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The Flesh

Rooted and Grounded in Love

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us..."

n that beloved Christmas Carol, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" we tend to sing louder on the last verse.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, *now in flesh appearing*...

In the season of Advent, we think about the fact that God's love isn't just pie in the sky. God's love isn't some ideal that we merely hope will one day find its way to us. God's love is here, now, "In the Flesh"! That love was most perfectly made known in Jesus, but continues in all times and places as we embody God's love for others. That's what Advent and Christmas are all about. God's love and presence made real, in word and deed, here and now.

While this is true in the deepest sense, we still also experience pain and suffering, and all manner of struggles personally, communally, and politically just as has been the case for those who came before us. This Advent, we will be hearing from our ancestors in the faith of times of great tragedy, loss, and suffering, and how God came to the people "in the flesh" bringing hope, peace, joy, and love even in the midst of the trials.

Faith doesn't mean we pretend things are ok when they are not, but it does give us the opportunity and the choice to see with a God's eye view, to see love made flesh even, or especially in uncertain times. Faith gives us the strength and perseverance to *be* love made flesh in the spirit of Christ Jesus – the Word of God made flesh; alive, here and now!

-Pastor Mary Jane



Rooted and Grounded in Love

Fall 2021 Worship Schedule



Nov. 21

Rooted and Grounded in Love: Beginning with God

Stewardship Dedication Sunday Growing in Generosity 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Nov. 21 at 2 PM Hanging of the Greens Party Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/89658232017? pwd=NGd2N1pOajNtNnRXMU9Ob UVCZXVCQT09 Meeting ID: 896 5823 2017 Passcode: 228546 Phone Connection: 1-312-626-6799 ID: 89658232017#

Advent and Christmas 2021

Nov. 28	Hope Jeremiah 29:1; 1, 4-14
Dec. 5	Peace Ezekiel 37:1-14
Dec. 12	Joy Isaiah 55:1-13
Dec. 19	Love John 1:1-18 Children's Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24	Candlelight Christmas Eve
Dec. 26	First Sunday of Christmas
Jan. 2	Second Sunday of Christmas

December Calendar

Liz Collazo will be on vacation the week of November 22—26th.

- Elder's Circle Every Monday, 10:45 am via Zoon
- FCC Makes Lunch for Food at First Saturday, December 4, 9:30 am—1pm
- Property Team Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 7:15 pm
- Newsletter Deadline Monday, December 20, by NOON.
- Trustees Meeting Monday, December 20, 7 pm

Scheduled Events:

- ⇒ Thanksgiving Offering Received Sunday, November 21.
- ⇒ Stewardship Dedication Sunday
 Sunday, November 21, during worship.
 Pledge cards will be dedicated during the service.
- ⇒ FCC's Hanging of the Greens Party, via Zoom Sunday, November 21, 2 pm. (see page 4)
- ⇒ Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed Thursday, November 25
- ⇒ Food at First Thanksgiving *To-Go* Meal Thursday, November 25, 11:30—1pm
- ⇒ K-5th grade Children's Gathering December 5, at FCC, from 1:30-3 pm
- ⇒ Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 12, following worship
- ⇒ Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 12. Meet at the Church parking lot at 1 pm.
- ⇒ 6-12th grade Youth Gathering December 12, at FCC, from 1:30-3 pm
- ⇒ Christmas Offering Received on Sundays, December 12 and 19
- ⇒ Pre-Recorded Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 19, during worship, 10:30 am
- ⇒ Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 24, 7 pm

Keeping Connected...

Loom Weekly Activity Schedule



Sunday

9:30 AM	 Zoom Room Opens Tech People Setup Musicians Practice Adult Learning Time 	Online Link: www.fccames.org/		
10:20 AM	Doors Open for In-Person Worship	SundayWorship Phone Connection: (312) 626-6799 ID: 83549778613#		
10:30 AM	Worship (through Zoom or In-Person)			
Wednesday				
12:15 PMMidweek Intercessory Prayers Online Link: fccames.org/WednesdayPrayers Meeting ID: 826 9816 5415 Passcode: 645905 Phone Connection: (312) 626-6799 ID: 82698165415#				
Thursday				
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship Online Link: <u>fccames.org/Cof</u> Phone Connection: 1-312-62 ID: 86790917856#			

Keep this Schedule Handy Updated Tuesday, September 22, 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.

Sunday, November 21

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Save the Date!

Hanging of the Greens Party (via ZOOM) at 2 PM

Let us prepare ourselves and the Sanctuary for the coming Advent season, as we gather for...

🗯 Fun

- Fellowship with your FCC friends
- 🗯 Treats
- Making paper chain and Christmas ornaments
- Singing songs of the season
- Seeing the chancel transform for Advent

There will be party "kits" available for pick-up ahead of the party.

SIGN UP BY CLICKING HERE!

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 12, at 1 PM

Meet at the Church parking lot Pre-Recorded-Children's Christmas Pageant

Advent at

First Christian

Church

Sunday, December 19, During worship at 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Hybrid Service

Friday, December 24, at 7 PM

Merry Christmas

An Update from the FCC Trustees

n the August issue of The Call, we reported a year-to-date (YTD) budget deficit of \$11,251. This is the amount by which our YTD expenses exceeded our YTD income. We are now pleased to report that, thanks to increased giving in the month of October, the deficit has been greatly reduced, as we hoped it would. As of November 1, the deficit stands at \$4,360. With your continued help, we are confident we can eliminate the deficit during the final two months of the year. 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, the Trustees of First Christian Church are grateful for the financial support of church members and friends. If you have questions, comments or concerns about finances at FCC, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us.

--David Gregory, Roger Bertelsen, and DeLores Hawkins (2021 FCC Trustees)



Alternatives to the Offering Plate

- You can always send a <u>check</u> 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 <u>direct deposit</u> (in which funds are transferred electronically), or as <u>online bill pay</u> (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 <u>debit card</u>, <u>credit card</u> or <u>PayPal</u>, 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.

GROWING IN GENEROSITY



Rooted and Grounded in Love

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Grow in Generosity

The Trustees and many church members have adapted to ZOOM worship and social distancing since the COVID-19 pandemic began. While First Christian provides hybrid worship for those who choose to meet in the sanctuary and continue social distancing, worshippers who continue to use ZOOM don't have the opportunity to place their pledge money or other monetary gifts into the collection box. That is why making a pledge is more important than ever in fulfilling our church budget.

FCC's annual budget relies on pledged gifts and promised donations throughout the year to pay for the various ministries. But unpledged gifts are also welcome, and the financial and pastoral team refer to these unpledged gifts as the "Faith Factor". The Faith Factor has always been a part of our church budget. Living by faith is not always easy. We face challenges and conflicts and overcome temptation. One of those challenges is believing that God's generosity and wisdom will provide us with what we need to maintain our beautiful church building where so much is happening.

Our monetary gifts support programs and activities that serve us in worship, teaching, fellowship, and salary needs. Life may have forced us to change our usual life patterns since early 2020, but we have also learned to adapt and to be creative. We continue giving by using the church website, by mailing in our monetary gifts, by dropping them off

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at the church office, or by setting up an automatic withdrawal through our bank account.

We feel blessed to have Melissa Webb actively working with the youth as our new Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth and Families. She is using her talents and spiritual gifts to help the youth grow in generosity. An example of that is our annual CROP Walk to alleviate world hunger. FCC was encouraged to donate money to CROP Walkers, and the youth group followed up with that by surpassing the adults in collecting checks and cash and pledges to feed the hungry.

We can't see what lies ahead of us in our Christian journey, but we put our trust and our hope in Jesus, knowing that we can use the unpledged gifts (faith factor) as well as our church pledges to make an impact now as we await the 2022 budget. Let us continue being cheerful givers so that we may share abundantly in all the good works that God and our church provide. Let us give out of the knowledge that God rewards us when we water the seeds that sprout into generosity. God provides the means for us to donate our time, talents, possessions, physical presence, and our service to others.

> —Cynthia Gaunt Stewardship Ministry Team 2021



Stewardship 2022

□ I would like information

about other ways I can give

financially to the church.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday On Sunday, November 21st, we will be Dedicating Our 2022 Stewardship Commitments — Please bring your pledge cards! Calling all FCC Members to join us for this year's

Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 12 After worship In the Sanctuary and via Zoom

At this year's Congregational Meeting, we will:

Elect new leadership, and
 Adopt a budget for 2022

Following the Annual Meeting We will go Christmas Caroling!



We will gather at 1 o'clock in the parking lot. This year because of COVID, we will remain outdoors as we sing.

Annual Congregational Meeting December 12

Each year, on the second Sunday of December, First Christian Church holds its Annual Congregational Meeting immediately after worship to approve the next year's budget and elect the next year's leaders. This year is no exception!

In late October you received a letter from the Stewardship Committee that included a narrative budget, and in this edition of The Call there is a summary of the proposed line item budget for 2022. Also in this edition of The Call you will find a slate of the proposed church leaders for 2022. These two items – the budget and the slate of church leaders – are the core of what we will discuss at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

On December 12, immediately after the conclusion of the hybrid worship service, we will remain in the Sanctuary and on Zoom to discuss and approve the budget and slate of church leaders. If you have any questions about either of those documents, feel free to contact Vern Hawkins at hawkinsis@icloud.com and I will respond to you before the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Details about how the vote will be taken and recorded will also be included in the December 9 Weekly Update.

We are doing things a little differently during

this time of COVID-19, but we are continuing our work to serve your individual needs, the needs of the collective congregation, and the needs of our neighbors in the wider community. Thank you for your continued involvement and support!

> Vern Hawkins General Board Chair

Proposed 2022 Budget		
INCOME		
Pledges (written)	\$	170,000
Loose Offering		
Food at First		24,000
Interest		25
Faith Factor (24.1% of pledges)		41,000
Increased giving needed		12,600
Designated funds (for new position: Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth & Families)		9,400
Total income	\$	257,025
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$	10,000
Personnel (Includes new position: Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth & Families)		166,195
Property		23,538
Utilities		29,692
Outreach (10% of cash		21,000
Council of Ministries		6,600
Total expenses		\$257,025
Total Income	\$	257,025
Total Expenses	\$	257,025
Difference	\$	-

FCC 2022 Nominations Slate

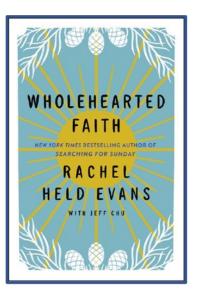
Following is the slate of nominees to leadership positions that was approved by the General Board on October 11 and will be voted on during the December 12, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting.

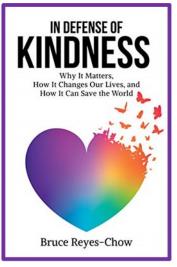
One Year Positions	
Board Chair	Vern Hawkins
Vice Chair	Marv Prins
Secretary	Nancy Schroeder
Treasurer	Amy Kuehl
Financial Secretary	Dave & Jeannie Fitz
Property Chair	Nomination Forthcoming
Delegate to the Bridge Home (formerly ERP)	Marv Prins
Delegate to the Ames Ecumenical Housing	Vern Hawkins
Delegate to Good Neighbor	Janis Pyle
Delegates to Food at First	Dawn Heaberlin and Mark Love
Nominations Chair	Stacey Mayfeld
Stewardship Chair	Don Withers
Council of Ministries	Amy Kuehl
Three Year Positions	
Deacon	Eileen Sambos Michael Ewalt
Elders	Eric Brown
Trustee	Anjeanette Perkins

New Additions to the FCC Library

Several new titles have been added to the FCC Library over the past few months. Although the church building remains closed, these and other items from the library can be delivered to your home.

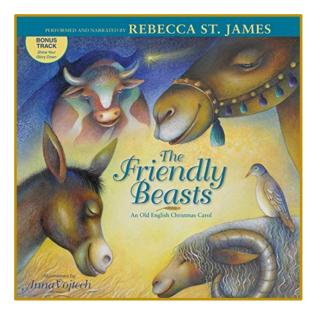
For book delivery or to request a PDF copy of the complete library book list, contact David Gregory, FCC Librarian, at 515-708-9004, or <u>dgregory@iastate.edu</u>. You can also contact Liz in the church office.





Jha, Sandhya Rani. *Liberating Love:* 365 *Love Notes from God—A Daily Devotional* (Chalice Press, 2020)

Nouwen, Henri J.M. Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith (Harper San Francisco, 1997)



Evans, Rachel Held (with Jeff Chu). Wholehearted Faith (HarperOne, 2021)

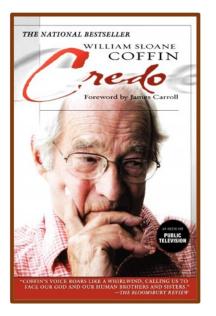
This book of essays was in progress when the author died in 2019, and has been lovingly compiled and published by a close friend and colleague.

Reyes-Chow, Bruce. In Defense of Kindness: Why it Matters, How it Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World (Chalice Press, 2021)



Vojtech, Anna (Illustrator). The Friendly Beasts: An Old English Christmas Carol (ZonderKidz, 2012)

This beautiful children's book includes a CD with narration and music performed by Rebecca St. James, a Grammy Award winner and multiple Dove Award recipient.





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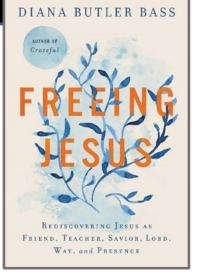
Coffin, William Sloane. *Credo* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004)

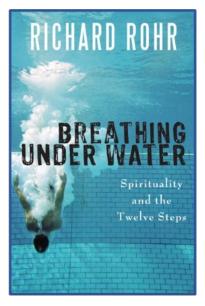
Sit, Tyler. Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers (Chalice Press, 2021)

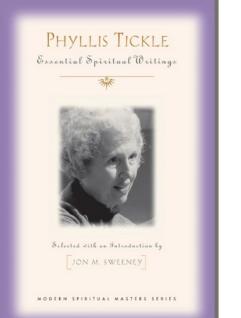
Bass, Diana Butler. *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* (HarperOne, 2021)

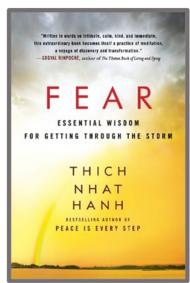
Rohr, Richard. Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps (Franciscan Media, 2011)

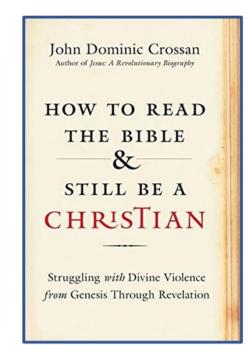
Tickle, Phyllis. Essential Spiritual Writings, Selected with an Introduction by Jon M. Sweeney (Orbis Books, 2015)











SUPPORT AND DONATE TO AMOS

AMOS is celebrating "25 years of Action". AMOS is encouraging member institution congregants to contribute to this year's fundraising goal. Read the flyer below and invest in AMOS. You may use the QR code reader embedded on the AMOS flyer to donate.

Thank you, DeLores Hawkins

POWER, PASSION, POSSIBILITY: 25 Years of AMOS in Action

AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) has developed leaders, strengthened community organizations, and advocated for the common good in Central Iowa. Support AMOS to build power, passion, and possibility for the next 25 years!

Relational Power Community Leadership Civic Engagement Healthcare Justice Reform Workforce Mental Health Transportation Infrastructure Housing Food Security

SUPPORT AMOS



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AMOS action created:

- New children's mental health crisis services in Polk County including a hotline, youth stabilization center, and new pediatric mobile crisis responders
- Free prenatal care for hundreds of uninsured pregnant women in Story County
- The first Federally Qualified Health Clinic in Story County providing care to thousands of low-income residents
- The school mediation program Let's Talk in Des Moines schools to interrupt the school to prison pipeline
- Project IOWA, an organization that has trained and placed hundreds of formerly impoverished central Iowa residents into living-wage jobs
- North America's largest skatepark in downtown Des Moines
- Transit access for hundreds of low income and refugee families
- Multi-million-dollar upgrades to prevent flooding in Des Moines.
- 40 congregations and nonprofits in Des Moines, Ankeny, Ames, and Norwalk coming together to advocate for the issues affecting Central Iowa
- Thousands of ordinary Central Iowans trained as leaders to build strong communities, congregations, and civic organizations





The Christian Church in the Upper Midwest

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

Nov. 19-20 CMEP Retreat Nov. 21 Mike Kindred Ordination Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Special Offering Dec. 9 Regional Operations **Council Online** Dec. 12 Christmas Special Offering Dec. 19 Christmas Special Offering Dec. 26 All-Region Worship Service Dec. 27-Jan. 4 Regional Minister Vacation Jan. 6 Tiff Returns from Sabbatical Jan. 18 Clergy Standing Forms Due Jan. 24-25 Ministers Institute Jan. 26 Anti-Racism Workshop Jan. 27 Regional Operations Council Online Feb. 4-5 Committee on Ministry Feb. 11-13 Junior Retreat Feb. 24 Regional Operations Council Online

May 15, 3 p.m. Regional Minister Installation @ CCC

Regional Prayer Calendar

Disciples videos

Who Is Your Neighbor?



November 21, 7 PM via Zoom

Join the Upper Midwest AR/PR Action Team for a discussion on "Who Is Your Neighbor?"

We will be joined by Rev. Dr. Stanley-

Rea, Director, Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries and Sara Zejnic with the Refugee Resettlement Program of the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They will share information with us for one hour and we will then have thirty minutes for questions.

We encourage you to join us for this important and timely discussion. For example, at this time 37,000 Afghan Refugees are arriving in the United States. The Upper Midwest Region can expect over 1,000 refugees. Join us as we discuss "Who Is Our Neighbor?" and the ways that we can welcome our new neighbors.

Use the link below to register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

REGISTER TODAY



Anti-Racism/ Pro-Reconciliation Team Documentary and Discussion

The Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team would like to invite you to a viewing and discussion of the documentary "True Justice" on **Sunday evening, December 5**. This event will consist of two parts online: **a watch event at 5 p.m., followed by a 20 minute break, and discussion at 7 p.m.** You can learn more

about the documentary and even watch it prior to the event at <u>eji.org/projects/true-justice/</u>. To access either or both of the parts of the event you must register for free using the link below.

REGISTER TODAY

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

	Sept.	Oct.	YTD
Income:	\$19,055	\$27,168	\$183,355
Expenses:			\$187,985
Difference:	(\$2,337)		

December Birthdays

- 05 Anjeanette Perkins
- 09 Carol Baker
- 09 Jake Ewalt
- 13 Jeannie Fitz
- Dawn Heaberlin 18
- 18 Ron Matthews
- 20 Vern Hawkins
- 22 Diane Brown
- 26 Natalia Mokaya
- 26 Ruth Johnson
- 27 Denny Heaberlin
- 28 Darla Ewalt
- Kyle LeCount 29
- 31 Jackie Haley





A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund supporting the ministries of our Region

Received on Dec. 12 and 19, 2021

This annual special offering supports the work of the regional church. Regional ministry touches many aspects of our church lives. From assisting search committees, to paving the way for individuals ready to answer the call to ministry, to providing summer camp and other youth programming, the regional church walks along with all of the congregations in the Upper Midwest supporting our shared work as Disciples Together.

You may give on those Sundays; electronically via the Disciples Mission Fund page— Disciplesmissionfund.org (using the drop down menu to designate your donation as "Christmas Special Offering for Your Region"); or mail your check to: First Christian Church, 611 Clark Avenue, Ames, IA 50010, with "Christmas Offering" on the memo line.

Poinsettias for Advent

We will be ordering some poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to buy some in remembrance or in honor of a loved one or in your own name, they will be \$9.00 each.



Please get your money and information to the office before Sunday, December 19.

—Thank you - Sue Prins

In the September issue of the Call, we featured Bruce and Linda Hanson's Ministry in Honduras, through **Global Ministries.**

If you would like to learn more about their work, you may visit their blog at https://hondurashansons.wordpress.com/. If you would like to support their mission financially, you may do so at Donate.GlobalMinistries.org. In the box that says Project/Partner, write "IERH to support the work of the Hansons".

Adopt A Family for Christmas

In the past FCC has provided support and gifts to YSS families at Christmas. Recently two of our church families have experienced tragedies. The Spitzlis have dealt with Matt's brain aneurism and stroke. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the support and financial assistance provided by their church family. They now feel like they are in a good place financially. The Hale family also appreciates the support and financial assistance provided by their church family. But, they continue to struggle with Jerad's loss. This year we would like to adopt the Hale family and provide Christmas for them.

The Elders will be working with Cassi to identify their needs and make purchases. If you would like to donate money to help out, please send a check or cash marked "Christmas gifts" to the church or use PayPal online (with "Christmas gifts" in the notes). Please make sure your donation arrives at the church no later than Sunday, December 12th.

The Elders really appreciate the congregation stepping forward to help a family in need.

Sue Prins, Elder Chair Dawn Heaberlin Deb Lewis Darla Ewalt Vern Hawkins Gwen Mitzel Cynthia Gaunt Mary VonAh-Gregory



Pastor Eileen Gebbie, of Ames United Church of Christ, has resigned her position and will be moving to her hometown in Illinois, to pursue a different calling in which she can more directly work with underserved communities. Let us keep her in our prayers that she may be successful in all her future endeavors.



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.

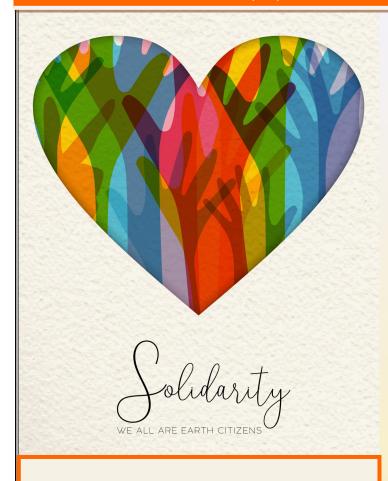
One option is through our email prayer chain called "Prayers of the People." If you'd like to be part of that email prayer chain so you receive and can offer prayers, please sign up by clicking on this link: "<u>Prayers of the People</u>."

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



In and Out of the Hospital Bonnie Smith, Matt Spitzli, Adelheid Spitzli

opportunities to serve



Stay Connected with FCC!

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

- **PLEDGE** your financial support to the Church in 2022 and beyond, especially during these challenging times.
- **CONNECT** with those you haven't seen in a while by making phone calls or sending greeting cards to share our love and concern for one another.
- HELP keep our building and grounds looking great by lending a hand when needed. See Jim Lester (515-203-5097) or Bob Logston (<u>blogston55@gmail.com</u>) for more information.
- SHARE your talents in worship by singing, reading, helping with audio/visuals, etc.
 Contact Janet Lott at <u>jalott@isunet.net</u> for more information.
- WELCOME and assist others on Sunday mornings as a Worship Assistant. Contact Vern Hawkins 515-291-0447 for more information.
- **FIGHT** hunger by joining FCC's core team of Food at First Volunteers. For more information, you may contact David Gregory at <u>dgregory@iastate.edu</u>.
- **VOLUNTER** your time with one of Ames' wonderful community organizations, and partners in ministry. (See page 13.)

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

Raising Readers

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. <u>Make an Impact! Here's How.</u> Email: director@raising-readers.org Phone: 515-520-8686

Join our e-mail list here!

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 <u>assistance@gnea.org</u> or call **515-296-1449** for more information.

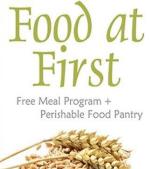


Domestic Abuse Services 24 Hour Toll Free Domestic Abuse Crisis Line 1-855-983-4641, <u>assaultcarecenter.org</u>

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





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

Donation Drop-Off

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

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Sunday 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

PATTY YODER, DIRECTOR, 515-344-4357, PATTY@FOODATFIRST.COM

Food at First THANKSGIVING DINNER Thursday, November 25th 11:30 A/N - 1:00 P/N

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 611 CLARK - AMES IA (Across from the Police Station)

CURBSIDE CARRY OUT ONLY NO DINE-IN AVAILABLE

FACE MASK REQUIRED

Volunteers Needed! Wednesday and Thursday November 24th & 25th Go to FoodAtFirst.com to sign up.

> Food at First Annual Pass Along Party

Donations Needed: New or gently used items, toys, games, puzzles, household goods, etc. (no clothing please!)

DROP OFF TIMES: SAT. NOV. 20TH 9:00-11:00AM MON. NOV. 29TH 3:30-6:30PM TUES. DEC. 7TH 12:30-3:30PM LOCATION: ONLY BRING TO CUMC, COLLEGIATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, EAST DOORS.

Website: http://www.fccames.org/ Phone: (515) 232-5766 Ames, Iowa 50010-6137 611 Clark Avenue (Disciples of Christ) First Christian Church

Return Service Requested

Minister: Minister of Worship & Discipleship: Minister of Worship Arts: Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth, and Families: Administrative Assistant: Worship Musician: **Building Custodian:** Nursery Attendant:

Mary Jane Button-Harrison **Tim Button-Harrison** Janet Lott

Melissa Webb

Jenna (Ty) Schwartz

Liz Collazo

Sherri Khan

Karen LeCount

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

Celebrate everyone's gifts for ministry and encourage people as leaders. Minister in the community with God's healing love.

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.

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