's 12-year civil war, they received land through a government land reform program. These 60 farmers now grow exquisite cashews in a protected mangrove sanctuary and are learning how to run a Fair Trade farming co-operative. In India, protecting both elephants and crops with elephant-friendly fencing is just one way that [cashew] farmers have used Fair Trade premiums to improve their farming. They have also channeled funds to improve school facilities, support community drinking water programs and control weeds sustainably."

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

If you like dark chocolate, Equal Exchange is now offering its darkest chocolate bar ever with 92% chocolate. This is the result of a new chocolate partnership in West Africa, where child labor and forced labor in the cocoa industry are a major

problem. Small scale farmers in Togo are now supplying organic and fair trade cocoa beans for Equal Exchange and these partnerships can create meaningful change.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is one of Equal Exchange's interfaith partners. Started in 2008, the Disciples of Christ Fair Trade 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. For each pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Disciples purchase through the Fair Trade Project, 15 cents per pound goes to the Project's Small Farmer Fund. In 2018, that fund amounted to \$1,105.65.

Every few months we place a group order from FCC for anyone that would like to order. If you would like to order something or ask questions, contact Stacey Maifeld by Friday, September 27 at 515.520.9844 or [staceymaifeld@gmail.com](mailto:staceymaifeld@gmail.com).

## AMOS Civic Academy on Immigration

Interested in learning more about immigration and working for justice for immigrants? Attend the AMOS Civic Academy on Immigration on October 6 at St. Cecilia Church (2900 Hoover Ave., Ames. Listen to stories from immigrants and join in three conversations: Why do people come to the U.S.? What is the situation for immigrants in Iowa now? What can be done to work for justice for immigrants? A potluck dinner at 6 p.m.; bring a dish to share. Registration for those not attending the potluck will start at 6:45, and the civic academy will begin at 7:00 and last about 90 minutes. Activities for children will be provided. For more information, contact Chris Rehmann at 515-520-1224, or via email at [rehmann@isunet.net](mailto:rehmann@isunet.net).





## ***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

<b>Sept. 27-29</b>	Upper Midwest Fall Women's Retreat, Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds
<b>Sept. TBD</b>	Regional Operations Council Online
<b>Oct. 19</b>	Property Meeting @ CCC
<b>Oct. TBD</b>	Regional Operations Council Online
<b>Nov. 1-3</b>	Chi Rho Retreat @ CCC
<b>Nov. 8-9</b>	Committee on Ministry @ WDMCC
<b>Nov. 15-16</b>	CMEP Retreat @ CCC
<b>Nov. 22-24</b>	CYF Midwinter Retreat
<b>Nov. TBD</b>	Regional Operations Council Online



## ***Reclaiming Our Souls Through Friendship***

**Christian Church  
in the Upper Midwest  
Women's Fall Retreat**

**Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds  
Paynesville, MN  
September 27-29, 2019**

**M**any of our very own FCC women are attending the Fall Women's Retreat. We ask for prayers for safe journey and a meaningful, joy-filled time for all the women going to the Upper Midwest Fall Women's Retreat at Koronis Ministries in Paynesville, MN. It's a six hour drive to retreat so you know they really want to be there! Pray also for the coordinators of the retreat, Valerie Rottschaefer and our own Deb Lewis, and the chaplain, Anjeanette Perkins. Leading retreat is quite a task and they are doing a great job. Women from Ames going this year are:

Darla Ewalt  
Jocelyn Digby  
Cynthia Gaunt  
Mary Gregory  
Cathy Krebs  
Amy Kuehl

Diana Laird  
Deb Lewis  
Janet Lott  
Sue Prins  
Eileen Sambos  
Melissa Webb

# #DMFday gifts impact regional and general ministries

Posted on September 13, 2019 at 10:07 am.



Disciples Center staff gathered for a building-wide birthday party for Alexander Campbell on what would be his 231st birthday.

On Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, Disciples gathered online and in-person to celebrate our Church's past, present, and future with a giving day for [Disciples Mission Fund](#).

Coordinated by staff in the [Office of General Minister and President](#), over \$25,000 was given by individuals and congregations across the life of the Church on #DMFday.

In Indianapolis, dozens gathered at an open house, hosted by the [Indiana region](#), to celebrate [Disciples founder Alexander Campbell's](#) birthday, the occasion for the giving day. Disciples Center staff also gathered that morning for a building-wide celebration of Disciples Mission Fund, with cake and DMF-themed trivia.

Together, the gifts received on #DMFday make an incredible difference in the life of our Church.

Because of the #DMFday gifts received from people in nearly every region, [regional ministries](#) are better positioned to facilitate the search and call process

for discerning ministers, offer youth and family programs, and explore innovative ways to expand our ministries. The Georgia region, for example, is partnering with the [National Benevolent Association](#) on a [mental health initiative](#). Because of our shared gifts, this kind of creative collaboration will continue across our Church.

With the help of all those who gave on #DMFday, our [general ministries](#) continue their important work to serve from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Through [Disciples Home Missions](#), youth groups can serve recovering communities with [Disciples Volunteering](#) and young Disciples are exploring Biblical stories through the [Children Worship and Wonder](#) program. Our institutions of [higher education](#) also continue raising up new leaders for the Church and the world.

**While the giving day was successful, the Church's work doesn't end here.** #DMFday was a first step in sharing the impact Disciples Mission Fund has in our lives. Together, Disciples are called to continue collaborative support, through [making a recurring individual gift](#) or prayerfully considering adding, or growing, [your congregation's commitment to DMF](#) core support in its annual budget. If you'd like to know more about making a recurring gift, or if you'd like some help encouraging your congregation to give to DMF, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).



DMF is also only one of the Church's three mission funds. The next opportunity to share collective gifts is the [Reconciliation Ministry special offering](#), received in many congregations on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. This offering funds Disciples' effort to become an anti-racist, pro-reconciling Church in every expression.

[Learn more about Disciples Mission Fund, and the congregational resources available, here.](#)



## 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)*

- **GET INVOLVED** by helping to facilitate worship with reading, or with sound or video on Sundays. For more information, contact Janet Lott at [jalott@isunet.net](mailto:jalott@isunet.net).
- **FIGHT HUNGER.** Join FCC's core of Food at First Volunteers by helping to serve a meal every first Saturday of the month. For more information, you may contact Cynthia Gaunt at [cygaunt@hotmail.com](mailto:cygaunt@hotmail.com).
- **NOMINATE** persons for positions of leadership at FCC. Do you know someone who is talented and could help the Church grow by sharing their gifts? Let the Nominations Team know! Contact Stacey Maifeld at 515-520-9844.
- **JOIN** the Stewardship Team! The Stewardship Team needs one or two persons with creativity and vision to help them plan the Stewardship Season, as they prepare for the 2020 Pledge Campaign. Contact Don Withers at 515-203-5255.
- Be **FAITHFUL** with your pledge. Your pledge helps the church continue its work for Christ, while keeping the lights on.

Thank you so much for what you do! 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.

## Help with Fellowship Dinner

Every third Sunday of the month, a dedicated group of volunteers meets around 10 am to help prepare a dinner for after worship which we share in fellowship. Volunteers prep, cook, serve, and clean up after the meal, in Fellowship Hall.

**They NEED YOUR HELP! YES, YOU!**

Please contact Jeannie Fitz at 232-9306, or Jake Clark, at 460-8822, **TODAY.**

**CROP AMES**  
**HUNGER WALK**  
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**  
*Save the Date!*

**Location:** Brookside Park, Maple Shelter  
1325 6th Street, Ames

**Walk Distance:**

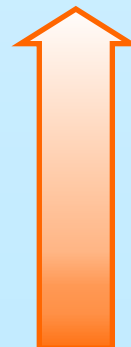
**Registration Time:**  
1:00 PM

**Contacts:**

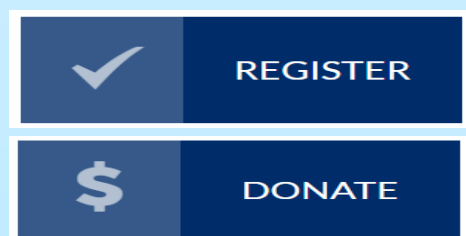
David Gregory  
[dgregory@iastate.edu](mailto:dgregory@iastate.edu)  
515-708-9004

**Walk Time:**  
1:30 PM

Mary Von Ah-Gregory  
[mvonahgregory@yahoo.com](mailto:mvonahgregory@yahoo.com)  
515-520-5536



**Walk. Give.**





# 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

	August	2019 YTD
Income:	\$24,403	\$160,503
Expenses:	\$18,697	\$166,029
Difference:	\$5,706	\$(5,526)
Outreach		\$10,973

### New Member:

Congratulations to Abby Schwartz who became a new member of First Christian Church on Sunday, August 25th.

**Our Deepest Sympathies** with the family of Richard and Linda Patterson, who were members of First Christian Church in 1973, and whose daughter Mary (Patterson) Rasmussen passed away on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019. For memorials, or to express condolences, you may visit <https://www.adamssoderstrum.com/obituaries/Mary-Louise-Rasmussen?obId=7170214>

**In and Out of the Hospital:** Gloria Carpenter.

**The Reconciliation Offering  
will be received on Sundays,  
September 29th and  
October 6th.**



**Next Meeting of the  
General Board:  
Monday, October 14  
7 PM, Coffee House**



Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered to represent First Christian Church at our Ames PrideFest booth. Many people stopped by to take pictures of our motto — *Come as You are, You*

*Belong!* We'd like to give a warm thank you to everyone who volunteered, especially Janett Lott, Sue Prins, Doan Schmitz, Pastor Mary Jane Button-Harrison, Vern Hawkins, Stacey Maifeld, Sherri Khan, Liz Collazo, Amy Kuehl, Tristan Cook, and Cynthia Gaunt.

THANK YOU to the Welcome Group who planned and helped put on our annual Sunday Sundaes. Though this year, we had some rain, it was all in good fun and many folks attended. Thank you to Vern Hawkins for always being so diligent with our lawn sign, and to all those who set up, who served, and who cleaned up. You are a blessing.



Here's our own Vern Hawkins sharing a big FCC WELCOME with our message, "Come as you are, You Belong!" at the 2019 ISU Welcome Fest on Wednesday evening, August 28.



THANK YOU to our wonderful group of Food at First volunteers who help prepare, serve a meal, and clean up afterwards, every first Saturday of the month!

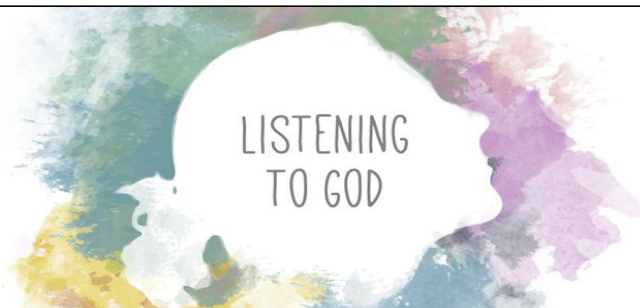
# What we do as Disciples, Together!



## Wednesdays, 5:15 pm to 5:50 pm, Great Room

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.

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|----------|--|
| 12:15 pm | Wednesday Prayers (Coffee House)   |
| 5:15 pm  | Spiritual Practices (Great Room):<br>Labyrinth Walking, Posting Prayers,<br>and other Spiritual Practices –<br>Great Room. |
| 5:30 pm  | Worship – Great Room   |
| 6:30 pm  | Meeting Jesus Midweek, The Hub (just off<br>the elevator, on 2nd Floor)  |



## Thursdays, 5:30—7pm, Great Room

“God’s first language was silence. Anything else is a bad translation!” — Thomas Keating

Listening to God is a group of people seeking a deeper relationship with God. The group meets every Thursday at 5:30 pm with a short check in time followed by a 20 minute Centering Prayer time and a study period. All are invited to join this small group as we practice simply resting in God. If you have never practiced Centering Prayer, we’ll help you. For more information contact Darla Ewalt at ([gsjoey69@hotmail.com](mailto:gsjoey69@hotmail.com)).

## Sundays at FCC:

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


Coffee Fellowship:  
First Sunday of the month,  
following worship



Fellowship Dinner:  
Third Sunday of the month,  
following worship



## Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: orange; margin: 0;">October 2019</h1>				<p><b>* Denotes birthday</b>  <b>Chapel – 2nd Floor</b>  <b>BT = Bell Tower</b>  <b>CH = Coffee House</b>  <b>FH = Fellowship Hall</b></p> <p><b>LIB = Library</b>  <b>CR = Conf. Room</b>  <b>GR = Great Room</b>  <b>H = Hub, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>  <b>S = Sanctuary</b>  <b>B = Balcony</b></p>		
29 Reconciliation Offering Received  9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship	30 10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	1 9:30 am Welcome Grp. Mtg. (LIB) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)	2 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	3 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	4  *Chris Haley *Molly Schwartz	5 9:30 AM – 1 pm FCC Volunteers for Food at First (FH)
6 <b>Reconciliation Offering Received</b> 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship (CH) AMOS Civic Academy on Immigration, St. Cecilia Church, 6:30 pm Reg., 7 pm Event	7  10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	8 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) 7:15 pm Property Mtg. (LIB)	9 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	10 9:30-11:30 am FCC Ministers' Mtg. (CH) 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)  *Janet Lott	11	12
13 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship <b>CROPWalk, Brookside Park</b> 1:00 pm Registration 1:30 pm Walk  *Kay Scott	14 10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) <b>7:00 pm Board Mtg. (CH)</b>	15 10:00 AM – Comm. Team Mtg. (LIB) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) 7:00 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting (LIB)	16 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	17 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	18	19  *Doan Schmitz
20 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship Dinner (FH) 12:45 pm Elder's Meeting (CH) 3-5 pm Financial Presentation with Kirby Gould (CH) *Deb Lewis	21 10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) Noon – Call Deadline 7 pm Trustees (CR)	22 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)	23 12:15 Prayers (CH) <b>Wed. Church Night</b> 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	24 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	25	26
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### Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
<b>October 6</b>	Stacey Maifeld and Gwen Mitzel	Jeff Sobotka	Meg Knol-Digby
<b>October 13</b>	Bob & Jean Watson	Corry Bertelsen	Carol Baker
<b>October 20</b>	Bob & Jean Watson	Corry Bertelsen	Carol Baker
<b>October 27</b>	Ron & Dee Matthews	Gwen Mitzel	Kay Scott

#### Deacons Serving in October

Captain: Michael Ewalt

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| 1. Chris & Jackie Haley | 3. Suzanne Clark |
| 2. Dianne Brown         | 4. Jocelyn Digby |

#### Elder's Serving in October:

Offering: Cynthia Gaunt

Communion: Amy Kuehl

Alternate: John Lott

Chaplain: Gwen Mitzel



# 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



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](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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### **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

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