

The Call

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Looking Back,

Moving Forward...

When we began 2021, we were in the midst of a global pandemic that started in March of 2020. A year ago, a few people had received a COVID vaccine, but the rest of us needed to wait our turn. As more and more of us were vaccinated the FCC Leadership Group began to plan for the next phase of our life together and by May we had protocols in place to begin hybrid worship (some people in person in the sanctuary and some people still on Zoom). Like every other year, we continued to worship, study, pray, serve, and gather around tables of food and fellowship virtually and/or in-person. When we began 2021, we were all hoping the virus would have run its course by now, but instead new variants have developed and cases and deaths are on the rise across the country that some predict will match or exceed our previous high. So, we continue to do what we can to be able to gather for worship safely in person. We still wear masks. We are still careful about keeping appropriate distance. We still use pre-packaged communion. We still have a shortened service to limit the amount of time we are together indoors. We still use the ramp door to come in and go out. And we still wish all this wasn't necessary. But Jesus taught us to love and serve others, especially the most vulnerable among us, so we take these precautions to express our love and look out for the health and well-being of one another. And, of course, we still offer online worship through Zoom and upload a recording of our Sunday worship on YouTube and Facebook each week.



In 2021 we still rise to the challenge of adapting to new ways of doing things to meet our changing circumstances. We are grateful to our Tech Team (Stacey Maifeld, Marv Prins, and Jake Ewalt) who continue to learn and lead us into what is needed to

share in worship both in person and on Zoom. We are grateful to those who stepped up into a new role as Worship Assistants for in person worship. We are grateful to Janet Lott and David Gregory who have served as our video editors. We are grateful to our Leadership Group (Vern Hawkins, David Gregory, Sue Prins, Marv Prins, Bob Logston, and Amy Kuehl) who has faithfully monitored COVID data and best practices and made decisions on all of our behalf to make sure we can be as safe as possible as we take steps toward more in-person activity. We are grateful to our amazing Circle of Elders (Darla Ewalt, Cynthia Gaunt, Dawn Heaberlin, Vern Hawkins, Deb Lewis, Gwen Mitzel, Sue Prins, and Mary

VonAh Gregory) who have checked in with people and kept communication flowing, and who interviewed active participants about your experience and sense of safety around gathering in person. This information was then used by the Leadership Group to make decisions on how to proceed.

In 2021 we saw many changes. In partnership with Food at First, our basement had many renovations – new flooring, new paint and trim, new water heater, new ovens, new, easy-to-clean covering for the stairs going down to Fellowship Hall, to name the

most obvious. We are grateful to Patty Yoder, Food at First Director, for organizing and supervising this work and to Food at First for their willingness to invest in the building. We are grateful for Bob Logston, FCC Property Chair, for going the extra mile in working with Patty and for David Gregory, Trustees Chair, for keeping FCC and Food at First “on the same page” throughout. Other changes include moving the distribution of the fresh food market and the “to-go” meals indoors. Everything is still offered on a carry out basis, the number of people who are in the building at a time is limited, and masks are required to keep everyone safe.

In June, Melissa Webb began her new staff position at FCC serving as the Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth, and Families. Melissa has been working to involve children, youth, and families in gatherings, including time at McFarland Park, a Sunday family picnic at Inis Grove, Wednesday night activities in preparation for CROP Walk, then participating in CROP Walk and making it fun with colorful chalk along the route. This year, FCC had the biggest number of walkers of any congregation and we raised a notable amount of money to feed hungry people! Melissa gathered children and youth to make Christmas decorations and other arts and crafts, have snacks, and allow time with Darla Ewalt to record segments of the Christmas Pageant. Once again, we had a Zoom Hanging of the Greens Party, and last Sunday we were filled with joy to experience the Children’s Christmas Pageant during our hybrid worship.

Through these months we’ve learned and brainstormed and problem-solved and continued to offer ourselves in worship and giving and praying and serving. We’ve gathered in small group Zoom conversations, Adult Learning Time on Sunday morning, weekly Zoom Coffee Fellowship, and weekly Wednesday Noon Prayers. Our Trustees (Roger Bertelsen, DeLores Hawkins, and David Gregory), with help from our Stewardship Team (Don Withers, Vern Hawkins, Stacey Maifeld, Cynthia Gaunt, and Sue Prins) have kept us informed of not just our financial needs, but the joy of the ministry that happens as resources are shared with and through the church. Just think of all the

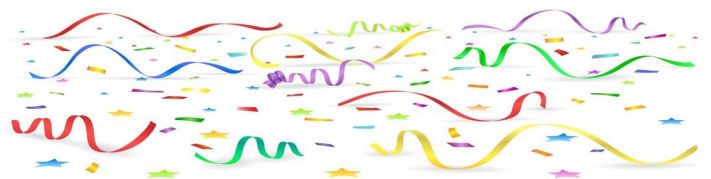
memories we’ve created together in 2021!

Some of those memories are a mix of joy and sorrow. During 2021 we said good-bye to our dear friends in faith, Eric Wierson, Raymond Lawson, Bob Fitz, and Jerad Hale. We are thankful for the gift of their lives among us and that they will continue to live in our hearts and memories. We have also prayed with and for so many who have been affected physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually by COVID, and many other concerns. This year we also welcomed new members Anjeanette Perkins, Melissa, Terry, Levi, and Devin Webb, and Alice May.

As 2021 comes to a close, we acknowledge that like 2020, we have lost much, and grieved much, and endured much. Yet, we have gained much as well. We have continued to serve God and one another, even if it may look and feel different. We have continued to learn what’s truly important, and to put our trust and faith in God more fully. We have embraced our sacred traditions while thinking of new ways to keep them alive. And again and again we have seen that when we bring our gifts together, with God’s help, we can do amazing things!

As we look to 2022, may we continue to hold one another nearly and dearly in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers as we seek God’s wisdom and guidance. May we continue to follow the leading of the Spirit and be open to new ways of being church. May we continue to welcome newcomers in our midst and live out our motto, “Come as you are, you belong.” May we continue to deepen our connection to one another and to God. And may God bless us and keep us and may the face of God shine upon us and grant us peace as we close 2021 and look to 2022!

—Pastor Mary Jane



*In the
Flesh*



Rooted and Grounded in Love Christmas 2021

December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve

The service will be in person and via Zoom.

Online Link: www.fccames.org/SundayWorship

Phone Connection: (312) 626-6799 ; ID: 83549778613#

December 26

Home for Christmas, All Regional Worship

Matthew 2:13-15

This service may be viewed in person on Sunday morning, December 26 — or from home via Zoom, with our usual Sunday worship Zoom link.

January 2

Come and See, John 1:35-51

You are invited to join us for a
*Candlelight
Christmas Eve Service*

Friday, December 24, at 7PM

Spring 2022 Worship Schedule

Epiphany 2022 Rooted and Grounded In Love: Love Revealed

Lent 2022

Jan. 9	Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11	March 2	ASH WEDNESDAY The Good Shepherd John 10:1-18
Jan. 16	Jesus Cleanses the Temple John 2:13-25	March 6	Jesus Raises Lazarus John 11:1-44
Jan. 23	Nicodemus John 3:1-21	March 13	Jesus Washes Feet John 13:1-17
Jan. 30	The Woman at the Well John 4:1-42	March 20	Peter's Denial John 18:12-27
Feb. 6	Healing Stories John 4:46-54	March 27	Jesus and Pilate John 18:28-40
Feb. 13	Bread of Life John 6:35-59	April 3	Jesus Condemned John 19:1-16a
Feb. 20	Living Water John 7:37-52	April 10	The Crucified Messiah John 19:16b-22
Feb. 27	The Man Born Blind John 9:1-41	April 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY Jesus' Last Words John 19:23-30
		April 15	GOOD FRIDAY Jesus the Passover Lamb John 19:31-42
		April 17	EASTER Resurrection John 20:1-18

January Calendar

Pastor Mary Jane will be on vacation from Saturday, December 25th, through Saturday, January 1st. Should you have a pastoral care need during this time, feel free to contact your designated Elder, or these Elders on call:

- Vern Hawkins: (515) 291-0447
- Cynthia Gaunt: (515) 817-0424

- ♦ **Elder's Circle**
Every Monday, 10:45 am via Zoon
- ♦ **FCC Makes Lunch for Food at First**
Saturday, January 1, 9:30 am—1pm
- ♦ **Faith Formation Team Meeting**
Tuesday, January 11, 6 pm
- ♦ **Property Team Meeting**
Tuesday, January 11, 7:15 pm
- ♦ **Newsletter Deadline**
Thursday, January 13, by NOON.
- ♦ **Trustees Meeting**
Monday, January 17, 7 pm
- ♦ **Council of Ministries Meeting**
Tuesday, January 24-26, 2022

Scheduled Events:

- ⇒ **Pre-Recorded All Regional Worship**
The Upper Midwest Region is sharing a Christmas Morning worship service with us. This service may be viewed in person on Sunday morning, **December 26** — or from home via Zoom, with our usual Sunday worship Zoom link.
- ⇒ **Community Worship Service to Remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
Save the Date: "Unity in the Community" MLK Friendship Baptist Church
Sunday, **January 16, 2022, 3 PM**
More details to come.
- ⇒ **Leadership Sunday**
January 16, 2022, during worship. On this day, we will thank our outgoing leaders and commission our leaders for 2022.
- ⇒ **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Monday, January 17, Office Closed
- ⇒ **Minister's Institute** - Pastor Mary Jane attending - January 24-26, 2022

Keeping Connected...

Zoom Weekly Activity Schedule

UPDATED



Sunday

9:30 AM

— Zoom Room Opens
Tech People Setup
Musicians Practice
— Adult Learning Time

10:20 AM

Doors Open for In-Person Worship

10:30 AM

Worship (through Zoom or In-Person)

Online Link:
www.fccames.org/SundayWorship
Phone Connection:
(312) 626-6799
ID: 83549778613#

Wednesday

12:15 PM

Midweek 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: fccames.org/CoffeeFellowship
Phone Connection: 1-312-626-6788
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.

An Update from the FCC Trustees

As the December issue of *The Call* goes to press, we do not yet have financial updates for the month of November or a clear picture of financial outcomes for the year 2021. Please watch for a more complete report in the next (January) issue of *The Call*. In the meantime, enjoy the season! And if the spirit of Christmas moves you to make an extra, end-of-year donation to First Christian Church, know that it will be *greatly* appreciated!

As always, we'd like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity throughout the year, and for helping to ensure that the church can continue its ministries and meet its financial obligations during these challenging times.

The Trustees would also like to thank our friends on the Stewardship Team for their thoughtful messages and appeals over the past several weeks. That group's invaluable work helps to raise awareness about church finances, and raise pledges for the 2022 budget. Our pledge goal this year is \$170,000, and so far, we have received written pledges totaling \$148,284.

Rest assured, it's not too late to pledge! You can continue to submit your pledge card by mail to the church office, even into the New Year. If you need a pledge card, please contact the office or any one of the FCC Trustees.

Likewise, if you have questions, comments, or concerns about the church's finances, please feel free to reach out to any one of us. We wish you a Joyous Christmas!

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

Green Chalice Congregation



Several years ago, First Christian became a Green Chalice Church but that ministry has slipped into the background for a variety of reasons. It is time to revitalize this ministry and I have felt called to facilitate this ministry. What is the Green Chalice Program? It is a program of the general unit of the denomination, Disciples Home Missions. Below is the purpose of this program:

“The purpose of the Green Chalice Program is to encourage and assist local congregations/DOC Offices and Assemblies who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation. With the urgency of climate change impacting our neighbors and world right now we have prioritized Carbon Neutrality while still inviting congregations to care for creation more generally. This program is designed to recognize congregations for being good stewards of God’s creation. It also aims to empower congregations/assemblies with ideas and resources to enable them to walk gently on the earth.”

God created the Earth and we are her stewards. This beautiful creation provides us with air to breathe, food to eat, and water to drink plus beauty to fill our souls with joy. But all of that is being threatened by manmade Climate Change. Many churches, individuals and communities are

stepping forward to address this program. I have attended a Climate Ambassadors training with Blessed Tomorrow and Disciples Home Missions, a conference sponsored by Iowa Interfaith Power and Light and a town meeting on Ames’ Climate Action Plan.

The first step in the Green Chalice Program is to form a Green Team to examine the church’s practices and to facilitate change. This Team will meet monthly starting in January, time to be determined. I hope to kick off this ministry on Earth Day (April 22, 2022). If you are interested in joining the Green Team, please contact me in person or by email gsjoey69@hotmail.com or by phone 515-290-1914.

Blessings,

Darla Ewalt



We Remember

Poinsettias were purchased...

- In Memory of My Sister & Her Spouse
Lana & Mike Klug
— Sue Prins
- In Memory of Our Parents
Al & Alma Brouwer
Norman & Ferne Bertelsen
— Corry & Roger Bertelsen
- In Memory of Our Loved Ones
Jim Gaunt (Husband)
Loyd & Jeannette Quinn
(Parents)
Iola Gaunt (Mother in law)
—Cynthia Gaunt
- In Memory of My Loved Ones
Héctor & Milagros Collazo
(Parents)
Héctor & Dionisia Collazo
(Grandparents)
—Lizmari M. Collazo
- In Memory of Our Parents
—Denny & Dawn Heaberlin



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

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](#)



O Come, O Come

*Rev. Joshua Patty
Regional Minister and President*

In the next few days, we again celebrate the coming of Emmanuel into our world -- God with us. Practically speaking, though, we will also welcome many visitors in the next few weeks -- people who are seeking, trying to figure out and connect with the deeper meaning of Christmas.

My hunch is that there will be many people who want to connect with churches this holiday season. After the interruptions of the past two years, including the limitations around Thanksgiving and Christmas in 2020, many people ache for the traditions of these holidays, including worship services. And many people have found themselves questioning their values and priorities, which may create an additional motivation for people to look toward us for answers.

Are we ready to meet these people? Are we ready to welcome them? Are we ready for the chance to demonstrate what Christmas really means -- which is ultimately about what Jesus really means?

Certainly there are challenges. We are still adjusting to the changes we've made in the past two years. Some people are still not ready (or interested) in worshiping regularly, especially in person. We are still trying to figure out what safety protocols are vital for our congregations. Many of us are tired.

Still, we have an enormous opportunity in the coming weeks. We are again invited to await and celebrate the incarnation -- God with us -- and all the love, forgiveness, and hope that God's presence brings. And we have the chance to invite other seekers to recognize and experience the promise and the peace of God's presence through the birth of Jesus.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

*Josh, Tiff, Liz, and Lori
Your regional ministry staff*



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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:	\$21,392	\$19,396	\$187,985
Difference:	(\$2,337)	\$7,772	(\$4,630)

In and Out of the Hospital

Dee Matthews

Congratulations to Alice May, who joined FCC on Sunday, December 12.

January Birthdays

- 01 Ginny Khan
- 01 Dennis Mokaya
- 01 Guillermo Vélez
- 09 Randy Allman
- 13 Tiffany Walker
- 17 Traverce Harrison
- 18 Nathan Schmitz
- 19 Don Withers
- 25 Janis Pyle
- 26 Kris Mesenbrink



Christmas Stockings

Tuesday, December 7th eight of us (a smaller group than usual, related to Covid precautions) gathered in the Hub on the 2nd floor to do our annual stuffing of the Christmas stockings.

This year we stuffed 35 stockings for the children of First Christian and another 100 stockings that were passed out at the Food At First Pass Along Party on December 11th (our very own Tiffany Walker played a major role in this event.)

The stockings were plump and wonderful this year. Food At First provided most of the snacks. Cathy Krebs provided many items. Jeannie Fitz also provided many items including Beanie Babies and larger stuffed animals which added so much to each stocking.

A big thank you to those who participated in or supported this activity.

—Dawn Heaberlin



2021 Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual First Christian Church Congregational Meeting for 2021 was held on December 13, 2021, in a combination of in-person and remote (Zoom) attendance. In total, 29 voting members of the congregation were in the sanctuary and 17 voting members attended via Zoom, for a total of 46 voting members in attendance.

During the meeting a slate of 18 lay leaders for 2022 was presented and approved by unanimous vote, 46 to zero.

Also during the meeting a budget of \$257,025 for 2022 was presented and approved by a vote of 43 in favor, two against, and one abstaining. Please note that the approved budget for 2022 needs an additional \$12,600 in pledges over the pledges currently received for 2022, so if you intended to submit your pledge for 2022 and have not yet done so, it is not too late! Send your pledge to the church office and it will be added to the anticipated pledge income for 2022.

My sincere “thank you” goes out to the 18 lay leaders who accepted the nominations to take on their respective leadership roles for 2022, and to you, the congregation, for approving the slate of leaders and approving the 2022 budget. Your outstanding support of First Christian Church and its ministries allows this congregation to continue to shine as a beacon of love and inspiration throughout our community.

With Love and Appreciation,

Vern Hawkins, General Board Chair



Leadership Sunday

January 16, 2022, during worship. On this day, we will thank our outgoing leaders and commission our leaders for 2022.



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.





Pictures from our December
K-5th Youth Group:
Canvas Painting, Christmas
Songs, Hot Chocolate and
Popcorn!



As we close out 2021, I will be
calling families to gain some
insight on what programming
might work best for the Spring
Semester. Stay tuned for what is to
come in January 2022!

-Melissa

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday

December 19, 2021

On Sunday, December 19th, the congregation enjoyed a special gift as we viewed the pre-recorded 2021 FCC Christmas Pageant! It felt like an appropriate summary for our 4th week of Advent, as it highlighted the significance of all our candles...hope, peace, joy and love. We watched and listened as our youth filled our screens with their beautiful faces, sweet voices and lovely musical sounds.

A big thank you to Darla Ewalt for writing, directing and organizing all of the details required to bring us such a blessed presentation! We also want to thank the technical team, David Gregory and Janet Lott, for all of the edits and technological expertise it takes to bring this production to our screens.

As we find ourselves in the final days of waiting, may we find hope, peace, joy and love through the words, actions and music of our youth.

Melissa Webb,
Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth, and Families

A Children's Christmas Pageant

First Christian Church of Ames
December 2021

From the
Gospels of
Matthew
and
Luke

In a Story by
Darla Ewalt

Grandmother:
Morgan



Joseph:
Nathan

Mary:
Lily



Grandchildren:
Kyle, Nevan, and
Matilda



Shepherd:
Olivia



The Magi:
Easton,
Molly,
and Jack



Angels:
Angela and Simone



Chief Priest:
Devan

Herod:
Adam



Music by

Jack: *Cello*

Ella: *Flute*

Jenna Schwartz: *Piano*

FCC Singers: *Vocal*

Directed by
Darla Ewalt

Produced by
The Faith
Formation Team

Camera, Sound, and
Video Editing:

Marv Prins
Jake Ewalt
David Gregory



opportunities to serve



Solidarity
WE ALL ARE EARTH CITIZENS

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)

- **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 (blogston55@gmail.com) for more information.
- **SHARE** your talents in worship by singing, reading, helping with audio/visuals, etc. Contact Janet Lott at jalott@isunet.net 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 dgregory@iastate.edu.
- **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



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!](#)



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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

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@GMAIL.COM

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

Genuinely accept, welcome and love everyone as Jesus did.

Connect people to God and to one another.

Cultivate an environment where people grow in faith and discipleship.

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

Minister in the community with God's healing love.

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

Minister:	Mary Jane Button-Harrison
Minister of Worship & Discipleship:	Tim Button-Harrison
Minister of Worship Arts:	Janet Lott
Ministry Coordinator for Children, Youth, and Families:	Melissa Webb
Administrative Assistant:	Liz Collazo
Worship Musician:	Jenna (Ty) Schwartz
Building Custodian:	Sherri Khan
Nursery Attendant:	Karen LeCount

Return Service Requested

Website: <http://www.fccames.org/>

Phone: (515) 232-5766

Ames, Iowa 50010-6137

611 Clark Avenue

(Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church