

The Call

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Revealing Love – Lent 2020

What does God's love look like? For real? As disciples of Jesus, that question matters. That question guides our thoughts, our attitudes, our perceptions, and our action. This year we've been exploring how God works to fashion a people to care for all that God created, humans as well as all of creation. Our guiding theme for the year is "Journey to the Common Good: Resistance, Revelation, Revival." Last fall through Advent we explored two sides of resistance; resistance to God, and resistance to forces that keep us from following God's way. Since Christmas we have been exploring revelation. God's love is revealed in Jesus – in Jesus' teachings, healing, preaching, attitudes, perceptions, and actions; in how he relates to people on the margins, and how he relates to people in power; in when Jesus speaks up and when he is silent. During Lent our theme will be "Revealing Love."



Lent is an opportunity for us to go deeper. It is a season in the Christian year intended to be a wilderness experience like that of Jesus as he prepared for his ministry and mission after his baptism. There, in those 40 days and nights (the length of Lent plus the Sundays), Jesus prayed, fasted, and met that which would steer him away from God. It was preparation for continuing on the path of love; the path that leads to life in its fullest as God intends. Lent is an opportunity for us to

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follow Jesus on that path to deeper connection to God, ourselves, and others. During this season we will continue our study of the Gospel of Luke. In that gospel, Jesus often says, “Your faith has made you well,” or “Your faith has saved you,” in response to people taking risks in order to seek wholeness through Jesus. Faith in scripture is not a set of beliefs. It is action based on guidance by and trust in Jesus, and is bathed in love. During Lent we will hear such stories as the Good Samaritan, Lost Sheep and Coins, the Prodigal Son, and Zacchaeus. These stories are filled with God’s revealing love; love that leads to abundant life in this world as well as the next. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. That day First Christian Church will host a joint Ash Wednesday Service with First United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ at 7:00 pm. I hope you will plan to be here to begin our Lenten journey together, and to help welcome friends from our neighboring churches.

—Pastor Mary Jane

Worship Schedule

Revealing Love—Lent 2020	
March 1	Are You a Neighbor? Luke 10:25-42
March 8	Bigger Barns or a Generous Heart Luke 12:13-21
Mar. 15	Lost, Found, or Somewhere in Between Luke 15:11-32
Mar. 22	The Devil is in the Details Luke 16:19-31
Mar. 29	When Jesus is in the House Luke 19:1-10
April 5	Passion Narrative — Gospel of Mark
Apr. 12	Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead? Luke 24:1-12
Apr. 19	When Hearts are Burning Luke 24:13-35



Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday,
February 26, 7pm
First Christian Church Sanctuary
Childcare Will Be Provided

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 or Deb Lewis at deb.q.lewis@gmail.com or 515-290-6736.



How to Be an Even Better Good Neighbor

**Luncheon & Dialogue
with Lori Allen,
Director of Good Neighbor
Emergency Assistance, Inc.**

**Sunday, May 3rd
after Coffee Fellowship
in the Coffee House**

Help us plan a 'Last Things First' workshop!

Living wills? Powers of attorney? Emotional readiness for death? We all have questions about being prepared for the end stages of life, our own and those of our loved ones. The Women's Gathering is pulling together a planning committee now for a 'Last Things First' workshop, tentatively scheduled for October. If you would like to brainstorm with us to explore these and other topics related to preparedness for death, we would welcome you to join us or just offer input. For further information, contact co-leaders of the Women's Gathering, Janis Pyle at janispyle@yahoo.com or Deb Lewis at deb.q.lewis@gmail.com or 515-290-6736.



FCC Youth Group (4th Grade - 12th Grade)

Plans are a foot for the FCC Youth Group. The FCC Youth will be part of the Easter Sunrise Service on April 12. The FCC Orchestra will provide a musical piece and the Youth will have various worship responsibilities. Following the Sunrise Service, they will provide a breakfast for the congregation (see article about the meal).

There are also the beginning plans for a mission/work trip to Puerto Rico in 2021. This will be open to the congregation.

Upcoming activities to put on your calendars:

- **February 23** - The Youth will gather in the Coffee House at 12:00 (noon) to carpool to Seven Oaks for lunch and snowtubing and returning by 2:30 pm. Permission slips and RSVP required.
- **March 29** - The youth will gather in the

Hub (2nd floor) at 12:00 (noon), Youth will be preparing for the Sunrise Service. Lunch will be provided.

- **April 11** - The Youth will prepare the Easter morning breakfast in the kitchen next to Fellowship Hall starting at 3:00 pm.
- **April 12** - Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.
- **April 26** - The Youth will meet in the Coffee House for lunch at noon. After lunch they will cleanup the Church yard and prepare the gardens under the supervision of Shirley Malaby and the Property Committee.
- **May 17** - End of year party, discuss money raising projects, service projects and look to the future.
- **June 20, 2020** - Poor People's Campaign "Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington". This is open to all of the congregation and other interested people. More information to follow. This is not a planned FCC Youth Group activity.
- **Summer** -
 - ⇒ Camp Sessions at the Conference Center in Newton
 - ⇒ Vacation Bible School to be determine, FCC Youth will be assistants.

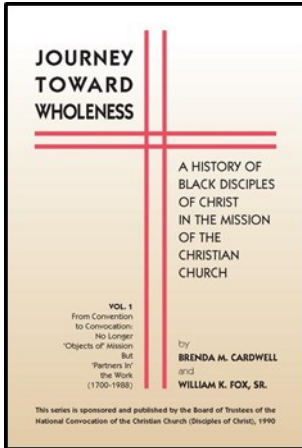
Easter Morning Breakfast April 12, 2020 following the Sunrise Service

The FCC Youth will be serving Easter morning breakfast following the Sunrise service on Sunday, April 12. The meal will include two types of egg casseroles, one will be gluten free, and frozen fruit cups. The cost is a free-will donation. All money raised will help the youth go on their 2021 mission trip (hopefully to Puerto Rico). Below is a 10% off coupon towards your free-will donation.

10% off
Easter Morning Breakfast
Free-will Donation

Black History Month in the FCC Library

Black History Month is celebrated each February in the United States. Throughout the month, the culture and contributions of African Americans are honored in a variety of settings including schools, theaters, libraries and museums. Here at First Christian Church of Ames, we take this opportunity to showcase just a few of the books in our own Library that document—from a variety of perspectives—the achievements of African Americans, our collective journey toward racial justice, and the church's role in that undertaking.

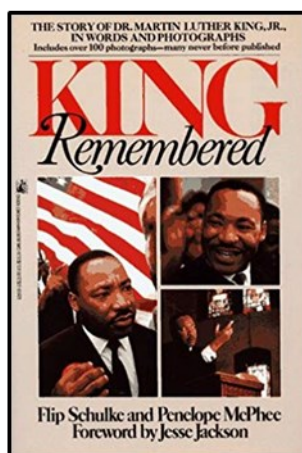
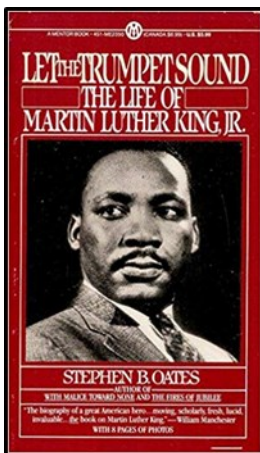
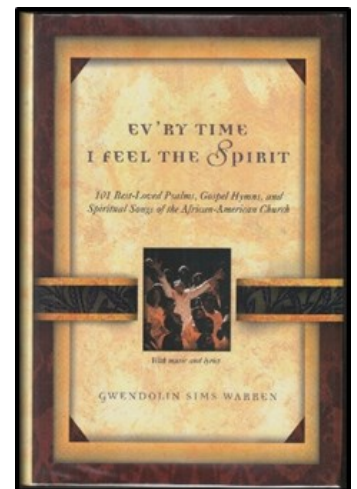


Journey Toward Wholeness:
A History of Black Disciples of Christ in the Mission of the Christian Church
by Brenda M. Cardwell and William K. Fox, Sr. (1990)

This is the first volume in a planned two-part series sponsored and published by the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); v. 1 covers the period from 1700 to 1988. With roots stretching to before the Civil War, the National Convocation of the Christian Church today serves as the connection between African Americans and the Stone-Campbell Movement. Following emancipation, organizations that later became the National Convocation worked to improve the lives of freed slaves and their descendants. This volume chronicles the predecessors of the National Convocation and the movement's roots and growth through almost three centuries.

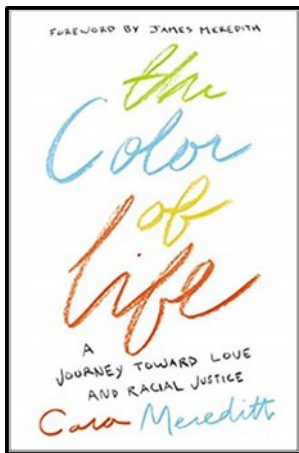
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
by Gwendolyn Sims Warren (1999)

For over 200 years in African American churches, music has offered solace and been a source of celebration, leaving a mark not only on the Christian world, but on popular music as well. *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* contains the lyrics and music of 101 of the most widely known and cherished of these pieces, ranging from spirituals sung during slave times to songs of unity from the civil rights movement and the contemporary era. The book also presents a biography of each composer and the history of the evolution of each song, examining the role it played in enabling African Americans to develop the strength to carry on in the face of adversity.



Let the Trumpet Sound by Stephen B. Oates (1982) and
King Remembered by Flip Schulke and Penelope O. McPhee (1986)

Here are two very different but equally compelling biographies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The first is by historian Stephen Oates, who also wrote critically acclaimed biographies of John Brown, Nat Turner, and Abraham Lincoln—all martyrs (like King) in the cause of racial justice. The second, by journalists Flip Schulke and Penelope McPhee, is equal parts biography and photo essay, including the most comprehensive single collection of still photographs of Dr. King's life and times.

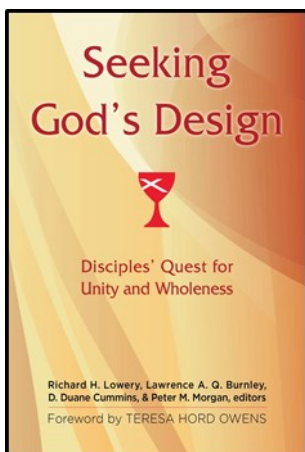
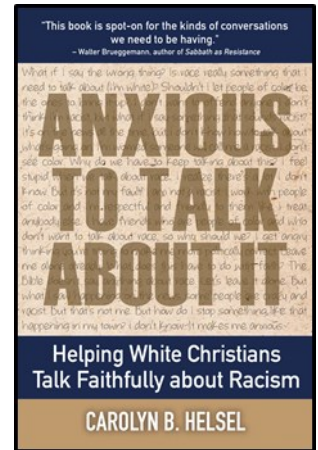


The Color of Life: A Journey Toward Love and Racial Justice
by Cara Meredith (2019)

Cara Meredith is a writer and speaker with a theology degree from Fuller Seminary. From childhood, she didn't think issues of race had anything to do with her. A colorblind rhetoric had been stamped across her education, world view, and Christian theology. When she met and eventually married the son of black Civil Rights icon James Meredith, she began to listen to the stories and experiences of others in a new way, taking note of the cultures, sounds and shades of life already present around her. *The Color of Life* describes her path from white privilege to racial healing, from ignorance to seeing the image of God in every face.

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

When it comes to discussing racism, many white people are overwhelmed with anxiety, leading to a fight-or-flight response. In this book, pastor and Professor Carolyn Helsel draws on her successful experiences with white congregations to offer us tools to embrace and explore these anxious feelings and more faithfully engage these crucial conversations.



Seeking God's Design: Disciples' Quest for Unity and Wholeness
by Richard Lowery et al (2019)

This recent collection of essays and reflections honors the 50th anniversary of "The Design," one of two key documents passed at the 1968 International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). Along with the second document, known as "The Merger Agreement"—which brought together the African American National Christian Missionary Convention and the predominantly White International Convention—The Design helped a restructured church take concrete measures to heal the wounds of legally enshrined White supremacy. Of special interest in this compilation is Lawrence Burnley's essay "Through a Racial Lens: A View of the Social, Economic, and Political Context of the 1969 *Merger Agreement*."

Harriet Tubman: A Photographic Story of a Life
by Kem Knapp Sawyer (2010)

This short biography tells the story of the famous abolitionist, from her childhood as a slave on a Maryland plantation, to her dramatic escape, to her tireless work as an organizer of the Underground Railroad. Like other titles in the "DK Biography" series, the book is filled with amazing archival photographs and is equally suitable for adult and teen readers.



--David Gregory
(FCC Librarian)

New Additions to the FCC Library

Several new titles have been added to the church Library. As usual, each newly acquired book will have a “New Book” label and will initially be displayed on the countertop or the New Book rack. New and selected books will also be rolled into the narthex on Sunday mornings on the “FCC Bookmobile.” If you need help locating a book, or would like to recommend books for purchase, please contact David Gregory, the FCC Librarian.



- Armstrong, Karen.** *A History of God* (1993)
- Aslan, Reza.** *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth* (2013)
- Bloom, Harold & David Rosenberg.** *The Book of J* (1990)
- Buckley, Ray.** *Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back: A Lenten Study for Adults* (2010)
- Chilton, Bruce.** *Rabbi Jesus: An Intimate Biography* (2000)
- Fox, Matthew.** *A Spirituality Named Compassion* (1990)
- Friedly, Robert L. & Patricia R. Case.** *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Disciples Galaxy* (1999)
- Lamott, Anne.** *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair* (2013)
- Lewis, Stephen et al.** *Another Way: Living & Leading Change on Purpose* (2020)
- Marty, Martin E.** *The Christian World: A Global History* (2007)
- McFague, Sally.** *Life Abundant: Rethinking Theology & Economy for a Planet in Peril* (2001)
- Meacham, Jon.** *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, & the Making of a Nation* (2006)
- Merton, Thomas.** *The Silent Life* (1957)
- Nakashima-Brock, Rita et al (Editors).** *Setting the Table: Women in Theological Conversation* (2006)

- Norris, Kathleen.** *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* (1999)
- Norris, Kathleen.** *The Psalms, with commentary by Kathleen Norris* (1997)
- Palmer, Parker J.** *On the brink of everything: grace, gravity, and getting old* (2018)
- Roger, Brother (of Taize).** *Life from Within: Prayers by Brother Roger of Taize* (1987)
- Rohr, Richard.** *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* (2013)
- Trent, J. Dana.** *Dessert First: Preparing for Death While Savoring Life* (2019)
- Vermes, Geza.** *Jesus the Jew: A Historian's Reading of the Gospels* (1973)
- Volf, Miroslav.** *Flourishing: Why We Need Religion in a Globalized World* (2015)
- Wallis, Jim.** *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned About Serving the Common Good* (2013)
- Warren, Gwendolyn Sims.** *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit: 101 Best-Loved Psalms, Gospel Hymns, and Spiritual Songs of the African-American Church* (1998)
- Zaleski, Philip & Carol Zaleski.** *Prayer: A History* (2005)

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

Ushers &
Greeters
Needed!

*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.pickerel@fema.dhs.gov.**



FEMA



A Lenten Retreat: Pressing on in Love

Lent is a most important time in the liturgical year to nurture our inner lives. Life is a continuing process of the dying of what is old and familiar and of being reborn into a new hope, a new trust, and a new love. Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the mystery of Christ within us. It is a gentle yet demanding time. It is a time of solitude but also community, a time of listening to the inner voice; a time of paying attention to the needs of others.

This Lenten morning retreat offers the opportunity to come together in contemplative community to renew and deepen our practice of Centering Prayer. Those new to Centering Prayer will learn its basics. Those experienced practitioners will refresh their understanding. We remember that we are always beginners in our learning and knowing of the contemplative way.

LENTEN SILENT SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 29, 2020

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1416 20TH ST. AMES, IA

GATHER BETWEEN 8:30 AND 9, RETREAT 9-NOON

Retreat Facilitator: Kathy Reardon, RN, MS is a spiritual director at the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center.

Retreat sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of Central Iowa. To register online-centeriowa.org/events or contact Mary Jo Pfeifer Wulf at maryjowulf65@gmail.com/515-441-6446

Around the Region — Things We Do Together



SUMMER CAMP 2020

For more info or to register for events:

<http://www.uppermidwestcc.org/regional-newsletter-dte>

Below, @CCC =

held at the Christian Conference Center

Feb. 27 Regional Operations Council Online
Mar. 26 Regional Operations Council Online
Mar. 28 Regional Property Committee @ CCC

It's cold and icy outside, and between scraping our cars and shoveling our sidewalks, summer seems so far away... But it's not! Summer's just around the corner, and it's time to register for ...



Workshop: Introduction to A Better Way of Helping; Building Bridges Out of Poverty

**Saturday, March 14, 2020 9am-Noon,
Zion United Church of Christ, 412 N 5th St.
Burlington, IA. Cost is \$20**

To register, please call Zion UCC at 319-752-2305

All people deserve a chance to live sustainable lives. Sustainable lives lead to sustainable communities. This workshop will present an overview of how the Bridges Out of Poverty research is being implemented in the Building Bridges Initiative in Southeast Iowa and the successes being celebrated thus far.

Poverty is sometimes thought of as a shortage of financial resources. Research by Ruby Payne, PhD suggests there are nine categories of resources which impact poverty. This workshop will introduce the nine categories of resources needed for sustainable living and overview how the Building Bridges Initiative helps families strengthen those resources.

If you did not grow up in poverty, you may be unaware of the "hidden rules" that govern many aspects of life for the poor. This workshop will help you see and understand the hidden rules and how they are different for poor, middle class, and wealthy communities.

This workshop will help Churches redesign programs to better serve the people you work with and increase the likelihood of families moving from welfare to sustainable lifestyles.

And the registration process couldn't be easier! First Christian Church will pay for HALF the registration costs of each Camp participant, for one camp. Just fill out a paper application and return it to the Church office with your payment — cash, or a check made out to First Christian Church.

**Don't wait too long! Camp slots fill fast,
and the early bird deadline is May 1st!**

—Liz Collazo,
FCC Administrative Assistant

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?

Christian Conference Center



Summer Camp 2020

Grand Camp

(Kids age 4 to Grade 2 who attend with one or more grandparents)
Session 1: June 12-13
Session 2: July 10-11

Family Camp

(Kids ages 0-18 who attend with one or more adult family members)
Session 1: June 26-28
Session 2: August 14-16

Beginner Camp

(Grade 2)
Session 1: June 29-July 1

Junior Camp

(Grades 3-5)
Session 1: June 7-12
Session 2: June 21-26
Session 3: July 5-10
Session 4: August 2-7

Middle School

(Grades 6-8)
Rustic Chi Rho 1: June 7-12
Rustic Chi Rho 2: June 14-19
Rustic Chi Rho 3: June 21-26
Rustic Chi Rho 4: July 5-10
Cabin Chi Rho: August 2-7
Art, Drama, and Music Camp: July 19-24
Adventure Camp: July 26-31

High School

(Grades 9-12)
CYF 1: June 14-19
CYF 2: July 12-17
Art, Drama, and Music Camp: July 19-24
Adventure Camp: July 26-31
Standing Rock Travel Camp: June 6-13

Senior Adult Retreat

(Ages 55+)
Session 1: June 29 - July 1

Early Bird Registration Ends May 1st!



Mailing Address: 5064 Lincoln Street, Newton, Iowa 50208
Phone: 641-792-1266 Email: christianconferencecenter@gmail.com
www.uppermidwestcc.org





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)

- **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.
- **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. Ushers and greeters are needed for this event. Please contact the church office if you’d like to volunteer. (fccames@fccames.org or 515-232-5766.)
- **SERVE** your brothers and sisters in Christ. Become a part of the regular team of volunteers who prep, cook, serve, and clean up after the fellowship meal, in Fellowship Hall, every third Sunday of the month. They NEED YOUR HELP! YES, YOU! Please contact Jeannie Fitz at 232-9306, or Jake Clark, at 460-8822, TODAY.



MAY 1-3, 2020

CCC WORK RETREAT

Come serve for a day or the weekend at the CCC and help us get ready for camp. Overnight lodging and meals can be provided at no cost. Youth groups and adults are invited. All skill levels welcome!

CCC Work Retreat May 1-3, 2020

Bring a group or come by yourself!

RSVP to the Christian Conference Center

(641) 792-1266

so that they can plan for work teams and meals.

- **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** 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.
 - * One of Food at First’s vendors has changed their donation delivery day to Sunday morning. Currently, Food at First needs dedicated FCC volunteers who can help unload donations on Sunday mornings, early before worship. Contact Patty Yoder at 515-451-6967, for more information.

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

	January	2020 YTD
Income:	\$32,237	
Expenses:	\$17,833	
Difference:	\$14,404	

2020 Pledge Update

To date, pledges for 2020 total \$181,033. Given our pledge goal of \$185,000, we are almost there! If you would like to help meet our goal, it's not too late to obtain a pledge card from the church office. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

In and Out of the Hospital

Judith Koplin, Cathy Krebs

In Hospice At this time, Thelma Miller, one of our long time members, is in hospice (at home) and nearing the end of her life. Her son Don Miller is by her side. Please keep Thelma's family in your prayers during this difficult time, particularly Don — whose wife Althea Miller passed away this past February 2, 2020.



**DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD**

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS **AHEAD 1 HOUR**
SATURDAY NIGHT
MARCH 7TH.

Daylight Saving will begin on Sunday, March 8th, 2020. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!

Thank You!

Mary Jane & My Friends at
First Christian Church!

Thank you for your email on the eve of my ordination and for the generous gift to choose a book/books from Chalice Press. I love that I'll get to add new books to my personal library and will think of you each time I see the Disciples Chalice on the cover!

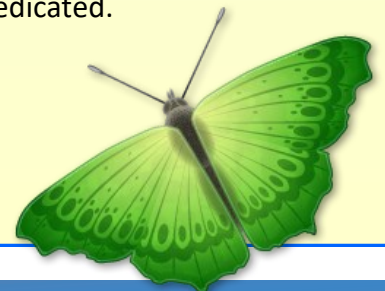
It means a lot to me that you all were with me on my special day. I am so grateful to be in the ministry with each of you!

In love,
Rev. Hannah Hannover
Ames United Church of
Christ

Congrats!

Matt and Adelheid Spitzli who transferred their memberships to First Christian Church of Ames Sunday, January 26th. Matthew comes to us from Hope United Methodist Church in Marshalltown, Iowa, and Adelheid from Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Also on that Sunday, Geneva, Matilda, and Simone Spitzli's lives were blessed and dedicated.



**The Week of Compassion Offering
will be received on Sunday,
February 23rd.**

**Pastor Mary Jane is on vacation
through Monday, February 24.**

If you should have a pastoral care need while she is away, please contact one of the **Elders on Call:**
Deb Lewis (515-290-6736) or
Sue Prins (515-460-2628).

**Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm
In the FCC Sanctuary
Childcare will be provided!**

NAACP 2020



2020 Keynote Speaker

LEON ANDREWS
DIRECTOR OF REAL

(RACE, EQUITY, AND LEADERSHIP) PROGRAM
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)

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

The NAACP held its 2020 Freedom Fund Banquet on Thursday, February 13, 2020, with our very own Vern Hawkins as the Master of Ceremonies. The event was 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.

Members and friends of First Christian Church, helped raise enough funds to purchase two tables worth of tickets (10 seats per table at \$75 each) in support of this most valuable organization and their work in our community.

Our support reflects the ongoing commitment of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) toward the work of racial reconciliation and helps develop strategies toward the elimination of racism in our community, within the church, and abroad.

THANK YOU to everyone who purchased tickets, donated tickets, and who supported this event.



FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

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).

Sundays at FCC:

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

Coffee Fellowship:
First Sunday of the month,
following worship

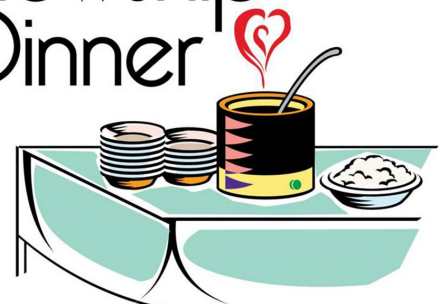
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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; font-weight: bold;">March 2020</div>  </div>				* Denotes birthday Chapel – 2nd Floor BT = Bell Tower CH = Coffee House FH = Fellowship Hall		LIB = Library CR = Conf. Room GR = Great Room H = Hub, 2 nd Floor S = Sanctuary B = Balcony
1 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship 12-1:15 pm Pastor's Class (LIB) *Roger Bertelsen	2 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH) 11:30 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) 6:45 pm Trustee's Mtg (CR)	3 9:30 am Welcome Group Mtg. (LIB) 5:00 pm Council of Ministries Meeting (LIB) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) *Shane Wierson	4 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	5 9 am – 4:00 pm FEMA Emergency Preparedness Workshop (Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave, Ames 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	6 *Ron Ratiiff	7 9:30 am – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First (FH)
8 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship 12-1:15 pm Pastor's Class (LIB) *Mary Lou Harrison DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	9 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH) 11:30 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	10 10:00 AM – Communications Team Mtg. (LIB) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) 7:15 pm Property Mtg. (LIB)	11 12:00 pm Board Reports DUE 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	12 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	13 *Jack Ewalt	14
15 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship Dinner 12-1:15 pm Pastor's Class (LIB) *Bob Fitz	16 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH) 11:30 am Elder's Circle, (LIB) NOON – Call Deadline 7 pm Trustees Mtg. (CR) *Roma Sills	17 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)	18 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	19 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR) *Henry Hayes	20 *Pat Popelka	21
22 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship Dinner (FH) 12-1:15 pm Pastor's Class (LIB)	23 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH) 11:30 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	24 5:00 pm Faith Formation Team Meeting (LIB) 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S)	25 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	26 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR) *Sam Button-Harrison	27	28
29 9:15 am Learning Time 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Youth Group (The Hub) 12-1:15 pm Pastor's Class (LIB) *Bob Logston *Adam Pendry *Eileen Sambos	30 10-11:30 am Ukuleile's Play (CH) 11:30 am Elder's Circle, (LIB)	31 6:00 pm Bells Practice (B) 7:10 pm Singers Practice (S) *Zach Brown	1 APRIL 12:15 Prayers (CH) Wed. Church Night 5:15 pm Spiritual Practices 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Meeting Jesus Midweek (H)	2 5:30-7pm Listening to God (GR)	3	4 9:30 am – 1 pm FCC volunteers for Food at First (FH)

March Servant Schedule

	Narthex Greeter	West Entry Greeter	Ushers
March 1	Melissa Webb	Stacey Maifeld	Kris & Larry Mesenbrink
March 8	Melissa Webb	Stacey Maifeld	Kris & Larry Mesenbrink
March 15	Gwen Mitzel	Corry Bertelsen	Carol Baker and Shirley Malaby
March 22	Gwen Mitzel	Corry Bertelsen	Carol Baker and Shirley Malaby
March 29	Molly Schwartz	Deb Lewis	Bob & Jean Watson

March Deacons

Captain: Derek Krebs. Captains count attendance and the offering.

1. Larry Mesenbrink. 2. Jocelyn Digby 3. Meg Knol-Digby 4. Amanda Mokaya

March Elders:

Offering: Darla Ewalt **Communion:** Sue Prins **Alternate:** Vern Hawkins **Chaplain:** Vern Hawkins

10 Ways to Know What's Happening at FCC

- The Call Newsletter – 3rd week of the month
- Weekly News Update – an email sent every Thursday
- Worship Bulletin Inserts – every Sunday
- Prayers of the People – an email sent as needed
- Video Slides before Sunday worship – every Sunday
- Announcements during Sunday worship – every Sunday
- Bulletin boards in the church - ongoing
- Word of mouth - ongoing
- Facebook – First Christian Church (Disciples) Ames
- Website - www.fccames.org

To receive a hardcopy newsletter, please contact the church office.

To receive newsletter, news updates and prayers via email **please sign up by clicking on an icon.**

Weekly News Update



Prayers Of The People

Food at First

Free Meal Program + Perishable Food Pantry



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

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

FCC's Volunteers the 1st Saturday of every Month! Contact Cynthia Gaunt for more information, at cygaunt@hotmail.com.

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

Genuinely accept, welcome and love everyone as Jesus did.

Connect people to God and to one another.

Cultivate an environment where people grow in faith and discipleship.

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

Minister in the community with God's healing love.

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

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

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