

The Call

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Hello Friends!

Can you believe summer's here?! Can you believe the year we've had?! I can't believe it myself, but here we are.

July is upon us and with it a renewed sense of hope that with some caution, we may again enjoy the warmth of summer gatherings with friends and family, and as is our tradition here at Ames First Christian, sharing in ecumenical worship.

While A LOT has truly changed and challenged us, it's reassuring to know that

some traditions still remain the same — even if a little different.

During the month of July, and for over 50 years, First Christian Church of Ames and Ames United Church of Christ, have sought to live out Jesus' prayer that 'they may be one' by worshipping together in each other's sanctuaries.

As we know, the spirit of Jesus' prayer was not a building — it was that we might be one in spirit — whether physically or thanks to technology, virtually.

So during the month of July we will be joined "virtually" by the Ames United Church of Christ for joint worship.

The first two Sundays in July (4 & 11) we will hold Hybrid Worship in our sanctuary and Ames UCC will join us virtually, via Zoom.

The last two Sundays in July (18 & 25),

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we will join Ames UCC through a Facebook Live “Watch Party” to watch their pre-recorded services— but we will not worship in their sanctuary, as they have not yet started in-person worship.

Then Sunday, August 1, will be our traditional “Worship in the Park,” with be more details forthcoming.

I’m sure glad we’ve been able to keep each other healthy for the past year. And the more some things change, as Jesus knew they would, the more I am glad that some will stay the same. Stay healthy!

—Liz Collazo

FCC Administrative Assistant

Worship Schedule



June 27	Welcome Acts 16:9-15
July 4	In Search of Wisdom and Understanding, Part 1 Job 28:12-20
July 11	In Search of Wisdom and Understanding, Part 2 Job 28:12-20



DMF Day: June 24, 2021

DMF Day is an online giving day in support of Disciples Mission Fund, which makes it possible for the whole church to work together, doing far more than we could alone. [Make a gift on DMF Day to support Disciples Mission Fund.](https://www.disciplesmissionfund.org)

If you’ve ever...

- sat around a campfire at church camp
 - had a visit from a global mission co-worker
 - visited a Disciples college
 - served on a search committee for a new pastor
 - attended Children Worship and Wonder
- connected with other Disciples in your region**

...then you’ve seen Disciples Mission Fund at work.

On June 24, we will celebrate the work we do together as church because of Disciples Mission Fund. Follow [Disciples social media](#) for live events, stories, and updates throughout the day.

Individuals and congregations make contributions to DMF, which funds the work of regional and general ministries, who make it possible for us to be the church together, in many ways and in many places.

Find live events on [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#).

An Update from the FCC Trustees

A few months back, on April 18, our colleagues on the Stewardship Committee delivered an impassioned message during worship, encouraging participants to help meet our 25% shortfall in written pledges for 2021. Our pledge goal for the year is \$185,000, but written pledges totaled only \$137,800 at that time. We are pleased to report that this renewed appeal from the Stewardship team has borne some initial fruit: three parties have formally increased their pledges by a sum of \$2,325 dollars, bringing our written pledge total to \$140,125.

We are most grateful for this progress, and we hope that the beneficence of these individuals inspires others to do the same—if circumstances allow. Of course, we are grateful for ALL gifts, large or small, regular or occasional: they all help to advance the kingdom of God through FCC's many ministries.

Our current budget numbers do warrant attention and raise some concern. Our year-to-date deficit grew slightly between May 1 (-\$8,077) and June 1 (-\$9,837). Hopefully, increased giving (both pledged and unpledged) will allow us to gradually close this gap. In the meantime, as we have reported previously, we do have sufficient reserves in our General Fund to pay monthly bills and meet our financial obligations.

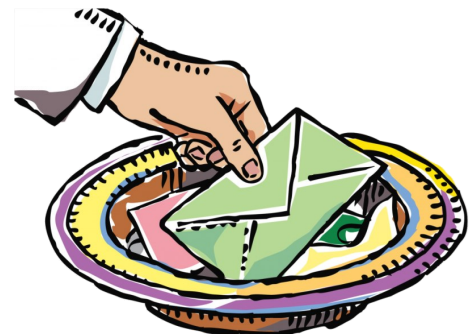
As always, thank you for your generosity, and for helping to ensure that the church can continue its ministries and meet its financial obligations during these challenging times.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about the church's finances, please do not hesitate to contact any one of your Trustees.

—David Gregory (Chair),
Roger Bertelsen, and DeLores Hawkins

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.



Summertime in Motion...

The lull of summertime calls to us as most activities begin to wind down. Families go off on vacation, college students end their classes for the year, and colorful chalk begins to dot our sidewalks as kids roam, finally free from their subjects.

*"Summer came like cinnamon, so sweet
Little girls, double-dutch on the concrete ..."*

As the song goes. But...

*"The more things seems to change,
the more they stay the same..."*

And while some things slow down, some things NEED to stay in motion — as is the need for summertime volunteers all across the board in our city, and in particular, for our various ministry partners and other important local agencies.

In this issue of *The Call*, we'd like to particularly highlight some of the volunteering needs that they have for the summer, and how YOU can play a pivotal role in keeping things in motion.

With college students gone and more families vacationing after being stuck indoors for so long, more hands will be needed now more than ever, to make a difference.

Let's keep this summertime, a summertime in motion.

— Liz Collazo

Food at First,

(FAF), located in the basement of First Christian Church (FCC), is an entirely donor funded non-profit organization dedicated to providing food to those who struggle with hunger in our community. In 2015, Food at First moved to First Christian Church in order to better serve community members in a centrally located space.

FAF provides a daily hot meal to anyone who needs it, no questions asked. FAF also operates a perishable food pantry known as Free Market three times a week to ensure that people have food to bring home.

Both of these operations require a multitude of moving parts and many volunteers every day.

Volunteers help with gleaning food (gathering food donations from multiple sources throughout Ames), organizing and preparing food to distribute at the Free Market, serving the meals and cleaning up, and working in the FAF Garden (to provide sustainable produce throughout the year).



May-Aug Volunteers Needed

A big percentage of volunteers who volunteer at Food at First are students at Iowa State University and Ames High School and there are way less

students in the summertime to volunteer. But even though these students leave, Food at First is STILL serving a free meal, and operating a Free Market.

Want to help FAF?

FAF needs hard working, kind, considerate, responsible volunteers just like you!

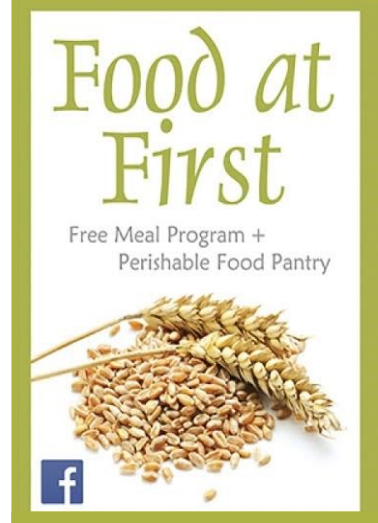
Maybe you have never volunteered, or its been awhile? Please put Food at First in your heart and on your calendar and volunteer.

Now would be a great time to volunteer in the Kitchen, in the Free Market or serving or cleanup. Bring a Friend to volunteer or dine at Food at First. If bringing a friend to volunteer, please have them sign-up so we know how many volunteers to expect for that shift.

Food at First loves summer volunteers and FAF wants you to volunteer! There will also be an opportunity later in the summer to help pick, process, and freeze sweetcorn for those in need.

Thank you!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!



If you are interested in learning more about FAF, please visit <https://foodatfirst.wordpress.com/>

good neighbor, emergency assistance, inc.

Before, during, and after Covid19, Good Neighbor's 23-year legacy continues to grow as we assist Story County households with rent and utility payments, emergency food and gasoline vouchers, and CyRide tickets. Through the generosity of our donors and special grants, during Covid19 we have been able to increase the amounts of the assistance we offer and the number of people we help.

We've been able to help people during the pandemic to keep them in their homes, their utilities on, food on their table, and gasoline in their car. In July, we'll start helping them pay for no contract phone service to be able to stay connected to work, apply for jobs, communicate with their children's school, and stay connected to the world around them.

Our budget was \$175,000 for 2020-21 (a 25% increase from FY 2019-20) and we've far exceeded that. It is thanks to the generosity and charity of Story County Faith Communities, small grants, and individual donors that make this possible.

Our agency helps families with children with up to \$1400 per year; family with adults only up to \$1000. We count as success when households don't request or use that full allotment. We also count success when those allotments are all it takes to get households back on track financially.

By helping to cover everyday basic needs, Good Neighbor contributes to the mental and physical health of Story County residents, and to the safety, security, and stability of their households.

It's more important than ever that we continue to receive your support.

The moratorium on evictions is lifted next month. We've had an uptick in requests for rent in the past 10 days as people are notified that ALL their past rent will be due in a few weeks. Many people are getting assistance from the CARES money, but just as many people are not eligible or have barriers to receiving that money for one reason or another. The need will not decrease anytime soon.

Dear Lory,
I can't thank you enough for everything you did for my children and I. Sorry I had to keep bugging you because I'm not good at all with technology. You are so helpful, and understanding. You also explained everything so I knew what to do next!

Thanks again for your kindness!

Sincerely,
E. AD. K.
and Baby F

DONATE

Jan 1 to Dec 31 - 2020 How we helped

Rent & Utility Assistance
\$144,306
Food Assistance
\$40,439
Transportation Assistance
Gasoline & CyRide \$9,735

TOTAL ASSISTANCE \$194,480

Who WE HELPED 1514 Acts of Kindness

746 Households with
1756 Individuals
155 Age 0-4
283 Age 5-12
182 Age 13-17
296 Age 18-29
696 Age 30-65
128 Seniors (60+)
88 Unknown



Raising Readers, in Story County.

Raising Readers in Story County developed from an Iowa Stories 2000 project. Christie Vilsack initiated Iowa Stories 2000, and Ames was selected as one of 7 pilot communities.

Community involvement was a key element of the initiative. In Ames the project team was headed by librarians from school, public, and university libraries. The advisory panel included representatives from a number of organizations. A series of focus groups and public forums discussed existing literacy programs and what segments of the community were under-served. Early Literacy emerged as the area of greatest need and young children and their parents, especially low-income families, became the target group for the Ames project.

Raising Readers in Story County offers research-based and age-appropriate programming for Story County families with children aged 0-8. Programs range from free books given out at well-child visits to dialogic reading with preschoolers to reading enrichment to early elementary school students.

The pandemic has had a profound impact on many young children's education. To help curb those effects on literacy development, Raising Readers in Story County is continuing to provide research-based programming virtually.

Raising Readers coordinates a free summer tutoring program to promote the love of reading and prevent the "summer slide" for children who have completed Kindergarten through third grade. During this unprecedented time, each child is paired virtually with a trained volunteer tutor. These personalized reading sessions are facilitated by a Raising Readers Site Supervisor through the ZOOM platform to help children maintain summer literacy skills.

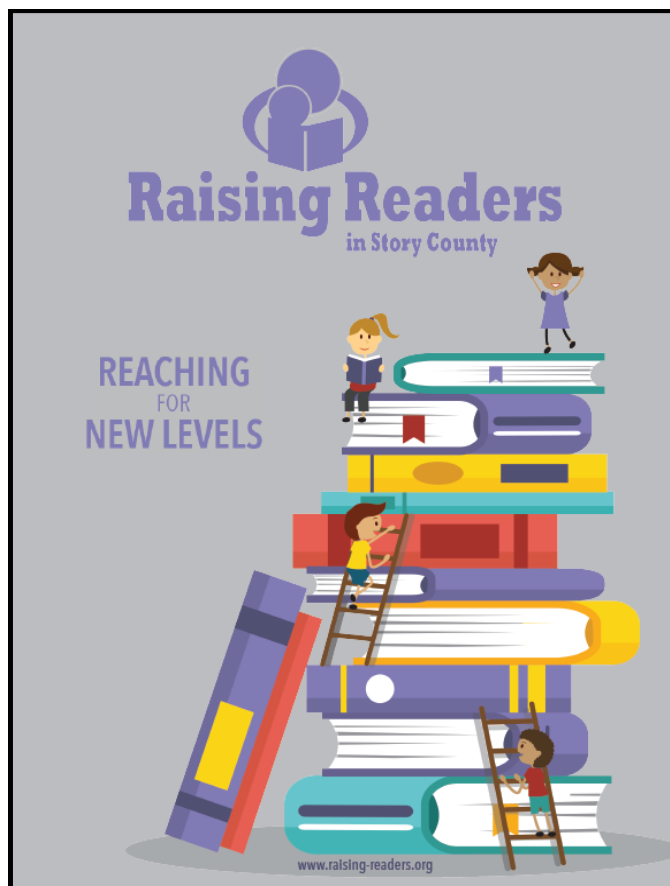
The Summer Reading Buddies program runs June 14 – July 29 with a break the week of July 4.

This very successful program that began in 2013 has grown each year to now serve over 140 children this summer. Students have fun reading and doing literacy related activities. Volunteers know that they are making an impact on the lives of the children by making connections, sharing their passion for reading and helping children with a fundamental skill that will assist them to have success in school and beyond.

If you would like to help make a difference for a child this summer, please fill out the following volunteer [registration form](https://www.raising-readers.org/).

<https://www.raising-readers.org/>

DONATE



ACCESS,

Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support.

ACCESS provides advocacy services to crime victims in Greene, Boone, Story, Marshall, and Tama Counties with an emphasis on victims of domestic assault, sexual assault, homicide and other violent crimes. Our services range from 24 hour help lines, emergency shelter for victims fleeing for safety, assistance and support when navigating safety planning through filling out paperwork and filing for a civil protective order, support when making a police report and navigating the legal aspects as a victim and/or seeking medical care for injuries because of an assault, virtual and in person one on one peer counseling, virtual and in person support groups, and also assistance and support with resources and community referrals.

Volunteer opportunities

We have direct service opportunities:

- Providing advocacy and support through answering our Housing Services, Domestic Assault Services and Sexual Assault Services help lines
- Providing resources and support through ACCESS's online Resource/Chat line
- Providing assistance and pathways for victims with housing resources
- Supporting a victim through civil court advocacy
- Providing in person crisis intervention services for a survivor who is reporting to the hospital or law enforcement to report a crime or seeking assistance for injuries and/or collecting forensic evidence due to a sexual assault

We also have in-direct service opportunities which include:

- Enhancing our community with education and awareness.
 - Promoting, planning and presenting awareness activities like Facebook live features, Watch parties and educational

forums.

- FUNDRAISING!! Planning, promoting and hosting an activity helping assist in raising funds to support ACCESS victim services!

✦ Supply drives

- Personal care products
- Cleaning products

✦ Gas and/or Food gift cards!

✦ Link to ACCESS website for more donation needs

www.assaultcarecenter.org/en/housing/agency_wish_list/

Direct service opportunities require you to be certified as a Victim Counselor under ACCESS's supervision. The certification process is approximately 24 hours of online learning and then traditionally, prior to COVID 19, we would host an 8 hour in person training. Since we are not hosting in person trainings at this time we host a 6 hour Zoom training where you and other volunteers can participate with myself and other staff through a virtual training day. I host these monthly with the exception of November and December, scheduled to accommodate a community volunteer.

Non-direct services which include virtual presentations to campus and community, Facebook live features, Watch parties and social media posts do not require the full certification but a 3 hour orientation.



July Calendar

**Pastor Mary Jane is on vacation from
Fri., June 18 to Fri., June 25.**

Should you have a pastoral care need,
you may contact these elders on call: Deb Lewis at
(515) 290-6736 and Sue Prins at (515) 460-2628.

- ♦ **Elder's Circle**
Every Monday, 10:45 am via Zoon
- ♦ **Intercessory Prayers**
Every Wednesday, at 12:15 pm,
Zoom
- ♦ **FCC Makes Lunch for Food at First**
Saturday, July 3, 9:30 am—1pm
- ♦ **Faith Formation Team Meeting**
Tuesday, July 13, 6 pm
- ♦ **Property Team Meeting**
Tuesday, July 13, 7:15 pm
- ♦ **Newsletter Deadline**
Monday, July 19, by NOON.
- ♦ **Trustees Meeting**
Monday, July 19, 7 pm
- ♦ **Council of Ministries Meetings**
Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm

**Pastor Mary Jane will be on vacation from
Thurs., July 22 at noon, to Fri., July 30.**

Should you have a pastoral care need, you may
contact these elders on call: Dawn Heaberlin at (515)
451-9618 and Deb Lewis at (515) 290-6736.

Scheduled Events:

- ⇒ **July Ecumenical Worship:**
 - ♦ **July 4 & 11, Hybrid Worship at FCC:** Ames United Church of Christ will join us via Zoom on these two Sundays, for ecumenical worship.
 - ♦ **July 18 & 25, Virtual Worship:** First Christian Church will join Ames UCC virtually for an ecumenical worship "watch party." We will not worship in their sanctuary, as they have not yet started in-person worship.
 - ♦ **August 1, will be our traditional "Worship in the Park,"** and it will be different than usual, with be more details forthcoming.
- ⇒ **Ames Ecumenical VBS! July 26-29.** Registration for Ames Ecumenical VBS is now open. This annual tradition joins First United Methodist Church, First Christian Church, and Ames United Church of Christ in educational summer activities for children ages pre-school through 6th grade. You may register [HERE](#). See pages 6-7 for more details.

Keeping Connected...

Zoom Weekly Activity Schedule

UPDATED



Sunday

9:30 AM	Zoom Room Opens Tech People Setup/Check Musicians Practice	Online Link: fccames.org/ SundayWorship Phone Connection: 1 312 626 6799 ID: 83549778613#
10:20 AM	Doors Open for In-Person Worship (PLEASE RSVP)	
10:30 AM	Through Zoom or In-Person — Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.	

The In-Person Worship Sign-Up sheet will be
updated every Monday morning, by 9 AM.
<http://bit.ly/FCCWorshipSignUp>

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#
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Thursday

10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship Online Link: fccames.org/ CoffeeFellowship	Phone Connection: 1-312-626-6788 ID: 86790917856#
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Keep this Schedule Handy

Updated Tuesday, May 23, 2021

If you need help with Zoom, you may contact
David Gregory at 708-9004, or Amy Kuehl at
520-1896, and they would be glad to help you.

YOU'RE INVITED



First United
Methodist Church
First Christian Church
Ames United
Church of Christ

AMES ECUMENICAL VBS
AT AMES FIRST UMC
OR VIRTUAL
JULY 26-29, 2021
8:30AM-11:30AM
REGISTER AT

<https://www.fumcamesevents.com/>

PASSPORT TO IMAGINATION
SUMMER STORY TIME WITH NICOLE
COMING TO A PARK NEAR YOU!
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00P.M.
FOR LIST OF LOCATIONS GO TO
FUMCAMESEVENTS.COM OR FOLLOW US
@AMESFIRSTUMC

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter icons

June 30 - **Christofferson Park** - 2130 Oakwood Rd, Ames
July 14 - **Miracle League/Inis Grove Park** - 2500 Duff, Ames
July 21 - **River Valley Park** - 725 E. 13th St, Ames
August 4 - **Moore Memorial Park** - 3050 Northridge, Ames
August 11 - **Country Gables Park** - 500 Crystal St, Ames
August 18 - **Banford Park** - 301 Prairie View Dr, Gilbert*

**Kona Ice will be served to celebrate and close out summer*



AMES ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021

JULY 26-29

8:30AM-11:30AM IN PERSON
VIRTUAL AVAILABLE ANYTIME

COVID GUIDELINES FOR IN PERSON

OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL
TO LEARN ABOUT GOD'S LOVE



MASK USE

MASKS WILL BE WORN BY ALL LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS.
SAFE TIMES FOR MASK BREAKS WILL BE A PART OF THE
SCHEDULE



SPACING & SOCIAL DISTANCING

WE WILL UTILIZE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES FOR
GATHERING. INDOOR GROUPS WILL BE IN LARGE GATHERING
SPACES WITH GOOD VENTILATION.



FREQUENT HAND WASHING & HAND SANITIZING

LEADERS WILL HAVE HAND SANITIZER FOR ALL TO USE GOING
IN & OUT OF ROTATIONS. HAND WASHING OPPORTUNITIES WILL
BE WORKED INTO THE SCHEDULE



SANITIZING SURFACES

LEADERS WILL UTILIZE APPROVED CLEANING PRODUCTS IN THE
ROTATION ROOMS AND ON ANY SHARED EQUIPMENT BETWEEN
USES.



FOOD AND DRINK

SNACK TIME WILL BE THE ONLY TIME SET ASIDE FOR EATING.
PROPER DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED WITH NO FOOD
SHARING. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A WATER BOTTLE
THAT WILL BE REFILLED BY LEADERS AT BREAK TIMES



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

June 24
Regional Operations
Council - cancelled

June 24
#DMF Day of Giving

July 22
Regional Operations
Council Online

Aug. 7
Disciples
Virtual Gathering

Aug 26
Regional Operations
Council Online

Sept 10-11
Committee on Ministry

Oct. 2 2021
All Congregational
Gathering and Regional
Minister Installation



Being Brave Together FACING BROKENNESS

CHURCH • COMMUNITIES • WORLD • CREATION

Conversations of Healing

Join the Disciples Justice Ministries this summer as we begin courageous conversations to bring about healing in areas of brokenness. Recorded conversations to be followed by live Q & A are scheduled for **July 11 and 25 and August 15 and 29 at 7pm EDT**. Representatives of the justice ministries will discuss how church, community, the world, and creation are impacted as well as offer suggestions on what we can do to address the broken places.

Disciples Justice Ministries will host Watch Parties all summer long as they premier a series of video conversations about "Facing Brokenness: Being Brave Together!" The Watch Parties will be interactive, will showcase the world premier of each video, and feature a time for Q&A Follow-ups with the panelists.

July 11, 2021 @ 7PM ET The Church
July 25, 2021 @ 7PM ET Communities
August 15, 2021 @ 7PM ET The World
August 29, 2021 @ 7PM ET Creation

Sign Up

Sign-up to receive the Zoom Links for the Watch Parties you would like to attend!

REGISTER NOW

Nothing Can Separate Us
from the Love of God
Romans 8:31-39

This one day worship, Bible study and workshop event will be held on **Saturday, August 7, 2021**. To learn more, see the line-up of speakers, schedule, and register, click the link above.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



The Church building 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

Stewardship Report

	April	May	YTD
Income:	\$19,242	\$17,800	\$90,609
Expenses:	\$18,285	\$19,560	\$100,446
Difference:	\$957	\$(1,760)	\$(9,837)

In and Out of the Hospital:

Ron Matthews, John Lott

July Birthdays

- 01 Morgan LeCount
- 08 Angela Mokaya
- 09 Lillian Lawson
- 10 Stacey Maifeld
- 11 Everett Wierson
- 12 Mark Schroeder
- 15 Karen LeCount
- 17 Linda Anderson
- 21 Gloria Carpenter
- 24 Victoria Brenden
- 30 Del Woodward
- 30 Diane Smid-Breyfogle
- 31 Marge Hartman



Family, Youth and Children News

As I ease my way into this new position at FCC, I find myself on building tours, learning the ins and outs of the copier, collecting supplies, meeting new people and being introduced to an office space. Most importantly though, was the ceremonious presentation of a bundle of church keys; a bundle so large I no longer feel a need to lift weights!

All of the kindness I have experienced from people as I have been welcomed to the staff has me thinking about our current worship theme...Community in the Spirit. Wouldn't it be great to take all of these generous acts of kindness and welcoming, and pass them along to others? Wouldn't it be fantastic if the Spirit of God, through these simple actions, is felt in a trickle down effect to the youth and children in our congregation? As I take root, I am confident this shower of kindness raining down upon me, through all of you, will spread and provide nourishment for others.

In July, we look forward to bringing our youth together for outside fellowship. As we welcome one another back and come together as a community once again, I pray we are able to somehow harness this kindness and release it back into our daily lives.

—Melissa Webb

Children, Youth and Families... save these dates for fellowship!

July 11th: Youth Outdoor Gathering
(6-12th grades)

July 18th: Children's Outdoor Gathering
(K-5th grades)

August 29th: Outdoor Gathering for
Families, Youth and Children

Times and locations TBD
More information to come soon!

Opportunities to Serve

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.

— Liz Collazo
FCC Administrative Assistant

Stay Connected with FCC!

- [The Call Newsletter](#) – Dive deeper into FCC happenings! Published and emailed every 3rd week of the month. Want it mailed? Call the Church Office at 232-5766.
- [Weekly News Update](#) – The latest Church News, sent out every week on Thursdays.
- [Prayers of the People](#) – Intercessory prayer requests sent out as needed. [Request prayers.](#)
- [Follow us on Facebook – First Christian Church \(Disciples\) Ames](#)
- **Missed worship on Sunday? Check out [Our YouTube Channel](#)** Updated every following Monday.



“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)

- **VOLUNTER** your summer with one of Ames’ wonderful community organizations, and partners in ministry. (Beginning page 4.)
- **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.

Our Partners in Ministry



CLICK HERE TO APPLY

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc. provides Story County households with Emergency Food Vouchers that allow for the purchase of food in local grocery stores.

What You Need to Apply:

1. A photo ID
2. Income information/verification for the entire household for the past 30 days
3. Listing of household expenses
4. Proof of Story County residency

Contact assistance@gnea.org or call 515-296-1449 for more information.



Raising Readers
in Story County

Raising Readers in Story County is committed to a future in which generations of young children get a solid foundation in reading, communicating, and learning.

This will help prepare them to become successful students, citizens, and workers.

[Make an Impact! Here's How.](#)

Email: director@raising-readers.org

Phone: 515-520-8686

Join our e-mail list [here!](#)



ACCESS
Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support

Domestic Abuse Services

24 Hour Toll Free Domestic Abuse Crisis Line

1-855-983-4641, assaultcarecenter.org

Our Mission

"To address the roots and impact of domestic and sexual violence through services that enhance safety, empower survivors, and promote our understanding of social justice within our community."

Volunteer: volunteer@assaultcarecenter.org; 515-292-0500

Food at First

Free Meal Program +
Perishable Food Pantry



NEW!

[Food at First
Newsletter!](#)

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

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Monday through Thursday

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Sunday

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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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