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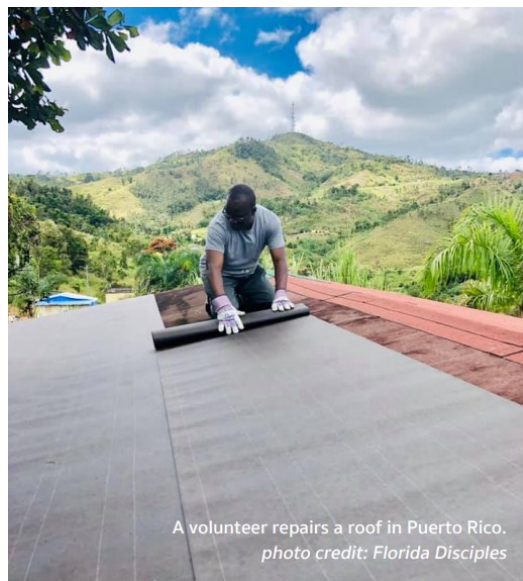


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## INVEST IN FUTURES



It was a week of roofs for our youth and adult chaperones. It was hot, sweaty, and dirty work. We cleared off debris, power washed, sealed, and painted the roofs of three different homes. Along the way we heard stories and saw the evidence of the destruction from Hurricane Maria, which caused significant damage and continues to create challenges for the community. Our group traveled to Puerto Rico as an ambassador volunteer team with Programa Edifiquemos: a collaborative recovery and rebuilding program between the Disciples of Christ in Puerto Rico, Week of Compassion, Disciples Volunteering, and Global Ministries. Because Week of Compassion is committed to ongoing presence as well as immediate response, the role of ambassador volunteer groups is as much about building relationships as it is about doing repair work. One of the roofs we worked on was the home of a retired Disciples of Christ Pastor. He gave us tours of his wife’s garden and showed us family photo albums. We talked about his years of ministry with the Church, and he and his wife made sure we stayed well fed. As we finished up the roof and packed up to go, the Pastor offered us a prayer. We circled together and held hands and prayed. The Pastor teared up and cried as we said our goodbyes. As we drove away, Manuel, our local host, turned to me and said, “We are fixing more than just roofs here...” 1 Corinthians 3:9 says, “For we are God’s servants, working together; you



A volunteer repairs a roof in Puerto Rico.  
photo credit: Florida Disciples

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are God's field, God's building." We worked on actual buildings in Puerto Rico, but the long-term disaster relief work that Week of Compassion supports is mending more than just buildings. It is an investment in futures-- an investment in lives.\*

— Rev. Kara Foster  
First Christian Church, Madisonville, KY

\*For information about how you can take an ambassador volunteer team to continue recovery work in Puerto Rico, visit [discipleshomemissions.org/pr-response](http://discipleshomemissions.org/pr-response)

*Week of Compassion is more than a week. It is a ministry of the whole Church, reaching those in need "around the world, around the year." Any time we respond to a need in the world, we bear witness to the unity of our table, faithfully sharing the gifts that we have as an expression of Christ's love. In working together with partners, we represent the Disciples of Christ commitment to unity, making our resources reach farther and growing our impact on a global scale.*

The Week of Compassion Offering will be received on Sundays, February 16th and 23rd. You may give on these Sundays in the designated envelopes, or [ONLINE](#).

**Ecumenical  
Ash  
Wednesday  
Service**

**Wednesday,  
February 26,  
7pm  
First Christian  
Church  
Sanctuary**

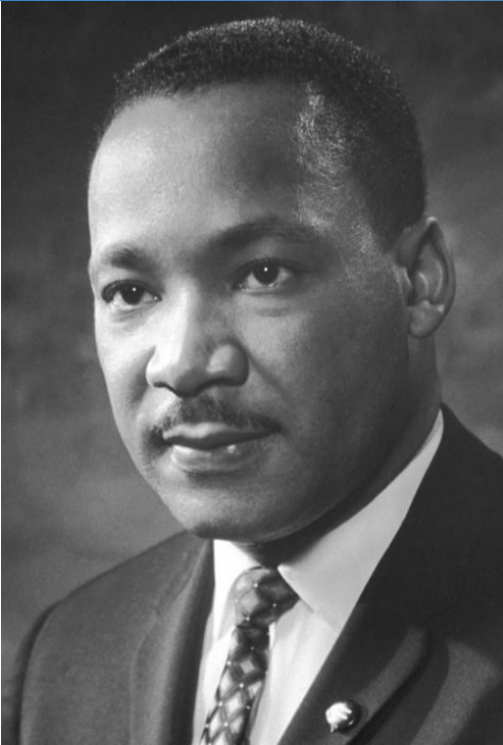


## Worship Schedule

God's Love Revealed Epiphany, Lent, and Easter Worship	
<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>Put Out into the Deep</b> Luke 5:1-11
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Good Or Harm—Save Life or Destroy it?</b> Luke 6:1-16
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Are you the one?</b> Luke 7:18-35
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Your Faith has Saved You</b> Luke 7:36-50
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Listen to Jesus!</b> Luke 9:28-45
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Who Is My Neighbor?</b> Luke 10:25-42
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Casting Out Demons and Performing Cures</b> Luke 13:1-9; 31-35
<b>Mar. 15</b>	<b>Rejoice with Me</b> Luke 15:1-32
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Have Mercy on Me</b> Luke 16:19-31
<b>Mar. 29</b>	<b>Seeing Jesus</b> Luke 18:31-19-10
<b>April 5</b>	<b>The Stones Would Shout Out</b> Luke 19:29-44
<b>Apr. 12</b>	<b>Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?</b> Luke 24:1-12
<b>Apr. 19</b>	<b>Their Eyes Were Opened</b> Luke 24:13-35



## The Poor People's Campaign Mass Meeting

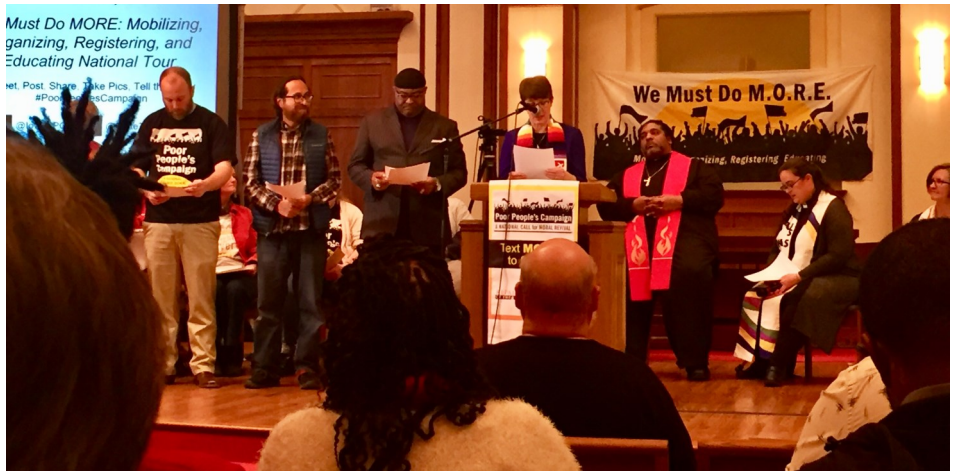


Above, FCC Member Eileen Sambos speaks at the Poor People's Campaign Mass Meeting.

Below, Pastor Mary Jane helps lead a litany for the occasion.

**W**e just celebrated Martin Luther King Day. First Christian Church shared with other faiths in an Inter-Faith Service on Sunday, January 19th, and there was a community celebration at the Ames Middle School on Monday, January 20th.

One of the things Martin Luther King was passionate about and working on when his life was cut short was trying to identify and eliminate the systemic causes of poverty in this very wealthy nation. He started the Poor People's Campaign, but his efforts went dormant after his assassination. In more recent years the work he started has been taken up by Rev. Dr. William Barber II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis as they have organized the Poor People's Campaign nationally. Rev. Dr. Barber is a Disciples of Christ Minister who spoke eloquently at our General



Assembly in Des Moines last summer. Since that time, some FCC members have become more involved in the Poor People's Campaign, including Eileen Sambos who knows the struggle of poverty first hand. Last Wednesday, on MLK's actual birthday, about a dozen FCC folks carpooled to attend the Iowa Poor People's Campaign Mass Meeting at First Christian Church in Des Moines. At that rally Eileen shared a bit of her story. We were proud to be there with her and support her using her voice to help others. Stay tuned for more information about what's coming up. Here are pictures from last week's event.

—Pastor Mary Jane

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

# Authors in Our Library

This month's profiled authors include an award-winning storyteller who works in multiple media, an expert in Biblical geography, and a pastor/writer/speaker who helps us understand the intersection of faith and gender identity. Come check out their recent books in the FCC Library!



**Melvin Bray** is an Emmy award-winning storyteller, writer, educator and social entrepreneur who seeks to cultivate more sustainable approaches to faith and civic engagement. He is co-editor/co-producer of Faith Forward, a non-profit organization that, using a variety of media, helps faith leaders re-imagine children's and youth ministry through theology, relationship, and practice. The FCC Library holds a copy of Bray's recent book **BETTER: Waking Up to Who We Could Be** (Chalice Press, 2017), which proposes telling better faith stories as a way of creating a better world.

**John A. Beck** is an avowed "outdoor, adventure junkie" who built his own plane to better explore the national parks, forests, and wilderness areas where he likes to camp and backpack. He also happens to have a Master of Divinity and a Ph.D. (Hebrew and Old Testament from Trinity International University) and teaches field study classes in Israel for Jerusalem University College. The author of numerous books, his goal in almost 30 years of teaching and writing has been to help others make the Bible's geography meaningful. The FCC Library holds a copy of Beck's 2008 book, **God as Storyteller: Seeking Meaning in Biblical Narrative**.



**The Rev. Dr. E. Carrington Heath** is a United Church of Christ minister currently serving as Pastor of the Congregational Church in Exeter, New Hampshire, and a writer and public theologian. Heath's work, previously credited as "Emily C. Heath," has been heavily featured in *Christian Century*, the *Huffington Post*, the *Still Speaking Writers' Group's Daily Devotions*, and more. Heath has spoken to numerous educational and religious groups on topics of faith, gender identity, LGBTQ+ rights, and public policy. The FCC Library holds a copy of Dr. Heath's 2016 book, **Glorify: Reclaiming the Heart of Progressive Christianity**.

--- David Gregory, FCC Librarian



# THE WOMEN'S GATHERING

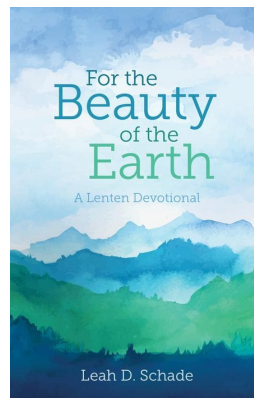


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2 P.M.  
THE COFFEE HOUSE

## Valentine's Tea and conversation!

Let's get together again! Women of the church are invited to spend a lovely afternoon together in the Coffee House on Sunday, Feb. 23. A Valentine's Day-themed Tea Party will begin at 2 p.m. Light sandwiches and desserts will be offered along with a variety of teas.

Our getting-to-know-you-question will be: *Who loved you into being the person you are today?* (The question is from the movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"; it is asked by Fred Rogers to the investigative reporter trying to do an exposé on the children's television host.) For further information, contact co-leaders of the Women's Gathering, Janis Pyle at [janispyle@yahoo.com](mailto:janispyle@yahoo.com) or Deb Lewis at [deb.q.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:deb.q.lewis@gmail.com) or 515-290-6736.



## 2020 Lenten Devotionals Now Available

As we mark the 50th Earth Day (April 22, 2020), Christians can reflect on how caring for God's creation is connected to our faith. Drawing on the beloved hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth," each week of this 40-day Lenten devotional focuses on a different aspect of the splendor of nature, how God nurtures our spirit through creation, and how we must protect our precious home. As we walk with Jesus along shorelines, through gardens, and among trees, we learn from the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. You may pick up a copy of the Lenten devotional from the church office, or by church pews as we get closer to Ash Wednesday.

2020 Keynote Speaker  
**LEON ANDREWS**  
DIRECTOR OF REAL  
(RACE, EQUITY, AND LEADERSHIP) PROGRAM  
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)

NAACP GAMECHANGERS:  
EXPANDING YOUTH POLITICAL REPRESENTATION  
VOTING RIGHTS CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY  
HEALTH EDUCATION ADULT ENGAGEMENT  
PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP

OUR MISSION CONTINUES...  
20TH ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

THURSDAY | FEB. 13, 2020 | 5:30PM  
THE GATEWAY HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER AMES, IOWA  
[www.naacpamesiowa.com](http://www.naacpamesiowa.com)

## 2020 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

Thursday, February 13, 2020 -- 5:30 PM  
Gateway Hotel and  
Convention Center, Ames, Iowa

The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet is an opportunity for organizations, churches, and the local community to raise funds and support the mission and vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination. You may show your support by purchasing seats at a table of ten, at a cost of \$75 a seat. In the last couple of years, FCC has been able to fill two tables worth of sponsors. If you would like to purchase tickets, **please let the church office know no later than Thursday, February 6th, by noon**, so that we may register as a group. The menu will be a choice of chicken, vegetarian or vegan option. **We will need to know the name of each ticket holder, email, and choice of meal.** Contact the Church Office at 515-232-5766, or [fccames@fccames.org](mailto:fccames@fccames.org).

Feed  
your  
Body

## An evening of food, music and connection

Join us for a joint concert of the  
Ames Children's Choirs and  
Ames Chamber Artists benefiting Food at First.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**

Hosted by First Christian Church  
611 Clark Ave, Ames  
Food at First Community Meal  
(ALL are welcome): 5:45pm  
Concert: 7pm

*Meal, Concert, and Conversation - Free!  
A Free-Will Offering will be taken to  
support Food at First*

Feed  
your  
Soul



AMES  
CHAMBER  
ARTISTS  
Choral Artistry Since 1988

ACA receives funds  
from the City of  
Ames Council on  
the Arts (COTA).



## FAITHFUL READINESS: AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP FOR THE FAITH COMMUNITY



**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020**

**9 AM – 4:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 AM**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1517 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE, AMES**



### AS A FAITH AND/OR

### COMMUNITY LEADER YOU WILL:

- Start "Developing a High Quality Emergency Operations Plan for your House of Worship" to respond to an emergency/incident, including guidance to address an active shooter scenario
- Connect with new partners ready to help support your house of worship and your community prepare for emergencies
- Begin the process to receive a certificate from the Emergency Management Institute and earn Continuing Education Units

### REGISTRATION IS FREE

REGISTER AT

<http://bit.ly/FaithfulReadiness>

**BY: MARCH 2ND, 2020**

Reasonable accommodations will be provided to attendees who have communication access needs, including limited English proficiency. **If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact Mike Pickerel at [mike.pickernel@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:mike.pickernel@fema.dhs.gov).**



**FEMA**



## 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

- 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

## DISCIPLES YOUTH



It's never too early to look ahead to camp life at the Christian Conference Center?

Here are a few ways your family might be able to get involved:

- **February 7-9 Junior Retreat**
  - (3rd-5th graders)
  - We have at least one youth attending this retreat, so contact Melissa Webb ([lissataylor@msn.com](mailto:lissataylor@msn.com)) if you would like to carpool.
- **May 1-3 Camp Clean up**
  - Overnight lodging and meals can be provided while you work side by side with others from the region to get the Holy Grounds ready for camp life.
- **June 7-12 Junior camp 1**
  - Let's set the tone for fun, fellowship and Christian growth this first week of camp.
  - Melissa Webb (and Travis Stanley) will be directing this camp and Melissa would love to have support from the Ames FCC. Would you be willing to help as a counselor, nurse or in another way, like leading craft time?



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!](#)

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.



## 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)*

- **EMPOWER** the mission and vision of First Christian Church by prayerfully considering pledging your financial support for 2020. Together as the body of Christ, we can continue our work.
- **BUILD** more than roofs, by giving generously to the Week of Compassion Offering. With your giving, countries like Puerto Rico may keep rebuilding communities for the long-term.
- **FIGHT** systemic oppression by attending the 2020 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on Thursday, February 13th. (See page 4 for info.)
- **FELLOWSHIP** with other women during the Women’s Gathering, on Sunday, February 23rd at 2 pm, in the Coffee House.
- **SHARE** a meal with Food at First on Thursday, February 27th, and stay for a benefit concert! A free-will offering will be taken.

## 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.**

- **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](mailto:jalott@isunet.net).
- **REACH OUT** to members in need in the community by volunteering for Good Neighbor. Good Neighbor has a number of opportunities available for a person with the right schedule, and a variety of skills. Contact Lori Allen at 515-296-1449 for more info.
- **FIGHT HUNGER** by joining 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](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.**



# 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

	December	2019 YTD
<b>Income:</b>	\$39,494	\$265,484
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$20,307	\$241,426
<b>Difference:</b>	\$19,187	\$24,307
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	\$576.39	

**In and Out of the Hospital**  
Alice May, Terry Lewis

**Our Deepest Sympathies** to Jeff Sobotka and his family, on the passing of his brother Dale, on Friday, December 13th, 2019. And with Jake and Darla Ewalt and family, on the passing of Jake's mother Wanda, on Monday, January 13, 2020. May Jeff, Jake and Darla, and their families feel the comfort and presence of God and the support of their church family as we hold them in love and prayer.

**The Week of Compassion Offering** will be received on Sundays, February 16 and 23rd.

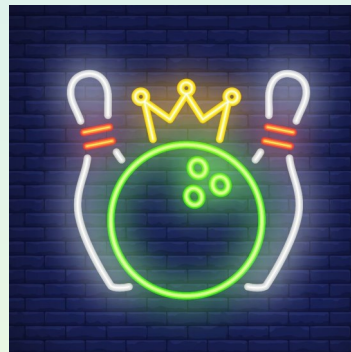
**Pastor Mary Jane will be on vacation** from Monday, February 17 through Monday, February 24.

### BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the General Board on Monday, February 10, at 7 PM in the Coffee House.

### Elder's Circle

Due to the Minister's Institute conference, there will be NO Elder's Circle on Monday, January 27th.



## Youth Group Bowling and Pizza Outing!

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 26th, after worship.

**WHERE:** Perfect Games, 1320 Dickinson Ave, Ames, IA

**WHAT:** We'll provide ALL the fun at NO cost to you.

**CLICK on this link to let us know if you're coming and if you need a ride.**



Happy Birthday to Don Withers who celebrated his 80th birthday this past Sunday, January 19th, 2020. We are thankful for the light of his life, and we hope he is blessed with many more years to come.

# Thank You!

I would like to thank all of those who came to Des Moines on Wednesday January 15th to support me when I shared my testimony at the Poor People's Campaign mass meeting. It was greatly appreciated and meant a lot to me. Thanks again.

Eileen Sambos

Dear FCC Members,

Thank you so much for your contribution to the roof replacement at the Christian Conference Center. The work is complete and the space is ready to welcome campers and other guests for many years. We are so grateful for your support of this ministry!

In Christ,  
Your Regional Staff  
Christian Church of the Upper Midwest

## Mitten Tree 2019

We collected...  
19 Pairs of gloves/mittens  
3 Hats  
3 Sets of Hat/Scarf/Gloves  
6 Pairs of Socks  
1 Pair of Slippers

**Thank you so much!!**

First Christian Church, Thank you for hosting a book donation for the 1000 Stories Holiday Book Drive! Your efforts brought stories to 8 children and their families in Story County this holiday season!

Warm Wishes,  
Raising Readers in Story County.

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for your donation of holiday gifts for 2 YSS families. Your contribution has been used to benefit the children, youth and families served by YSS. Our comprehensive services focus on prevention, treatment, and transition, helping those who serve reach their full potential.

By committing to put kids first, YSS provides what many have never experienced: hope and opportunity. In fact, during 2018, YSS helped more than 7,000 children and youth, thanks to friends like you.

Your gift of giving allows our staff to further support youth in making choices that will have a positive impact on their lives. We appreciate your commitment to YSS, as we work to help youth stand strong.

Sincerely, Andrew Allen,  
Youth and Shelter Services, President & CEO

I have a bunch of small candles that have been used for candlelight services. These are now too short (or too crooked). Is there anyone out there who can use these? Call me otherwise they will be thrown out.

Sue Prins, 515-460-2628



# 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.

- 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](mailto:gsjoey69@hotmail.com)).

## Sundays at FCC:

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

Coffee Fellowship:  
First Sunday of the month,  
following worship

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP




IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE  
Make yourself at home!

Fellowship Dinner:  
Third Sunday of the month,  
following worship

## Fellowship Dinner



## Calendar and Servant Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: #800080;">February 2020</div>  </div>				<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>
26 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship Followed by the Youth Group Bowling and Pizza Outing *Kris Mesenbrink	27 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH)	28 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)	29 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)	30 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	31	1  *Ed Gagnier
2 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship (CH)	3 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH) 11:30 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) *Eric Brown *Haley Spencer	4 9:30 am Welcome Grp Mtg (LIB) 5:00 pm Council of Ministries Meeting (CH) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)	5 12:00 pm <b>Board Reports DUE</b> 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)	6 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	7	8  *DeLores Hawkins
9 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship 12:00 – 1:30 pm Newcomer Gathering (Coffee House) *Karen Brenden *Mendy Krebs	10 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH) 11:30 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) <b>7:00 pm Board Meeting (CH)</b> *Sheri Olson	11 10:00 AM – Communications Team Mtg. (LIB) 5:00 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting (CH) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) 7:15 pm Property Mtg. (LIB) *Suzanne Clark	12 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)	13 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)  5:00 pm – 9 pm 2020 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, Gateway Hotel & Convention Center	14  *Larry Mensenbrink	15
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### February Servant Schedule

	Narthex Greeter	West Entry Greeter	Ushers
<b>February 2</b>	Molly Schwartz	Kay Scott	Deb Lewis and Stacey Maifeld
<b>February 9</b>	Molly Schwartz	Kay Scott	Deb Lewis and Shirley Malaby
<b>February 16</b>	Eileen Sambos	Eric Wierson	Ron & Dee Matthews
<b>February 23</b>	Eileen Sambos	Eric Wierson	Ron & Dee Matthews

Elder and Deacon schedules are not yet available as of this publication.



# 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)

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Weekly News Update



Prayers Of The People

Food at First

Free Meal Program + Perishable Food Pantry



**Meals:** Sunday thru Friday 5:45 pm and Saturday at 11:30 am (7 days a week)

**Grocery Distributions:** Monday and Thursday at 4:45 pm and Saturday at 10:00 am. Sign Up to Volunteer at <http://bit.ly/1tG7Xb2>

**FCC's Volunteers the 1st Saturday of every Month!** Contact Cynthia Gaunt for more information, at [cygaunt@hotmail.com](mailto:cygaunt@hotmail.com).

The people of First Christian Church accept these values as core...

Genuinely accept, welcome and love everyone as Jesus did.

Connect people to God and to one another.

Cultivate an environment where people grow in faith and discipleship.

Celebrate everyone's gifts for ministry and encourage people as leaders.

Minister in the community with God's healing love.

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