



# The Call

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## Devoted to Generosity

### Trusting in God's Abundance

What an exciting time it is to be a Disciple and a member of First Christian Church! We spend meaningful time together worshipping, planning, praying, building, repairing, writing, singing, laughing, cooking, team building, teaching, preaching, hosting various groups at our church, sharing friendships, and listening to one another's hurts as well as encouraging one another to step out in faith.



The theme of the 2019 Stewardship Campaign is *Devoted to Generosity*, with the sub-theme *Trusting in God's Abundance*. The logo, two hands holding onto grapes, represents the fruit of the vine, sharing our abundance, trusting in God.

The Trustees and Stewardship Team have worked together to develop a new financial plan for 2020 that includes the traditional line item budget as well as a [narrative budget](#). The four key ministries of FCC are Worshipping God, Growing Connections, Loving Neighbors, and Building Faith. Each of those ministries ties in with our core values, and the narrative budget provides us a clear, vivid picture of how our pledges are used at FCC to make our vision of generosity and trust a reality.

**Stewardship Devotionals will be available this Sunday, October 27th.** As you read these devotions, please take time to prayerfully and carefully consider how God is asking you to give in 2020. You will be receiving a letter in the mail on or about October 31<sup>st</sup>. Now is the time for us to continue building bold faith together within our church, our community, and the world!

—Don Withers (Chair), Cynthia Gaunt, Stacey Maifeld, and Vern Hawkins  
Stewardship Committee

## Devoted to Generosity— Trusting in God's Abundance

Oct. 27	Bread of Heaven Exodus 16
Nov. 3	Commandments and Commitments Exodus 20
Nov. 10	Idle Hands Exodus 32
Nov. 17	Women at the Well—Stories of Faith from Mitchellville Prison
Nov. 24	Choose Life! Stewardship Dedication Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**On Sunday, November 24th, we  
will be Dedication Our 2020  
Stewardship Commitments —  
Please bring your pledge cards!**

# Fellowship Dinner

Fellowship Dinner will be on Sunday, November 17, and the menu will be all about Thanksgiving. Please bring side dishes, salads, and desserts to share!

The Fellowship Dinner team needs more regular and dedicated volunteers to help prep, serve, and clean up after the meal. Please contact Jeannie Fitz at 232-9306, or Jake Clark, at 460-8822.

### 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:

O most Compassionate Life-giver,  
may we honor and praise you;  
May we work with you to establish your  
new order of justice peace and love;  
Give us what we need for growth,  
And help us, through forgiving others,  
to accept forgiveness.  
Strengthen us in the time of testing,  
that we may resist all evil,  
For all tenderness, strength  
and love are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

New Zealand Aborigine

## DON'T CLICK ON THAT FISHY EMAIL!

Have you gotten a fishy email that looks like Pastor Mary Jane's email address, and claiming she needs your help? These emails might claim she's in trouble, or may ask you for money. **We would NEVER send these types of emails to you!**

Pastor Mary Jane's email is [maryjane@fccames.org](mailto:maryjane@fccames.org).

If you receive emails claiming to be from her, but that do NOT use this exact address, please do NOT reply to them and do not click on any links or attachments they might contain. The address might seem like it's from her, but it is not. If you ever have any questions about any emails supposedly coming from Pastor Mary Jane, please contact the church office at 515-232-5766, and we'll be happy to help.



# Thanksgiving Special Offering

**Received on Sundays,  
November 17 and 24.**

**You may give on those Sundays in the designated envelopes or [ONLINE](#) (select Thanksgiving Special Offering from the Designation dropdown list).**

**The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).**

Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still

committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.

The Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church provide quality education through classes offered by some of the nation's top undergraduate and graduate faculty. Many of the campuses are comprised of state-of-the-art facilities, offer diverse degree programs, include dynamic student life activities, offer exciting athletics programs, and much more. The Thanksgiving offering supports everything from scholarships, to religious life offices, to faculty growth and development. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become leaders.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for our theological education institutions. Each of our seminaries and divinity houses is committed to educating and forming Christian leaders for church and society. Generations of pastors, community leaders, and agents of social transformation have been educated at our theological institutions. They have flourished and made a difference in the world, thanks to gifts from Disciples congregations and individuals throughout the ages. These institutions continue to prepare leaders for the present age and the age to come.

Support for Disciples Mission Fund and gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering are a critical part of the ongoing collaborative work of church and higher education that is such a foundational part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and it makes a difference in the world.**



# FOOLISH CHURCH CONFERENCE

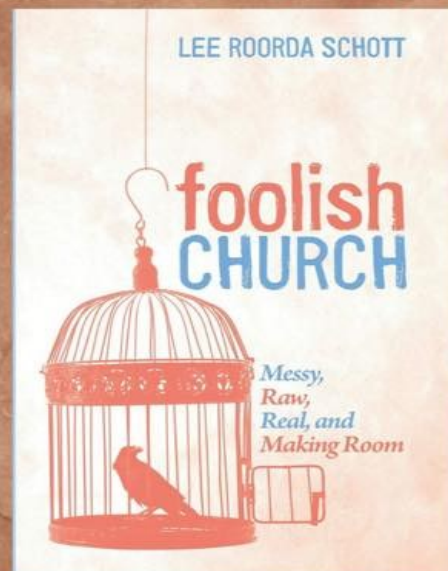
NOVEMBER 15TH-17TH

AMES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

516 KELLOGG AVE, AMES, IA 50010

RSVP ONLINE AT [WWW.IACEF.COM](http://WWW.IACEF.COM)

COST IS ~~\$75~~ \$15 for FCC participants



Join us in Ames for a weekend of activities exploring what it means to be the church, foolishly present with neighbors we've been taught to overlook. Author and pastor Lee Roorda Schott will build on her book, *Foolish Church: Messy, Raw, Real, and Making Room* to share what we churches outside can learn from the church she has led for eight years, Women at the Well, inside the Iowa women's prison in Mitchellville. We'll consider welcome, authenticity, boundaries, relationship, accountability, and reconciliation. We'll dare to believe that when we bring our whole selves to church, and allow others to do the same, we find ourselves living the gospel in ways we didn't know we were missing.

We'll be joined by Women at the Well volunteers and staff, including its minister of reentry and congregational care, Rev. Paul Witmer, who brings gifts in visual arts and in leadership around spiritual practices and centering prayer. Our worship will be enriched with the presence of musician and psalmist Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, of Strawberry Point, who creates adventurous music for the ever-evolving church.

**WHEN:** November 15th - 17th

**WHERE:** First United Methodist Church  
516 Kellogg Avenue, Ames IA.

**FEE:** \$15 for full event, for First Christian Church Members

**REGISTER** through Nicole Smith at [nicole@fumcames.org](mailto:nicole@fumcames.org).

## Meet the Speakers



**Lee Roorda Schott**, author of *Foolish Church* and pastor of Women at the Well, a church inside the Iowa women's prison

**Richard Bruxvoort Colligan** is a psalmist making adventurous and imaginative music for the ever-evolving church



**Paul Witmer** is Minister of Reentry & Congregational Care at Women at the Well, and is shaped by his long experience as pastor, musician, spiritual director, retreat and 12-step program leader, and artist.

# Tentative Schedule and Event Descriptions

## Friday, November 15 | Pre-Conference Workshops

at First United Methodist Church, 516 Kellogg Ave.,  
Ames, Iowa

- 1:30-2:00 Registration
- 2:00-5:00 pm Practicing Foolishness

We'll gather as Lee leads a session of The Fools' Manual, the study and practice guide that will help us do what she describes in Foolish Church. We'll experience the group session, and then we'll debrief about how we can use this process in small groups in our own churches, in connection with the #FoolishChurch community.

- 2:00-5:00 Subversive Worship: Forming a Resilient Community

Worship shapes us to be people of God. So, season by season, year after year, how is your community shaping itself? In whatever style your people worship, our words and music matter! Richard brings his passion for lifelong spiritual formation to this workshop as we explore what a thriving worship life looks like for your community for the long haul.

## Saturday, November 16 | Becoming Foolish Churches

at First United Methodist Church, 516 Kellogg Ave.,  
Ames, Iowa

- 9:00 Registration, displays and gathering time
- 10:00 Opening worship—in the sanctuary
- 10:45 Plenary: Lee will lead us in a deep dive into Foolish Church and the four rules for churches (and people) that want to live it out.
- 11:45 Lunch—on-site, provided by CEF
- 12:45 Workshops (until 1:45)

**Foolish Worship** Richard will lead this time of exploring the foolish wisdom of what happens in worship. We'll consider the power of lament, of engaging the questions, and of rethinking prayer so that it's not for "those people."

**Foolish Leadership** Lee will help church leaders

consider their role in establishing an unflinching welcome. It will take intentionality and preparation. We'll consider the imperative of good boundaries and a reconciliation pathway, and you'll leave with an action plan.

**Foolish Relationships** Drawing on learnings from the longstanding reentry program through Women at the Well, Paul will share about the foolishness of relationships we choose. He will bring insights from centering prayer and spiritual practices that cultivate peace within and among us.

- 2:00 Practicing Foolish Conversations: In small circles, we'll practice some specific conversations that will happen when we undertake this foolish work.
- 3:15 Sending forth—there in Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 Conference adjourns

All are welcome to continue to stay for evening activities. Downtown Ames shopping/touring options will be available during the Saturday afternoon break.

## Evening Activities

- 5:30 Join in evening worship at First UMC, Lee preaching (30-40 min.)
- 7:00-9:00 pm The Art of Foolish Church: Music, Embodiment, and More

There's an art to the foolishness we're exploring this weekend. It includes compelling music and embodied spirituality that will inspire and center us in these countercultural ideas. Join us as we learn how to find room for breath and silence around life, the church, foolishness and more. Light refreshments will be served. Lee and Richard will have books and music, respectively, available for purchase.

## Sunday, November 17 | Worship opportunities

- 8:30 and 11:00 Lee will be preaching at First UMC, Ames

Adult Sunday School in between services (Q&A)

- **10:30 Paul will be preaching at First Christian Church, Ames, with Richard leading music. They'll also lead the learning time at 9:15.**







## Thank you, CROP Walkers & Donors!

**O**n Sunday October 13th, 26 walkers from First Christian Church joined hundreds of other walkers from Ames and surrounding communities to participate in the annual CROP Hunger Walk, sponsored by Church World Service. What a great way to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Crop Walk, which was founded in 1969! Through the fundraising efforts of our walkers and the generosity of many people in our “extended family,” the FCC congregation raised \$2,319 to

fight hunger, in our local community and around the world. As in years past, 25% of the funds raised in the Ames-area CROP Walk will be distributed to local agencies involved in food security, including our own ministry partner, Food at First. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed their time, talents, donations and support to this very worthy cause!

--David & Mary Gregory,  
FCC Coordinators for CROP Walk



### On the far left:

Izzie Corrieri, Anleah Walker

### Back row from left to

**right:** Joseph Schwartz, David Gregory, Jocelyn Digby, Eileen Sambos, Mary Jane Button-Harrison, Ruth Powell, Stacey Maifeld, Mary Von Ah Gregory, Jerry Powell, Scott Walker, Tiffany Walker

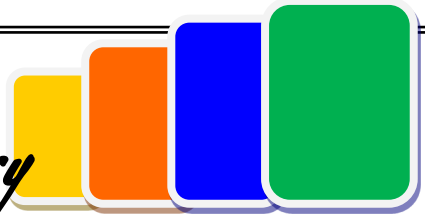
### Front row:

Killian Schwartz (stroller), Abby Schwartz, Easton Webb, Cynthia Gaunt, Victoria Brenden, Nevin Schwartz (in front of Victoria), Adam Pendry, Isaac Brenden, Devin Webb, Molly Schwartz, Melissa Webb, and Ella Spitzli

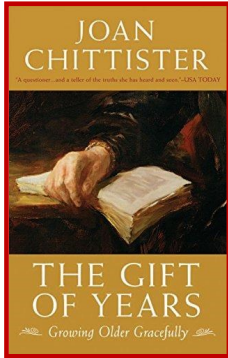
### Not pictured:

Eric Wiersen.

# Authors in our Library

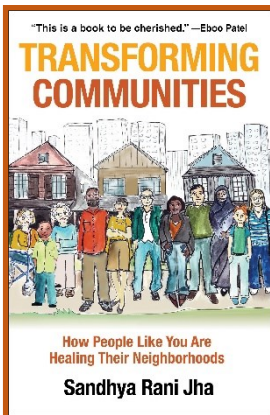
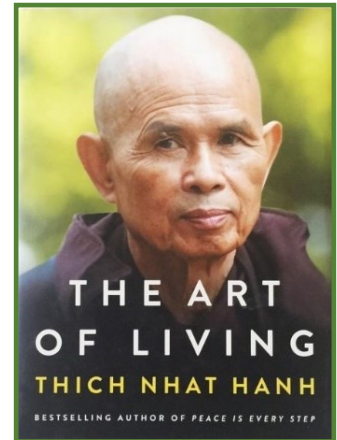


This month's profiled authors include a Catholic nun, a Buddhist monk, and a minister in our own Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Check out their books!



**Joan Chittister** is an American Benedictine nun, theologian, author and speaker. She has served as president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and currently co-chairs the Global Peace Initiative of Women—a partner organization of the United Nations, facilitating a worldwide network of women peace builders. She is the author of more than 50 books dealing primarily with monasticism, justice and equality (especially for women in church and society), interfaith topics, and world peace. We have two of Sister Joan's books in the FCC Library: *Faith & Ferment: An Interdisciplinary Study of Christian Beliefs and Practices* (1983; co-authored with Martin E. Marty); and *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully* (2008).

**Thich Nhat Hanh** is a Buddhist monk, Zen Master, poet, scholar, and peace activist. Born in Vietnam in 1926, he was nominated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1967 and led the Vietnamese Buddhist Peace Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks in 1969. A prolific writer, Nhat Hanh has published over 100 titles in English, ranging from classic manuals on meditation, mindfulness and Engaged Buddhism, to poems, children's stories, and commentaries on ancient Buddhist texts. We currently have six of his books in the library: *Going Home: Jesus and Buddha as Brothers* (1999); *Living Buddha, Living Christ* (10th Anniversary ed., 2007); *Silence: The Power of Quiet in a World Full of Noise* (2015); *The Way Out Is In: The Zen Calligraphy of Thich Nhat Hanh* (2015); *At Home in the World: Stories and Essential Teachings from a Monk's Life* (2016); and *The Art of Living: Peace and Freedom in the Here and Now* (2017).



**Sandhya Rani Jha** is a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and serves as an anti-racism/anti-oppression trainer with the denomination's Reconciliation Ministries. She is also the founder and director of the Oakland Peace Center, a collective of 40 organizations creating access, equity and dignity for all in the Oakland (California) Area. Her podcast, *Hope from the Hood*, is available on iTunes and at sandhyajha.com. The FCC Library holds two of the author's books: *Room at the Table: Struggle for Unity and Equality in Disciples History* (2009); and *Transforming Communities: How People Like You are Healing Their Neighborhoods* (2017).

---David Gregory, FCC Librarian



# Light in Darkness

**FCC WILL BE  
PARTICIPATING!**

## **2019 Fall Choral Concert**

*Benefiting Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.*

**Sunday, November 10, 2019  
2-4 p.m.**

## **Collegiate Presbyterian Church**

*159 Sheldon Ave, Ames, IA 50014*

*All donations collected during the concert will go to fund Good Neighbor Programs. Last Year Good Neighbor assisted over 2000 Story County households with rent, utility, gasoline, or food.*



**613 Clark Avenue, Ames, IA 50310 | (515) 296-1449**

**gnea-inc@gmail.com |  | [www.gnea.org](http://www.gnea.org)**



## 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>Oct. 19</b>	Property Meeting @ CCC
<b>Oct. 26</b>	Regional Operations Council @ CCC
<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
<b>Dec. TBD</b>	Regional Operations Council Online
<b>Jan. 23</b>	Regional Operations Council Online
<b>Jan. 26-29</b>	Minister's Institute @ CCC
<b>Feb. 7-8</b>	Committee on Ministry
<b>Feb. 7-9</b>	Junior Retreat @ CCC

Love God. Love people.



**Fall and Winter Youth Retreats**

Chi Rho (grades 6-8): November 1-3  
CYF (grades 9-12): November 22-24  
Junior (grades 3-5): February 7-9  
Cost: \$40 per camper

VISIT [WWW.UPPERMIDWESTCC.ORG](http://WWW.UPPERMIDWESTCC.ORG) FOR MORE INFO.

## Main Lodge Roof Leak

**Help us cover the Lodge with a new  
room before winter blows in!**



After over 50 years of use, the flat roof over the Dining Hall has finally given us all the years it has to give. We now have a perpetual leak over the kitchen that can no longer be repaired. Consequently, the entire roof over the Dining Hall needs to be replaced as soon as possible. This work must take place quickly in order for the Lodge to be sealed up for the winter.

Regional staff have explored many options including filing an insurance claim as well as changing the pitch of the roof for future longevity. Incredibly, the company with the lowest bid is also the one that can meet our pressing need. Roof work begins this week!

We are incredibly grateful to the many churches and individuals who have shared with us stories of their own camping experiences in the space and have donated to assist with this costly repair. You've already contributed almost 30% of the total cost!!!

**CONTRIBUTE TODAY!**

Or mail a check to check to the Christian Conference Center, 5064 Lincoln St., Newton, IA 50208 with "roof project" in the memo.



## 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)*

- **COMMIT** to the mission and vision of First Christian Church with your gifts and talents, and prayerfully consider pledging your financial support for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. Devotional booklets to help inspire you along the way will be made available on Sunday, October 22th, during worship.
- **GROW** spiritually by attending the Foolish Church Workshop, Nov. 15-17. See page 7.
- **SUPPORT** the mission and vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for higher learning by giving generously to the Thanksgiving Offering.
- **GET INVOLVED** in 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).

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

Become a part of the regular team of volunteers who 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.**



## The Annual Community Wide Free Thanksgiving Dinner

sponsored by  
First Christian Church and  
Food at First, is fast approaching!

If you would like to volunteer to help, you may contact Food at First, at 515-344-4357, or sign up on their website. If you do not already have an account with them (a LOGIN) you will need to create one at <https://foodatfirst.wordpress.com/>.



# Hanging of the Greens Party!



**Sunday, November 24,  
4:00-6:00 PM  
in the Coffee House**

Come join the FUN as together we  
(adults as well as children) prepare  
the church and ourselves for Advent!

This is an ALL church, and ALL family event,  
for children ages 0 through 102.

And, there will be...

making of construction paper chains  
stringing popcorn and cranberries  
into garland  
decorating Christmas cookies  
plus snacks to eat!



***Stocking stuffing and supper!***

**SUNDAY, NOV. 24, 4 P.M.  
THE HUB**

**THE WOMEN'S  
GATHERING**



This year the annual Women's Gathering stocking stuffing will be combined with the Hanging of the Greens event, beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24. Women members and friends of FCC, along with 4th through 8th grade youth and any high school students who would like to help, will meet in the Hub (2nd floor) to stuff 100 stockings for the Bethesda Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Afterwards, they will join the members and friends who participate in The Hanging of the Greens in the Coffee House. **An immediate need is for cash donations to purchase quantities of candy and small toys to fill the stockings!** Contact Deb Lewis at [deb.q.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:deb.q.lewis@gmail.com).

# 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

	September	2019 YTD
Income:	\$19,794	\$180,297
Expenses:	\$21,540	\$187,569
Difference:	\$(1,746)	\$(7,272)
Outreach		\$11,182
Jul. Reconciliation Of		\$549
Sept. Reconciliation Of		\$904.00

### In and Out of the Hospital

Jeff Sobotka, Gloria Carpenter, Bonnie Smith, Dorothy Hayes, Bob Fitz

**Our Deepest Sympathies** with the family of Ellen Landon, who passed away on Thursday, September 19.



**Pastor Mary Jane**  
**will be on vacation Monday,**  
**Nov. 4 - Monday, Nov. 11.**  
**Should you have a pastoral care**  
**need, you may contact these**  
**Elders On Call:**  
**Deb Lewis at 515-290-6736, or**  
**Gwen Mitzel at 515-292-3385.**

**Liz Collazo will be on vacation**  
**Monday, Nov. 11. The Office will**  
**be CLOSED on this day.**



## A NEW DIRECTORY IS COMING

It's been so long since we have put together a church directory and we have so many new faces in the pews. We really need a way to get to know one another better and a new church directory will go a long way toward accomplishing this goal.

We are working with Lifetouch to gather and publish photos of all our church folk. **They will be here two days, Monday, November 18th and Tuesday, November 19th.** There will be someone at church every Sunday with the

schedule so you can sign up for a time and, if we miss you at church, we will be making calls. Our goal is to have a picture of everyone who calls First Christian Church their own. You do not have to be a member to be included.

Every person or group photographed will receive a free 8 X 10 and a copy of the directory when it is finished.

We will need some volunteers on the day of the photography and to help Sue Prins make some calls to schedule folks. Please see Sue if you are willing to help.

**Say cheese!**

—Sue Prins



**NOVEMBER 3**—Youth Group meeting with lunch right after church, at the Hub (on 2nd Floor, just off the elevator.)

**NOVEMBER 24**—The Youth Group will be helping stuff stockings during the Hanging of the Greens Party, 4-6 pm, in the Coffee House.



# 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="margin: 0;">November 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>		
27 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship	28 10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	29 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)	30 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)	31 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	1 *Terrisa Clark	2 9:30 AM – 1 pm FCC Volunteers for Food at First (FH) *Amanda Mokaya
3 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship (CH) Noon – Youth Group meeting with lunch (H)	4 10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)  Pastor Mary Jane on vacation through Nov. 11	5 9:30 am Welcome Grp Mtg. (LIB) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) *Tim Button-Harrison	6 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)	7 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	8	9 *Olivia Pendry
10 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm Good Neighbor Choir Concert, Collegiate Presbyterian Church	11 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> *Liz Collazo (on vacation)	12 10:00 AM – Comm. Team Mtg. (LIB) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) 7:15 pm Property Mtg. (LIB)	13 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)  *Jeanne Hagan	14 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	15  <b>Foolish Church Weekend</b> <b>Fri., Nov. 15 – Sun., Nov. 17</b>	16  <b>FUMC</b>  *Dave Fitz
17 <b>Thanksgiving Offering Received</b> 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship Dinner (FH) 12:45 pm Elder's Meeting (CH) *Hope Pogwizd *John Pendry <b>FCC</b>	18 10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) Noon – Call Deadline 7 pm Trustees (CR)	19 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)  *Scott Walker	20 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)	21 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	22	23
24 <b>Thanksgiving Offering Received</b> <b>Stewardship Dedication Sunday</b> 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship <b>4-6 pm Hanging of the Greens Party &amp; Stocking Stuffer</b>	25 10-11:30 am Ukulele's Play (CH) 11:00 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)  *Dale Woodward	26 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)  *Doug Clark	27 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)  Liz Collazo on vacation	28 <b>Thanksgiving Office Closed</b> Annual Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner 11:30 – 1:30 PM (FH) <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	29 *David Gregory *Anleah Walker	30

## Servant Schedule

	Ushers	Narthex	West Entry
<b>November 3</b>	Ron & Dee Matthews	Gwen Mitzel	Kay Scott
<b>November 10</b>	Bob & Jean Watson	Corry Bertelsen	Stacey Maifeld
<b>November 17</b>	Bob & Jean Watson	Corry Bertelsen	Stacey Maifeld
<b>November 24</b>	Sam Brown & Larry Mesenbrink	Kris Mesenbrink	Meg Knol-Digby

### Deacons Serving in November

Captain: Mark Love

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

### Elder's Serving in November:

Offering: Larry Mesenbrink

Communion: John Lott  
 Alternate: Deb Lewis  
 Chaplain: Cynthia Gaunt



# 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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