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Hybrid Worship

After over a year of only on-line worship services, First Christian Church is about to embark on a new adventure... "hybrid worship"!

What is hybrid worship? It is sharing in worship together using 2 different platforms: online via Zoom AND in-person in the sanctuary. We have a lot of experience with in-person worship in the sanctuary. And, we now have over a year of experience with worship online via Zoom. But very soon we will try to bring these two together! One congregation – two ways of participating in worship at the same time.

Unless there is a spike in COVID 19 case numbers in Story County, we plan to begin hybrid worship on **May 2, 9, and 16** with **just a dozen extra people** beyond the regular worship leaders and tech people. Please let me know if you want to be one of the dozen worshippers in

the first 3 weeks (maryjane@fccames.org) so I can email you instructions.

Then, on **PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 23**, we will begin the next level of Sunday morning participation with **as many as 50 people total** in the sanctuary for worship.

Zoom worship participants will notice some changes once there are other people in the sanctuary for worship. Worshippers in the sanctuary will notice many changes from how we gathered before the pandemic. There will be specific guidelines for those coming to the building. (Needing to reserve your seat ahead of time, parking only in the Fareway lot across Clark Ave., using only the "Bell Tower"/ramp door, wearing masks, keeping 6 feet of distance, partaking of pre-packaged communion, etc.) There is a summary of the protocols that follows this article. Please read it and ask me, a member of the Leadership Group (Vern Hawkins, Amy Kuehl, Sue Prins, Marv Prins, David Gregory, and Bob Logston) or an Elder if you have any questions. There will also be an **orientation video** to walk you through the process so you can decide whether worshipping in person or via Zoom is a better match for you.

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As we prepare to embark on this new adventure of hybrid worship, let us focus what is essential: to love God heart, soul, strength, and mind and our neighbor as ourselves, and to bear the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

—Pastor Mary Jane

What to Expect When You Return to Worship (In Person) at First Christian Church

The FCC Leadership Group's **Plan to Resume In-Person Worship** identifies three levels of re-opening that are based on guidelines established by the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

- For the last year we have been at **Level 1**, with the Sanctuary closed to all but the team conducting and recording worship.
- When we move to **Level 2** (currently planned for May) we will host worship gatherings of up to 50 people with social distancing, masks, and other safety measures still in place.
- Eventually, at **Level 3**, we hope to be able to relax limits on attendance as well as some safety measures. (This won't happen, however, until the majority of the population is vaccinated and viral transmission declines significantly.)

Remember, even after in-person worship has resumed, we will continue to offer online worship indefinitely—both live (via Zoom) and recorded.

If you do choose to attend in-person worship...

- During the week before worship, please RSVP to make sure a seat is available. Use the online form in the Weekly News Update (anytime) or call Liz in the office (before 1:45 PM Thursday).
- The morning of worship, please do a voluntary self-check at home. If you (or anyone in your household) is sick or has been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days, please stay home and worship online!
- Plan to park only in the Fareway Supermarket lot, as FCC's west doors will remain locked. You'll enter and exit the church using the southeast "bell-tower" door (where the ramp is).
- Masks are required for all attendees except children under two years old. If you forget your mask, don't worry, we'll have a supply at the door (along with hand sanitizer).
- A Worship Attendant will greet you and escort you to your seat. We're using only 25% of our seating capacity to ensure a six-foot distance in all directions between individuals. Members of the same household or "bubble" can sit together. Children must always remain with their families, as there will be no nursery.
- Be prepared to spend roughly 50 minutes in the building, including ten minutes for gathering (doors will open at 10:20 AM), a 35-minute worship service, and five minutes for dismissal.
- To the extent possible, the sanctuary will be a "low touch" environment. Communion will be pre-packaged; a drop-box will be available for offerings; items such as hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews. Feel free to bring your own Bible, or books/activities for your children. You're also welcome to bring your own communion if you prefer.
- At the close of worship, you'll be dismissed by a Worship Attendant. Until fellowship gatherings can resume safely, we ask everyone to exit the building promptly and to exchange any greetings outdoors, at safe distances from one another, and away from the ramp and building.
- High-touch areas in the sanctuary will be cleaned and disinfected between gatherings.

— FCC Leadership Group

Moving to hybrid worship on Sunday mornings (some on Zoom; some in person in the sanctuary) is just the first step in the journey to a safe return to our building. This step does not change anything else at this time. The building will continue to be locked at all other times, and generally, there will be no groups, committees, or teams scheduling meetings or events in the building (with a very few exceptions). That will come in future steps, so stay tuned!

Worship Schedule

April 25	From Fear to Peace John 20:19-23
May 2	Show Me John 20:24-29
May 9	Breakfast with Jesus John 21:1-14
May 16	Do You Love Me? John 21:15-19



Pentecost 2021: Community in the Spirit

Pentecost May 23	Bearing Fruit Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 5:16-26
May 30	Sharing Acts 2:37-47; 4:32-37
June 6	Boldness Acts 3-4
June 13	New Sight Acts 9:1-20
June 20	Inclusion Acts 11:1-18
June 27	Welcome Acts 16:9-15

2021 PENTECOST OFFERING BE THE NEW CHURCH

SUNDAYS MAY 16 AND MAY 23



Be the New Church

For the past thirteen months, many of us have stayed away from our places of worship to keep ourselves and our faith communities safe.

How have new church leaders responded? By spreading the word about Disciples through DoorDash, meeting with folks struggling with anxiety on Zoom, and addressing returning citizens' needs.

Chaplains, pastors, and others have answered the call to **be the new church**. To support them, contribute to the Pentecost Offering on May 16 and 23. Half of the gifts go to regions to support new church development. The other half goes to [New Church Ministry](#), which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders.

Let's all **be the new church**, together.
[Please give generously to this year's Pentecost offering.](#)

You may give online (link above), or send your check by mail to First Christian Church, 611 Clark Avenue, Ames, IA 50010.



Thank you, *Stewardship Committee!*

*Remember this:
Whoever sows sparingly
will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows
generously will also
reap generously.*

*Each of you should give
what you have decided
in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful giver.*

*And God is able to bless
you abundantly, so that
in all things at all times,
having all that you
need, you will abound in
every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

All who attended Worship on Sunday, April 18, received a wonderful [video message](#) from the Stewardship Committee, based on a reading from 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8.

Don Withers used the text to introduce what he called the *Law of Spiritual Generosity* that should guide us in our giving: As generosity flows out of us, God's abundance flows back in—sometimes when we least expect it, and in ways we never imagined! It's a process as natural as breathing out and breathing in. Don also told several heart-warming stories about what it means to be a truly *cheerful* giver in our everyday lives.

Sue Prins reminded us that, despite this crazy year of pandemic, "*Here we are, still being church.*" And the spirit of generosity is one of the things that binds us together.

Vern Hawkins reminded viewers of the 25% shortfall in pledges this year and suggested that's it's never too late to submit a pledge. **Stacey Maifeld** added that those who have already pledged might consider increasing their pledges, if circumstances allow.

And finally, **Cynthia Gaunt** reminded viewers of the many opportunities to make financial gifts to the church, outside the formal pledge process—what we call in the annual budget our "faith factor."

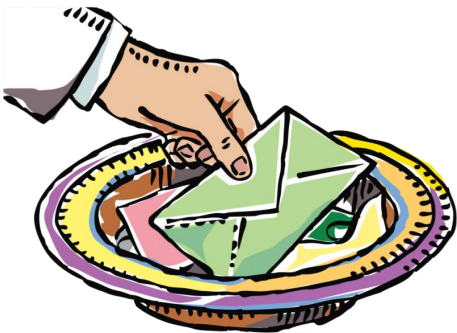
If you missed this short but inspirational video—or would like to enjoy it again—you can do so on the church's YouTube channel. On behalf of the Trustees, I'd like to thank our friends on the

Stewardship Committee for this timely and important message! Let's keep working together to meet our expenses and fund our many ministries in the upcoming year.

--David Gregory (Chair of Trustees)

Alternatives to the Offering Plate

- You can always send a **check** through the mail to: First Christian Church, 611 Clark Ave., Ames IA 50010. If you add "Attention: Dave or Jeanne Fitz," the envelope will be delivered directly to our Financial Secretaries.
- Now might be a good time to set up, through your bank, some form of automatic payment to FCC. This can be done either as a **direct deposit** (in which funds are transferred electronically), or as **online bill pay** (in which your bank sends an actual check to the church). Contact FCC's Financial Secretaries, Dave or Jeanne Fitz (515-232-9306), for more information.
- You can also make your offering by **debit card**, **credit card** or **PayPal**, using the **DONATE** button on the FCC website. This button is also regularly included in the electronic version of *The Call*, and in the online *Weekly Update*. It's safe, secure, and convenient! For more information, contact the church office.



One important way we can stay connected during this time of social distancing and shelter-in-place is to continue to pray with and for one another, our community, and the world.

You can now submit prayer requests using a new "Prayer Request Form" using this link: bit.ly/FCCPrayers. Using the form, you choose how extensive you'd like your prayer request shared.

One option is through our email prayer chain called "Prayers of the People." If you'd like to be part of that email prayer chain so you receive and can offer prayers, please sign up by clicking on this link: "[Prayers of the People](#)."

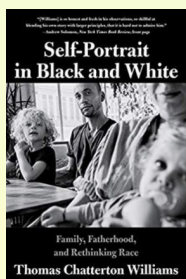
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mary Jane, Administrative Assistant Liz Collazo, or ask an FCC Elder.



Calendar

Scheduled Meetings:

- ♦ **Elder's Circle**
Every Monday, 10:45 am via Zoon
- ♦ **Intercessory Prayers**
Every Wednesday, at 12:15 pm,
Coffee House
- ♦ **Council of Ministries**
Tuesday, April 27, 7 pm
- ♦ **FCC Makes Lunch for Food at First**
Saturday, May 1, 9:30 am—1pm
- ♦ **Council of Ministries**
Tuesday, May 4, 5:15 pm
- ♦ **OUTDOOR CHURCH WORK DAY**
Saturday, May 8, 9am.
Bring a rake, pruners, tools.
- ♦ **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**
Monday, May 10, 7 pm via Zoom
- ♦ **Faith Formation Team Meeting**
Tuesday, May 11, 6 pm
- ♦ **Property Meeting**
Tuesday, May 11, 7:15 pm
- ♦ **Newsletter Deadline**
Monday, May 17, by NOON.
- ♦ **Trustees Meeting**
Monday, May 17, 7 pm
- ♦ **Council of Ministries**
Tuesdays, May 25 at 7 pm, and June 1, at 5:15 pm



Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group

Rev. Dr. Al Adams is facilitating a bi-weekly cohort to read and discuss books covering topics in anti-racism. The next cohort group will begin on May 28 and will be looking at the book, "Self-Portrait in Black and White: Family, Fatherhood, and Rethinking Race" by Thomas Chatterton Williams.

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The group meets virtually at 2 p.m. on Fridays. Participating in this discussion group does count toward the clergy anti-racism continuing education experience requirement for standing.

To join in on this next anti-racism book discussion, please contact [Al Adams](#).

Keeping Connected...

UPDATED

Zoom Weekly Activity Schedule



Sunday		
9:30 AM	Zoom Room Open Tech People Setup/ Check Musicians Practice	Online Link: fccames.org/ SundayWorship
9:30-10:15 AM	Adult Learning Time	Meeting ID: 835 4977 8613 Passcode: 789716
10:00 AM	Fellowship Time Before Worship	Phone Connection: 1 312 626 6799
10:30 AM	Worship	ID: 83549778613#
Wednesday		
12:15 PM	Midweek Prayers Online Link: fccames.org/ WednesdayPrayers	Meeting ID: 826 9816 5415 Passcode: 645905 Phone Connection: 1 312 626 6799 ID: 82698165415#
Thursday		
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship Online Link: fccames.org/ CoffeeFellowship	Phone Connection: 1-312-626-6788 ID: 86790917856#
Keep this Schedule Handy		
Updated Tuesday, September 1, 2020		



Easter Spring Bouquets

In Memory and In Honor Of...

Olene Dowell and Benjamin Lott

From: John & Janet Lott

Our Parents

From: Denny & Dawn Heaberlin

Our Parents, and Our Grandchildren:

Adam, Lily, Olivia, and Logan

From: Derek & Cathy Krebs

Raymond & Jean Bond

Jack & Wanda Ewalt

From: Jake & Darla Ewalt

**Loyd & Jeanette Quinn
Jim Gaunt and Iola Gaunt**

From: Cynthia Gaunt

Glendon Button

From: Tim & Mary Jane Button-Harrison

Lana & Mike Klug

From: Marv & Sue Prins

Mable Woodward

From: Del and Dale Woodward, and Cheryl Harless

K Baker

From: Carol Baker

Our Parents and Our Ministers

From: Ed & Carolyn Gagnier

The Great-Grandmothers

From: Charissa Menefee

Our Parents

Bob & Jean Watson

Ferne & Norman Bertelsen

Alma and Al Brouwer

From: Roger & Corry Bertelsen

Annie & Hap VonAh

Sue & Jim Gregory

From: David Gregory & Mary VonAh Gregory

Our Parents

From: Terry & Deb Lewis

Paul Hartman

From: Marge Hartman

Good Neighbor: Update

Dear Congregation:

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance has adjusted to the challenges of the pandemic, giving out \$194,480 in 2020 to prevent homelessness and hunger!

Good Neighbor continues its mission “to provide emergency assistance (rent, utility, transportation and food) to our neighbors in Story County, in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort and encouragement.” Director Lori Allen said that the organization’s office, in FCC’s former parsonage at 613 Clark Ave., is officially closed to the public. But she added: “People still come to our front porch if they need to fill out paper applications, to drop things off or to pick up food or gasoline vouchers.”

She said that 95 to 98 percent of all applications since March 2020 have been done online. “This includes getting the documentation to us that we need. Most people snap a photo of their lease or bill or photo ID with their phone send it to our email,” she said. “We can also gather information over the phone.”

The GNEA director emphasized that financial need is ongoing. “In any given month, one-third to one-half of our applicants are new to Good Neighbor or have not used our services for the past five years,” she said.

She also shared this helpful information:

- In 2020 Good Neighbor assisted 745 households with 1728 people, or about 11 percent of all people living at or near poverty in our Story County communities.
- Our agency helps families with children up to \$1000 per year, and adults only households up

to \$600 per year. In cases of extreme need, we can waive these limits. We count it success if households do not repeat or use the full allotment. We also count success when these allotments are all it takes to get households back on track financially.

- To apply for assistance, you may contact the organization at: assistance@gnea.org or call (515) 296-1449. To donate, visit: gnea.org/giving. (I pass along Lori Allen’s heartfelt gratitude for our congregation’s ongoing support!)

In closing, I want to say that it is an honor to be involved with an organization that is such an important community safety net.

Respectfully,
Janis Pyle,

First Christian Church representative, Good Neighbor Board of Trustees





Around the Region — Things We Do Together

For more info or to register for events:

www.uppermidwestcc.org

Below, @CCC =
held at the Christian Conference
Center

Apr. 22
Regional Operations Council

Apr. 28
Clergy Chat with Josh

May 1
Last day for Early Bird Camp
Registration!

May 7-8
Regional Committee on
Ministry

May 12
Clergy Chat with Josh

May 14-15
CMEP Retreat

May 26
Clergy Chat with Josh

May 27
Regional Operations Council

June 5
Camping Season Begins!

Oct. 2
All Congregational Gathering
and Regional Minister
Installation

Seeing and Believing

*Rev. Joshua Patty
Regional Minister and President*



"I have seen the Lord."

Mary's simple statement, each time I read or hear it, grabs me and takes my breath away. After her emotional encounter with the resurrected Jesus, she shares the story with others, beginning, "I have seen the Lord."

This was not just something that happened to Mary. The New Testament shares that many people have seen the resurrected Jesus -- the apostles and then Thomas in a closed room, two disciples walking to Emmaus, and even the apostle Paul (an encounter which, ironically, left him temporarily blind).

And I'm convinced that our own faith is rooted in the times we have seen the resurrected Jesus -- precious moments when we have received radical forgiveness, gained wisdom beyond our capabilities, experienced comfort and hope in the depths of despair, or powerfully been embraced by God's love. Part of the way that our faith continues developing and growing is learning to recognize Jesus' presence in our lives and being able to describe those special moments like Mary did, "I have seen the Lord."

The more we do this, the more we can help others recognize Jesus' presence in their lives. As Disciples, we often do this by gathering frequently at the Lord's Table and repeating Jesus' invitation to others. We do it through prayer and Sunday School classes, through supporting one another and generously reaching out to people in need. As a region, we offer these opportunities each year through church camps and more.

During this Easter season, I hope you recognize a time when you have again been in the presence of Jesus and that you find words to tell someone else about it. If the words don't come easily, remember Mary, take a breath, and begin. "I have seen the Lord."

Continue reading the Upper Midwest Regional Reading Newsletter [HERE](#).

Christian Conference Center



SAVE THE DATES!

It's FREEZING cold but it's time to register for Summer Camp!

[Visit the CAMP registration site for more information.](#)

First Christian Church will pay for **HALF** the registration costs each camp participant, for **ONE** camp. You must identify First Christian Church of Ames as your home church in your application, and you must let First Christian Church know (fccames@fccames.org) that you have registered so that we may know we need to pay for you.

Summer Camp 2021

Grand Camp

(Kids age 4 to Grade 2 who attend with one or more grandparents)
Session 1: June 26-27
Session 2: July 17-18

Family Camp

(Kids ages 0-18 who attend with one or more adult family members)
Session 1: June 11-13

Beginner Camp

(Grades 2-3)
Session 1: June 13-15

Junior Camp

(Grades 3-5)
Session 1: June 28-July 3
Session 2: July 12-17
Session 3: August 9-14

Middle School

(Grades 6-8)
Chi Rho 1: June 21-26
Chi Rho 2: June 28 - July 3
Chi Rho 3: July 12-17
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 26-31
Adventure Camp: August 2-7
Standing Rock Travel Camp: June 5-12

Senior Adult Retreat

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

**SEE PAGE 10
FOR IMPORTANT
CAMP CHANGES
FOR 2021.**

Registration opens February 1!



Christian Conference Center website: www.newtonccc.org
Regional website: www.uppermidwestccc.org
Mailing Address: 5064 Lincoln Street, Newton, Iowa 50208
Office Phone: 641-792-1266 Email: office@newtonccc.org



(All grades indicate grade to be completed in the 2020-2021 school year. Age indicates age of the participant at the time of the event.)

2021 Church Camp Changes

After a lot of prayer and discussion with our camp leadership, we have some updates for the 2021 camping season. We have been working hard to make camp a safe experience for campers, volunteers and staff. We are still developing our final Covid-19 protocols, but here are the things we know for sure right now. **Please read carefully!**

- This one is a big change... **weeklong camps will be shortened by one day** to allow for more training for volunteers. Volunteers will report on Sunday and training will be mandatory. Campers will report on **Tuesday and be at camp until Saturday**. Written information about these changes, as well as summer camp publicity packets, will be going out to churches this week. (Standing Rock Camp will not change due to the need for extra travel time.)
- Weeklong camp price will be reduced by \$30. Refunds will be issued for kids who have already registered for weeklong camps. Adjusted dates and prices will be reflected on camp publicity that will be mailed out. Shorter events are not affected.
- All camps will operate at a **50% capacity** this summer.
- Masks and social distancing will be **required** indoors for everyone except while eating or sleeping.
- Mask breaks will be possible outdoors, in the right circumstances, throughout the day.
- **Camp is moving outside!** All activities that can possibly be led outside will be, including moving the Dining Hall outside on nice days.
- **Air filtration units** are being built for spaces where programming will take place indoors (in case of inclement weather) and for when masks can't be used (dining hall if it's raining, and cabins at night).
- For activities when kids need to be unmasked, they will be in "activity pods", meaning the same pod will be together for all those unmasked activities. For example, campers will be grouped in a cabin group that will also be their table group.

The biggest reason for #1 is to give more adequate time to train volunteers for how to live out our weeks at camp with the Covid protocols in place. We want to make sure everyone is 100% sure of their role and the do's and don'ts before campers arrive. This will ensure a better camp experience for everyone. **This change in camp length is only in effect for 2021.**

Please pray for our decision makers as we try to do the best for everyone.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Stewardship Report

Information Not Available at Publish Time

Income:			\$19,817	\$30,526
Expenses:			\$21,605	\$42,552
Difference:			(\$1,788)	(\$12,026)

In and out of the hospital:

Judith Koplin, Jim Lester, Ray Lawson

The Church office is currently closed to the public. But our office hours remain 9 am—2 pm , Monday-Thursday
Need anything?
CALL US! 515-232-5766
Email Liz Collazo at:
fccames@fccames.org

Help with the tech team for worship:

If you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings with sound, sanctuary technology, or Zoom hosting, there is a friendly group in the balcony ready to teach you (or to update you on what's new if you have served before). Contact Jake Ewalt, Marv Prins, or Stacey Maifeld, and they can answer questions and share more. All that's needed is a willingness to learn and a sense of humor.



May Birthdays

03	Corry Bertelsen	19	Judith Koplin
03	Sam Brown	20	Lester Thompson
08	Nathan Ewalt	28	Jackson Haley
08	Ray Lawson	29	Cindy Ratlif
09	Jocelyn Digby	31	Norma Hensley
12	Mary Israel		
12	Ty Schwartz		
14	Vern Ryan		
15	Lilly Wang		
18	Nevan Schwartz		



The Lord is My Song

*A Service featuring
Songs and Prayers of Taizé*

Sunday Evening, May 16, 2021 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

2210 Lincoln Way, Ames

Music lead by Eric Evans and Paul Witmer.

We will gather in person for worship with appropriate COVID protocols.

The service will also be available via livestream:

<https://youtu.be/ZalJsauw3s>

Come celebrate the liturgical transition from Easter to Pentecost with a contemplative worship experience featuring lovely meditative chants, music, scripture, and silence.



Contemplative Outreach
of Central Iowa

Silence Solitude Solidarity Service

www.CenterIowa.org

TAKING THE LEAD 2021: THE COLOR OF INJUSTICE



THE US AND IOWA: *A Virtual Event*

Thursday, April 22 | 6:00 PM (CT) | Session 1

According to the U.S. Census Bureau and the Iowa Department of Corrections, although black people represent just 4% of Iowa's population, they represent 25% of those incarcerated in the state. Sentencing, incarceration and drug policies affect people of color disproportionately. Join us for the kick-off of this important conversation as **The Sentencing Project** joins us to look at **NATIONAL AND IOWA DATA and RACE.**

The Sentencing Project works for a fair and effective U.S. criminal justice system by producing groundbreaking research to promote reforms in sentencing policy, address unjust racial disparities and practices, and advocate for alternatives to incarceration.



FEATURING

Nicole D. Porter
The Sentencing Project
Director of Advocacy

Porter manages The Sentencing Project's state and local advocacy efforts on sentencing reform, voting rights, and eliminating racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Porter was named a "New Civil Rights Leader" by *Essence Magazine* for her work to eliminate mass incarceration.

INTERVIEW HOSTED BY

Rheya Spigner
KCCI Channel 8 News Anchor,
Des Moines



WITH

Eric Harris, Iowa City
First interacting with the criminal justice system at 17, Harris shares his journey from former felon to community contributor and activist.



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Ames Branch #4120

Register at <https://forms.gle/iczuWqR5fane3ynd9>

Opportunities to Serve

We are the Church...

You are the Church

In his many letters to churches, the Apostle Paul reminds believers that **WE are the church** — **We, the Body of Christ**. (Not a building.) With our talents and our gifts, we can serve one another, meet one another's needs, uplift one another, and BE Christ to one another. While for some, "church" has come to mean "building," Christians haven't always had a building in which they could worship. Instead, they had one another — the *true* Church.

While we may not be able to meet in our *building* right now, we CAN meet as the Church! Through Zoom worship, Zoom Coffee Fellowship, prayers, book studies, phone calls and letters, we can stay connected. We can BE the body.

We are here for you. Do you need...?

- Help with Zoom or other technology
— **never miss a Zoom gathering again!**
- Pre-stamped offering envelopes
- Church directories
- Church library books
- Fall Devotionals (small or large)
- Groceries
- Errands
- Someone to talk to



BUG ME! Email me at fccames@fccames.org or give the church a call at 515-232-5766. We are happy to place any items in the mail, or deliver them to you. **If you need help with Zoom, you may contact David Gregory at 708-9004, or Amy Kuehl at 520-1896, and they would be THRILLED to help you.**

We love and miss you, but we know we'll be together again soon.

— Liz Collazo

FCC Administrative Assistant



"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)

- **SUPPORT** the Pentecost Offering. See Page 3 for more details
- **CARE** for our church building by volunteering for the Outdoor Church Work Day, on Saturday, May 8th.
- **PLEDGE your financial support to the Church.** The "Church" is a community — the Body of Christ — and not a building. Giving to support the mission and vision of our community is a discipline. Even while we are not gathering in our building, the work of the church continues, and expenses keep coming in. Please keep supporting your Church during these challenging times.
- **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. There are new guidelines in place to keep everyone safe, and ALL meals and markets will be **TO GO** now. Food at First also needs volunteers during the week. 515-344-4357.

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.

Ways to Know What's Happening at FCC

- The Call Newsletter – 3rd week of the month
- Weekly News Update – an email sent every Thursday
- Prayers of the People – an email sent as needed
- Announcements during Sunday worship – every Sunday
- Word of mouth - ongoing

- Facebook – First Christian Church (Disciples) Ames
- Website - www.fccames.org
- **Our YouTube Channel**

To receive a hardcopy newsletter, please contact the church office. To receive an electronic newsletter, news updates and prayers via email **please sign up by clicking on an icon below.**

Weekly
News Update



Prayers
Of
The
People



Food at
First

Free Meal Program +
Perishable Food Pantry



FOOD AT FIRST FREE MEAL AND MARKET PROGRAM

Free Meal Times

Sunday through Thursday

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm

Saturday

11:30 am – 12:15 am

Free Market Times

Monday

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Thursday

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Saturday

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Donation Drop-Off

Donations can be dropped off at other times when arranged. Thank you for your support!

Monday through Thursday

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