A Voice Cries Out – Can We Hear?

A voice cries out:
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”
Isaiah 40:3

Often in Advent we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah. The role of the prophet is not an easy one. The biblical prophets had to speak messages of challenge when the people had gone astray; when those expected to be beacons of God’s love and justice instead became mired in systems that gave license to greed, corruption, and a lack of mercy and compassion for the most vulnerable people. In other words, the prophets were compelled to speak when those in power were no longer promoting the common good. In such bleak times so many of God’s people suffer, and like the Israelites in slavery in Egypt, they cry out. Prophets both hear the cries and see the suffering of those on the margins, and feel God’s heart breaking, and anger rising at the injustice. Rabbi and Jewish Theologian Abraham Heschel writes, “An analysis of prophetic utterances shows that the fundamental experience of the prophet is a fellowship with the feelings of God, a sympathy with the divine pathos, a communion with the divine consciousness which comes about through the prophet's reflection of, or participation in, the divine pathos. The typical prophetic
state of mind is one of being taken up into the heart of the divine pathos.”

Advent is a time of journeying through the darkness that brings suffering and despair; facing the ways in which the world then, as now, longs for God’s love to be born and for the light to shine through the darkness. It is a time of listening, in the midst of so many voices, for the one crying out with a heart for those who suffer and a clarion call to turn to God’s way of justice and mercy, and in so doing, finding the hope, peace, joy, and love we, and the world, so desperately need. Our theme for Advent is: “A Voice Cries Out – Can We Hear?” The prophet Isaiah will be our guide as we hone in on where hope is found. May we listen to the voice that cries out from the heart of God.

Pastor Mary Jane

**Devoted to Generosity—Trust in God’s Abundance**

| Nov. 24 | Choose Life! Stewardship Dedication Deuteronomy 30:15-20 |

**A Voice Cries Out—Can We Hear? Advent and Christmas Worship**

| Dec. 1   | A Voice Cries Out: The Voice of Hope Isaiah 11:1-5 |
| Dec. 8   | A Voice Cries Out: The Voice of Peace Isaiah 11:6-10 |
| Dec. 15  | A Voice Cries Out: The Voice of Joy Christmas Pageant |
| Dec. 22  | A Voice Cries Out: The Voice of Love Isaiah 35:1-10 |

**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:

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 the tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.

**Stewardship Dedication Sunday**

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

**Devoted to Generosity**

Trust in God’s Abundance

In the spirit of generosity and gratitude, we invite you to make a financial commitment to the church. Your support helps our mission and programs.

- **Regular Giving**
  - Weekly: __________
  - Monthly: __________
  - Annual: __________

Please indicate your payment method:
- Check
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- Debit Card

**Gifts of Time & Talent**

We welcome your skills and abilities to contribute to our ministry.

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Please list your talents and gifts in the space provided.

**Devotion to Generosity**

Embracing God’s Abundance

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” — 2 Corinthians 9:8

In addition to gifts of time & talent, live will support the 2020 operational budget by giving:

- $_________ per week
- $_________ per month
- $_________ per year

Name(s): __________

Please list time and talent gifts on the back.
Thanksgiving Special Offering

Received on Sunday, November 24.

You may give on that Sunday in the designated envelope 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).

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

Poinsettias for Advent

We will be ordering some poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

If you would like to buy some in remembrance or in honor of a loved one or in your own name, they will be $8.00 each.

Please get your money and information to the office before Sunday, December 15.

—Thank you - Sue Prins
Sunday, November 24
4:00-6:00 PM, 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 122.

And, there will be...
- making of construction paper chains
- stringing popcorn and cranberries into garland
- decorating Christmas cookies
- plus snacks to eat!

STOCKING STUFFER!

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.

THE WOMEN’S GATHERING

This Advent season, as they have done in years past, the Women’s Gathering will be collecting much needed items to bless a family and individuals in need through the Youth and Shelter Services. If you are wondering how you can help, there is a sign-up list in the Narthex with a description of each individual with a Christmas needs wish list. You may sign up on Sunday when you come to worship, or stop by the church office Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm. For more information, contact Deb Lewis at deb.q.lewis@gmail.com.
Calling all FCC Members to join us for this year’s

Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 8
After worship
In the Sanctuary

At this year’s Congregational Meeting, we will:

1. Elect new leadership, and
2. Adopt a budget for 2020

Following the Annual Meeting
We will go Christmas Caroling!

There will be a light lunch provided for those who go caroling!

The Christmas Offering will be received on Sundays, December 15 and 22. You may give in the designated envelopes on those Sundays, or ONLINE.

Our finest gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- Witness to the power of God to make things new

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.

Please give generously to this year’s Christmas Offering.
This month’s profiled authors include a Jewish feminist scholar, a popular and provocative blogger, and a Christian pastor (Disciples of Christ) who is widely considered to be one of the most gifted organizers and orators in our country today. Check them out!

**Amy-Jill Levine** is a Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, as well as a prolific writer and public speaker. She has described herself as a "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Protestant divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt" with a commitment to eliminating antisemitic, sexist, and homophobic theologies. In Spring 2019 she was the first Jew to teach New Testament at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

The FCC Library holds Levine’s 2014 book, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, as well as three of the children’s books she has co-authored with Sandy Eisenberg Sasso: *Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons* (2017), *The Marvelous Mustard Seed* (2018), and *Who is My Neighbor?*

**John Pavlovitz** is a writer, pastor, and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina. He worked for several years as youth pastor in a Methodist “megachurch” before getting fired in 2013 for provocative articles posted in his (still popular) blog, *Things That Need to be Said*. Both of Pavlovitch’s recent books can be found in the FCC Library. *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* (2017) argues for creating a more inclusive society and church community. *Hope and Other Superpowers: A Life-Affirming, Love-Defending, Butt-Kicking, World-Saving Manifesto* (2018) offers advice for individuals seeking to counter “the highly partisan cultural climate.”

**The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II** is the President & Sr. Lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, Co-Chair of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call For Moral Revival; Bishop with the College of Affirming Bishops and Faith Leaders; Visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary; and Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro, North Carolina.


--- David Gregory, FCC Librarian
Prepare: An Advent Devotional

by Bethany Fellows
edited by Cara Gilger

In the over-commercialized, over-busy Christmas season, it’s easy for us to lose focus on the Advent journey. *Prepare* provides a four-week resource to help us listen to God’s call to faithfulness in Jesus being made flesh in our world. When we hear that call, how do we hope and pray and change and live differently? Daily, five-minute devotions beginning the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas morning include a scripture verse, a reflection, and a prayer.

Bonus Content: Four Advent candle-lighting services, plus one for Christmas Day, provide special liturgies for lighting the candles of Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, and the Christ candle at the center of the Advent wreath and our lives.

Look for this year’s Advent devotional by church pews this Sunday morning.

Two Additional Advent Devotionals

*LOW: An Honest Advent Devotional*, by John Pavlovitz

*I Am Mary*, by Carol Howard Merritt

This year, Chalice Press is offering two additional Advent devotional choices.

We have purchased a copy of each and will have them available in the Library for those interested.

They are: *Low, An Honest Advent Devotional* by John Pavlovitz, and *I Am Mary* by Caro Howard Merritt.
The FCC Youth Group is for 4th Grade through 8th Grade. The leaders are Jocelyn Digby, Darla Ewalt, Vern Hawkins, Deb Lewis, and Mark Schroeder. The Bell Tower Room is the Youth Group Room and is their space. Two of our youth attended the Chi Rho (6th – 8th Grade) Retreat in November. During the Youth Group’s first meeting they got to know each other and played Bible Jeopardy. The next planned activities are:

- **November 24, 2019 (4:00 – 6:30)** – Stuff stockings for the Bethesda Food Shelf. The stockings will be given to children whose families need food assistance. Following the stocking stuffing they will help with the Hanging of the Greens. Meal provided. Families are invited to Hanging of the Greens.
- **December 8, 2019 (following the Annual Congregational Meeting, which will be after worship)** – Caroling to the FCC home bound. FCC Singers, families and church members will be joining the youth. Soup lunch will be provided.
- **December 15, 2019** – The Christmas Pageant. The FCC Youth and children will bring the story of Christmas to the congregation through scripture and music during the worship service.
- **January 5, 2020** – The activity has yet to be planned. Possible activity may be bowling and pizza.
- **February 7 – 9, 2020** – Junior (4th and 5th Grades) Retreat. More information to follow.

As parents what can you do? First get your youth to the meetings. You can also provide meals for the meetings or transportation. If you want to help, please contact Darla Ewalt (515-290-1914 or gsjoey69@hotmail.com).

—FCC Youth Leaders

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### Christmas Pageant

The Christmas pageant will be December 15, during the worship service. The youth and children will bring the story of Christmas to the congregation through scripture, performance, and music. They are currently practicing during the Learning Time. Hope everyone can come to worship on December 15, and witness the joy of Christmas through the eyes of children.

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### Hanging of the Greens

November 24 is the Hanging of the Greens beginning at 4:00 pm. There will be a light meal provided. We will decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. There will be cookies to decorate (1 cookie per person). We will make paper chains, make bead ornaments, and decorate cards for the home bound. We will put up wreaths, Christmas trees and banners. All ages are needed and are invited to join the fun as we prepare the building for the joyous season.

—The Faith Formation Team
“AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOUL…”

Advent is a sacred season, one where its essence can easily get lost in the demands, busyness, and perceived expectations of the coming Christmas holidays. In our times and culture, giving ourselves permission to take time to enter the quiet of our inmost beings can be a challenging task. However, ready or not, Advent and Christmas will come. So let’s bring our most soul-filled selves to them.

To reconnect with a sense of spiritual rest, consider giving yourself the gift of a quiet morning for renewal of weariness of mind, body, spirit. Be nourished by time and space for intentional silence; solitude in the community of fellow journeyers; and the practice of Centering Prayer.

Silent Saturday
DECEMBER 7
First Saturday in Advent
First Christian Church
611 Clark Ave. 2nd Floor, Ames, Iowa

8:30 AM Registration | 9—Noon Retreat
Suggested Donation $15

Facilitator:
Kathy Reardon, Spiritual Director, Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center

Register online at centeriowa.org/events.

For more information call:
Mary Jo Pfeifer Wulf 515-441-6446
Join us for an FCC Christmas Party!

Wednesday, December 11th
Great Room 5:30-7:30 PM

There will be food, merriment, and entertainment!

- If you want to be in the program,
- contact Scott Walker (515-708-6955).
- If you are willing to help in the kitchen for a half hour shift, contact Corry Bertelsen (232-3312).

FCC Children’s Christmas Pageant
Joy Sunday, December 15th, 10:30 am

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship
Come as you are, you belong!
Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7PM
First Christian Church
611 Clark Avenue
FOOD AT FIRST PASS ALONG PARTY!
When: Saturday, December 14, 4-5:30 PM
Donation Drop-Off Times:
- Friday December 6, 2019 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Tuesday December 10, 2019 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Where: Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church

Food At First hosts the annual Christmas PASS ALONG PARTY gifting or re-gifting event every December just before Christmas to help special families in our community. Children and adults are given the opportunity to Christmas shop from donations. The best part, FAF gathers gently used or new items you no longer need or that your kids have outgrown. It is a great way to help make the holidays extra special for many families in our community that often struggle to put food on the table, let alone gifts under the tree. It is also a great life lesson for your kids as well, especially this time of year. I am confident we can all find a toy around home that our children would never even miss. We accept new or gently used items, including household items because, keep in mind, kids shop for their parents too. We will even have a gift wrap station, so gift-wrapping supplies are greatly appreciated as well. Sorry, due to space limitations, we will not be accepting clothing or furniture or large items. Please store gently used or new items until the donation day arrives, FAF does not have storage space, then cheerfully bring to FAF only at the listed donation day and times.

—Patty Yoder

Free Community-WIDE Christmas Meal
First Christian Church, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 25
11:30-1:30 PM

Sign Up to Volunteer!
Spots go fast!
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

Nov. 22-24 CYF Midwinter Retreat
Nov. TBD Regional Operations Council Online
Dec. TBD Regional Operations Council Online
Jan. 23 Regional Operations Council Online
Jan. 26-29 Minister’s Institute @ CCC
Feb. 7-8 Committee on Ministry
Feb. 7-9 Junior Retreat @ CCC

This year’s event will be facilitated by a phenomenal teaching core with Rev. April Johnson from Reconciliation Ministry and Rev. Sandhya Jha, founder and director of the Oakland Peace Center, at the lead. The event will include the usual opportunities for rest and renewal, good food, fellowship, and meaningful worship.

Attending the event in full will meet the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation requirement included on the 2020 standing form (due January of 2021).

Register today!

Raising Readers in Story County would like to provide 1000 books to Salvation Army Families of Story County area this holiday season. You can help! You can gift new children’s books by dropping them off in the Narthex through December 12th. Your gift will help 100's of children of Story County discover new worlds, learn new things, and experience amazing adventures through books.
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.
- VOLUNTEER to help with the Christmas Party: to help in the kitchen for a one hour slot, contact Corry Bertelsen at 515-232-3312; to be a part of the Christmas Party Program, contact Scott Walker at 515-708-6955.
- BLESS those in need this holiday season, by donating much needed items to individuals through the list that is on display in the Narthex. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1st.
- GIFT a smile to families and children through Food at First’s Pass-Along Party. See page 11 for more details.
- SUPPORT the mission and vision of the Upper Midwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by giving generously to the Christmas Offering.
- WELCOME folks on Sunday mornings, by volunteering to be an Usher or a Greeter. Contact Stacey Maifeld at 515-520-9844.
- GET INVOLVED in worship with reading, or with sound or video on Sundays. For more information, contact Janet Lott at jalott@isunet.net.
- FIGHT HUNGER. Join FCC’s core team 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.

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 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 25th 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/.
**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**

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**Good Neighbor Fall Choral Concert, November 10, 2019**

The FCC Singers had a wonderful time singing with our friends from *Ames United Church of Christ* at the *Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance* fall choral concert last Sunday! The free will offering at the concert raised more than $11,000 to further the mission of Good Neighbor.

**In and Out of the Hospital**

Thelma Miller

**Our Deepest Sympathies** with the family of Doan and Nathan Schmitz, on the passing of Doan’s father, Joseph Schmitz. Joseph passed away on Friday, November 1st, 2019 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

**November 24 is Stewardship Dedication Sunday** — We will be dedicating our pledge commitments for 2020. **Don’t forget to bring your pledge card!**

**Hanging of the Greens Party**

November 24, 4-6 PM
Come help us prepare the church building for Advent!

**The Christmas Offering will be received on Sundays, December 15 and 22nd.**

**Baby Bump and Waaay Beyond!**

During the month of October, FCC collected much needed items for expecting mothers through the Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) program, Baby Bump and Beyond. The goal was to purchase items from a “wish list” to fill the play pen. As you can see by the picture, FCC folks went above and beyond the call and got the play pen overflowing! YSS staff were elated and blown away.
Wednesday Church

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.

12:15 pm 
Wednesday Prayers (Coffee House)

5:15 pm 
Spiritual Practices (Great Room):
Labyrinth Walking, Posting Prayers, and other Spiritual Practices – Great Room.

5:30 pm 
Worship – Great Room

6:30 pm 
Meeting Jesus Midweek, The Hub (just off 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).

Sundays at FCC:

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

## December 2019

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## Servant Schedule

### Ushers

| December 1  | Sam Brown and Larry Mesenbrink |
| December 8  | Bob & Jean Watson |
| December 15 | Bob & Jean Watson |
| December 22 | Opportunity to Serve |
| December 24 | Opportunity to Serve |
| December 29 | Opportunity to Serve |

### Narthex

| December 1  | Kris Mesenbrink |
| December 8  | Eileen Sambos |
| December 15 | Eileen Sambos |

### West Entry

| December 1  | Meg Knol-Digby |
| December 8  | Stacey Maifeld |
| December 15 | Stacey Maifeld |

### Deacons Serving in December

- Captain*: Meg Knol-Digby
  - 1. Corry Bertelsen
  - 2. Amanda Mokaya
- *counts attendance and offering

### Elder’s Serving in December

- Offering: Gwen Mitzel
  - Communion: Amy Kuehl
  - Alternate: Cynthia Gaunt

* * Denotes birthday

**CH = Coffee House**

**BT = Bell Tower**

**FH = Fellowship Hall**

**LIB = Library**

**CR = Conf. Room**

**GR = Great Room**

**H = Hub, 2nd Floor**

**S = Sanctuary**

**B = Balcony**
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.

**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](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
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