

# The Call

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Congratulations to  
Isaac Brenden and Molly Schwartz  
who were baptized on  
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.  
We welcome you into the church  
and celebrate your desire  
to join us on this journey of faith!

# Re-opening the Church Building, and Resuming Indoor Dining for Food at First

## An Update from the FCC Leadership Group

**T**he Leadership Group continues to meet regularly to plan our congregation's response to the evolving Covid pandemic. At a meeting on April 5, group members discussed and approved two separate but related plans, both of which will be implemented on **Wednesday, May 4**. On that date, we plan to resume "open hours" for the church building, and Food at First plans to resume indoor dining.

When these plans are implemented, the west (parking lot) doors to the church will routinely be unlocked Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. These hours correspond to the office schedule of Liz Collazo, FCC's Administrative Assistant. Occasionally the doors will be locked during these hours due to illness or running errands, so feel free to call ahead if you are coming.

The plan to resume indoor dining has been long-awaited by the guests, volunteers, and staff of Food at First. In last month's issue of *The Call*, we described a new model for assessing community risk from Covid, released (in March) by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. These new CDC guidelines allowed us to comfortably remove some of the safety protocols used during Sunday worship for the past two years. These same CDC guidelines now allow us to resume indoor meals for Food at First.

Part of the dining experience will feel old and familiar; other parts will feel new and revised. Guests will continue to enter by the west doors and wait in Fellowship Hall until the meal is served, cafeteria-style, from the kitchen. Masks will no longer be required, but will be welcomed, and made available to guests who request them. In one area of the dining room, tables will have fewer chairs, spaced farther apart—giving diners an option for more physical distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available on every table. Volunteers will continuously monitor the dining area, and will clean and sanitize spaces and surfaces as needed.

**As we move forward with these "next steps," please remember:**

- New open hours for the church building, and indoor dining at Food at First, both begin on **Wednesday, May 4**.
- Since the new CDC model was released in early March, Story County has qualified as a Low Risk community. As long as Story County continues to be at Low or Medium risk, safety protocols at FCC (including Food at First meals and market) will be relaxed. We make these changes with gratitude and cautious optimism, but we must also be prepared to change again if circumstances warrant.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about these or other Covid-related plans, please contact any member of the 2022 Leadership Group: Mary Jane Button-Harrison, David Gregory, DeLores Hawkins, Vern Hawkins, Amy Kuehl, Marv Prins, and Sue Prins.



# A Message from the Trustees

## First Quarter Stewardship Update

The Trustees, Treasurer, and Financial Secretaries, undertake our responsibilities faithfully and with respect for our fiduciary responsibilities. The first quarter *Profit and Loss* statement for March (2022) show the Actual Year-to-Date (YTD) pledge receipt of \$38,427.00 is 90 per cent of the budgeted goal of \$47,500.00 for this quarter. We thank the congregants who have pledged for dutifully fulfilling their pledge goals. *Faith Factor* (unpledged donations) has underperformed this quarter. The Actual Year-to-Date Faith Factor amount of \$2,674.00 is approximately 26 per cent of the first-quarter goal of \$10,250.00. FCC has resumed in-person services with a virtual option. The Trustees are hopeful that our *Faith Factor* donations will increase as more congregants attend in-person services. The *YTD Net Income* show a net income shortfall of \$15,096.

## Asset Report

(Christian Church Foundation, Designated Funds, and Edward Jones Accounts)

On April 17, 2022, the total *Christian Church Foundation* assets totaled \$255,767.04. The *Designated Funds* bank accounts total \$74,276.90. *Edward Jones* and *Mary Clark* accounts totaled \$10,178.01.

## West Doors Installation

The installation of the West doors is nearly complete. We acknowledge all those who worked to imagine, develop, and implement this and the other projects began in 2021-Trustees, Patti Yoder (FAF), Property Committee, Dave Fitz, and Pastor Mary Jane.

The Trustees welcome your comments or questions,

DeLores Hawkins, David Gregory and Anjeanette Perkins



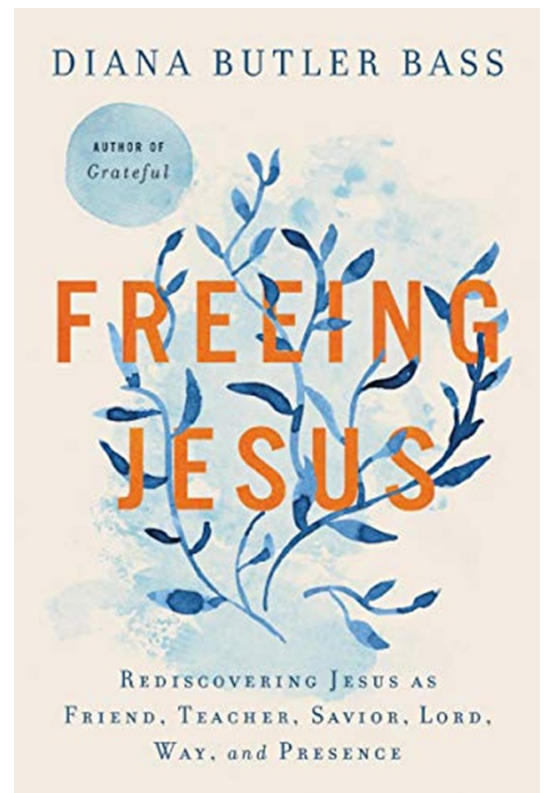
## *Alternatives to the Offering Plate*

- 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.

# Adult Learning Time Book Study

Beginning this Sunday, April 24, we will be studying the book "Freeing Jesus," by Diana Butler Bass during Sunday morning Adult Learning Time from 9:30-10:15 am.

If you are interested in joining us and ordering a book, please contact the Church Office at [fccames@fccames.org](mailto:fccames@fccames.org).



Volunteer  
work at  
Food at  
First



## FCC Ames Youth Groups

For our 6-12th graders, we wrapped up our Tour of Life classes on Easter with the baptisms of Isaac Brenden and Molly Schwartz! We were strengthened by the adult presence provided by Dawn H, Vern H and Jocelyn D throughout this tour.

Our K-5th grade youth group collaborated with our FCC Green Team to plant seeds for a pizza garden. And of course, if you plant the seeds, you have to make and eat a pizza!

Here's what we have coming up....

### **6-12th graders: Sundays 11:30-1pm**

- April 24th: Earth Day projects
- May 1st: May Day project
- May 8th: No Youth Group
- May 15th: Off site meeting
- May 22nd: Share desserts with the congregation after church

### **K-5th graders**

- May 1st from 1:15-2:30
- May Day Project

Mini Sunday School every Sunday from 10-10:25.



Planting a  
pizza garden  
and making  
pizzas.



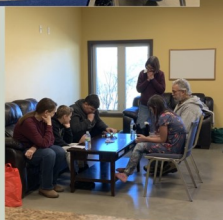
Practicing for the big day!



Honoring Isaac and Molly



FCC retreat at  
the Christian  
Conference  
Center



*The lilies which  
beautified our sanctuary  
on Easter morning were  
in Memory of...*



Raymond & Jeanne Bond and Jack & Wanda Ewalt

—From Darla & Jake Ewalt

Mable Woodward

—From Del Woodward,  
Cheryl Harless, and Dale Woodward

Ferne & Norman Bertelsen and Alma & Al Brouwer

— From Roger & Corry Bertelsen

Arlo & Edna Heggen, Art Heggen, and Bob Koplin

-- From Eileen Sambos and Judith Koplin

Sandy Landys

--From Mary Von Ah Gregory & David Gregory

My Parents

--From Jim Lester

And in Gratitude for

The Pandemic Leadership Group

-- Anonymous



# The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

was launched in 2018 to address the interlocking injustices of racism, poverty, climate and health care. Drawing on the vision of Martin Luther King Jr. and history of moral fusion movements, the Poor People's Campaign is made up of 40 state coordinating committees, 200 partner organizations and thousands of religious leaders.

On June 18, 2022 the Poor People's Campaign will assemble and march because any nation that ignores its citizens is in crisis. Before March 2020 there were 140 million people who were poor or one emergency away from ruin. Since then hundreds have died, millions are on the edge of hunger, eviction, without living wages and health care.

I am a tri-chair for the Iowa Poor People's Campaign and plan on going to the assembly and march in Washington, DC on June 18th. I invite you to join me. We would leave on June 17th and come back on June 18th. With funding available from national and sponsorship efforts, we can provide full airfare for the poor and low-wealth individuals and partial cost for others. We will have a travel coordinator from national working with us.

Donations for sponsorship are also welcomed and can be sent to the Urbandale UCC for Iowa Poor People's Campaign. The address for the Urbandale UCC is 3530 70th St., Urbandale, IA 50322.

If interested or have questions you can contact me at [dierksfanone@yahoo.com](mailto:dierksfanone@yahoo.com) or the other tri-chair of the Iowa Poor People's Campaign Ayisha Farrow at [empress.blk1@gmail.com](mailto:empress.blk1@gmail.com). Please get back to me or contact Ayisha as soon as possible. Thank you. You may also register by clicking [HERE](#).

Forward together, not one step back.

—Eileen Sambos



# Green Team Report

Psalm 24: 1-2

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*

April Challenge: Find scriptures concerning the care and beauty of God's creation (Earth). Dawn Heaberlin took us up on our April Challenge and located 47 scriptures that talked about the Earth. On Sunday, April 24, we will present her with her prize. There are many more scriptures concerning the Earth in the Bible. We will have a new challenge on May 1.

The Property Team has contacted the City of Ames to perform an energy audit for our building. We'll let you know when that has been completed and what their findings are. The K- 5 grade Youth Group has planted vegetable seeds that can be used to make pizzas. Once those plants are big enough, they will be offered to members of FCC.

Have you signed the Green Chalice Covenant yet? Here's the website: To sign the covenant go to <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/green-chalice-covenant-2/sign-the-covenant/>

The Green Team

## Climate Change Corner

Did you know?

The City of Ames reduces wood waste by providing tree trunks from wind and disease damaged trees to a local business, Iowa Home Crafters. The logs are numbered and their history recorded. Iowa Home Crafters sell some lumber to the public, as well as provide custom milling and drying.

*Iowa Outdoors, Spring 2022, volume 81:1; Harvesting Heritage by Shannon Hafner, pp 58-63.*

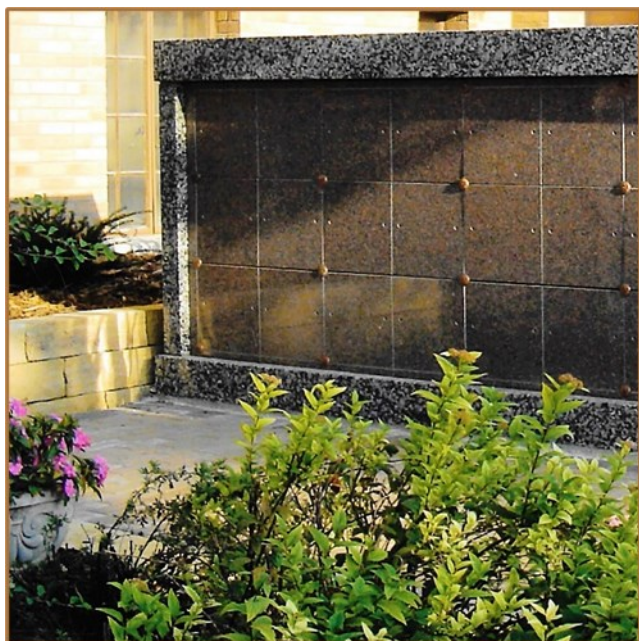
Iowa is the only inland state in the nation's top 10 for disaster losses (\$52 billion in the last four decades). One third occurred in the last 5 years:

- 2018: The third wettest June on record in Des Moines causes massive flooding along Fourmile Creek.
- 2019: Flooding inundates areas of Iowa along the Missouri River.
- 2020: A derecho packing winds of up to 140 mph does damage across Iowa (\$11.8 billion).
- 2021: An unprecedented December derecho crosses Iowa spawning dozens of tornadoes.
- 2022: Deadly tornadoes strike central Iowa.

*Des Moines Sunday Register, March 27, 2022; Is 'extreme' Iowa's new norm? by Donnella Eller, pp 1A,7A.*

# Consider the Columbarium

## At First Christian Church



**F**or persons choosing cremation as an alternative to burial, First Christian Church provides a Columbarium, located in a garden setting on the southeast lawn of the church. Here, a person's remains may be laid to rest with reverence and care, in the shelter and shade of the church building.

From time to time, we like to remind readers of *The Call* that inurnment in the FCC Columbarium is available to the congregation's members, their spouses, parents, step-parents, children, step-children and siblings, and to formerly active members who have moved or transferred. Other individuals may also be approved for inurnment by the pastor.

Currently, there is a one-time charge of \$600 for a single niche (12" x 12" x 12") or \$1,000 for a double niche (12" x 12" x 24"), capable of holding the remains of one or two people respectively. For each niche, the church provides a bronze plaque bearing the name or names of those memorialized, plus the years of birth and death.

Please note that we have been able to keep the price of niches constant for the past several years (since 2015), despite regular increases in the cost of bronze. While the Trustees will strive to keep the Columbarium affordable, it is likely that the price for both single and double niches will increase in 2023.

If you'd like additional information, please contact Liz Collazo in the church office, or speak with Pastor Mary Jane to explore whether the FCC Columbarium is a good choice for you or your family.

## Rooted and Grounded in Love

**April 24**

**Rev. Tiff Williams,  
Associate Regional  
Minister**

**May 1**

**Paul's Conversion  
Acts 9:1-19**

**May 8**

**Paul and Silas  
Acts 16:16-34**

**May 15**

**Book: Freeing Jesus, by  
Diana Butler Bass -  
A chapter per week for 7  
weeks**

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April 28. She will be in her office to  
return any emails or phone calls the  
following Monday, May 2.**



# May Calendar

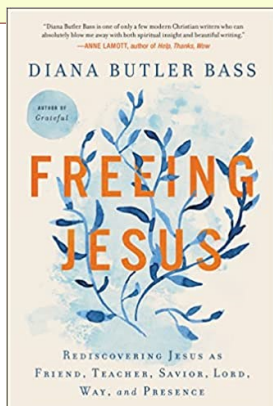
- ♦ **Elder's Circle**  
Every Monday, 10:45 am via Zoon
- ♦ **Faith Formation Team Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 4, 6 pm
- ♦ **FCC Makes Lunch for Food at First**  
Saturday, May 7, 9:30 am—1pm
- ♦ **MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD**  
**Monday, May 9, at 7:00 pm**
- ♦ **Leadership Group Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 10, 6 pm
- ♦ **Property Team Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 10 7:15 pm
- ♦ **Green Chalice Team Meeting**  
Sunday, May 15, 1:45 pm
- ♦ **Newsletter Deadline**  
Monday, May 16, by NOON.
- ♦ **Trustees Meeting**  
Monday, May 16, 7 pm
- ♦ **Council of Ministries Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7 pm

## Scheduled Events:

- ⇒ **Building Officially Reopens to the General Public on Wednesday, May 4th.**
- ⇒ **Ames UCC 37th Annual Theologian in Residence April 23-24, via Zoom.** Learn more on page 9 and [Register in Advance.](#)
- ⇒ **Rev. Joshua Patty, Regional Minister Installation,** May 15, 3 PM, at the Christian Conference Center, in Newton, Iowa

Beginning May 15, through June, worship will be based on chapters from the book "Freeing Jesus," by Diana Butler Bass.

Please contact the Church Office at 515-232-5766 or [fccames@fccames.org](mailto:fccames@fccames.org), if you are interested in purchasing a book. The cost is around \$13.39.



# Keeping Connected...

## Zoom Weekly Activity Schedule

UPDATED



## Sunday

	—West/Parking Lot Doors Open	Online Link: <a href="http://www.fccames.org/SundayWorship">www.fccames.org/SundayWorship</a> Phone Connection: (312) 626-6799 ID: 83549778613#
<b>9:30 AM</b>	—Zoom Room Opens Tech People Setup Musicians Practice — Adult Learning Time	
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Clark Avenue and Ramp Doors Open for In-Person Worship	
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Worship (through Zoom or In-Person)	

## Wednesday

<b>12:15 PM</b>	Midweek Intercessory Prayers Online Link: <a href="http://fccames.org/WednesdayPrayers">fccames.org/WednesdayPrayers</a> Meeting ID: 826 9816 5415   Passcode: 645905 Phone Connection: (312) 626-6799 ID: 82698165415#
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## Thursday

<b>10:00 AM</b>	Coffee Fellowship Online Link: <a href="http://fccames.org/CoffeeFellowship">fccames.org/CoffeeFellowship</a> Phone Connection: 1-312-626-6788 ID: 86790917856#
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## Keep this Schedule Handy

Updated Tuesday, March 23, 2022

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.

**37th Annual Theologian in Residence Program**  
**The Faith of Prophets: Lessons for the Climate Crisis**  
**April 23-24, 2022. This will be a Zoom event.**  
**Co-Hosts: National United Church of Christ, Iowa Conference UCC,**  
**Central Association UCC, Ames United Church of Christ**



The Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, Minister of Environmental Justice for the United Church of Christ, will be the 2022 Theologian in Residence speaker at this event. Rev. Berndt is the author of *Cathedral on Fire: A Church Handbook for the Climate Crisis* and the co-author of *Sounding the Trumpet: How Churches Can Answer God's Call to Justice*. He will address the urgent call for prophetic action today concerning the climate crisis. Rev. Berndt will be the 37th TIR speaker sponsored by the Ames United Church of Christ.

### **Summary of Event**

The best-selling Catholic writer Joan Chittister has written, "What this world needs most right now is a new generation of prophets." This is especially true as we confront the climate crisis today. Yet, we can no longer wait for others to be the prophets that were needed yesterday. We must find the prophet in each of us. We are the ones who can make a profound difference right now. To answer the urgent call for prophetic action today, this event will focus on what the Hebrew Prophets teach us and what is already being done to act.

This year's event will open with a national webinar Saturday morning, April 23, featuring Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, Minister of Environmental Justice for the United Church of Christ; Nellis Kennedy-Howard from Honor the Earth, Rev. Michael Malcolm from People's Justice Council; and Hector Arbuckle, Ames Climate Action Team. The Saturday afternoon session will focus on what actions individuals and faith communities in Ames and the Tri-Conference area can take to address specific aspects of the Climate Crisis. On Sunday morning April 24 before worship Rev. Brooks will focus on what faith communities can do to care for God's creation as well as engaging audience questions. During worship he will then provide the sermon "Barefoot Blessings" at Ames UCC church. Program details are provided below. Registration is required for both the national webinar event and the Ames UCC/Tri-Conference sessions. Both the national and Ames UCC/Tri-Conference sessions are free and open to the public.

### **Program**

[REGISTER IN  
ADVANCE](#)

#### **Part One: National Webinar, United Church of Christ**

Saturday, April 23, 2022 (Times Central Time)

- **9:30-10:30 am.** Opening Keynote via Zoom: "Why Prophets Matter Today" by the Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, Minister of Environmental Justice for the United Church of Christ.
- **10:45-11:45 am.** Panel Discussion via Zoom: "Prophetic Action Today"

Panelists:

**Rev. Michael Malcom of the People's Justice Council.** The Rev. Michael Malcom

is Executive Director of Alabama Interfaith Power & Light and the People's Justice Council. In 2020, Malcom was named by Grist as one 50 "Fixers" who are emerging leaders with bold, innovative solutions to address critical environmental issues.

**Nellis Kennedy-Howard of Honor the Earth.** Nellis Kennedy-Howard is a teaching pastor in the





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](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org)

Below, @CCC =  
held at the Christian  
Conference Center

- Apr. 28 Regional  
Operations Council  
Online
- Apr. 29-30 CCC Work  
Retreat
- May 4 Learning Together
- May 6-7 Committee on  
Ministry
- May 15, 3 p.m. Regional  
Minister Installation @  
CCC
- May 20-21 CMEP  
Retreat
- May 26 Regional  
Operations Council  
Online
- June 1 Summer Camp  
Season Begins!!

[Regional Prayer Calendar](#)

[Disciples videos](#)

*Please come to holy ground and celebrate*

The installation of Joshua Patty as Regional Minister  
for the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest

*Sunday, May 15 - 3:00 p.m.*

Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General  
Minister and President for the Christian  
Church (Disciples of Christ), will present  
the message.

*Now is OUR Time...*

*Christian Conference Center - Stone Outdoor Chapel (weather permitting)  
5064 Lincoln Street - Newton, IA 50208  
The installation will also be streamed.*



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## Learning Together 1st Wednesdays

**What:** Reflections on Love and Jesus

**When:** May 4, 6:30 pm

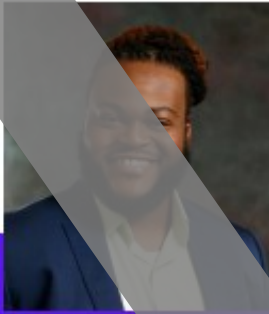
**How:** [Register Here](#)



Join our regional minister, Josh Patty, as he shares short video  
reflections by Brene Brown, researcher and popular speaker, about  
love and Jesus. *Learning Together* on 1st Wednesdays of each month  
offers a variety of online educational opportunities for Disciples in the  
Upper Midwest. [Register here.](#)

[Read More Disciples Regional News HERE.](#)





**Rev. Luther Young**

**MARCH 28, 2022 - 7 PM**

Moderator, Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance  
Panel Discussion: *LGBTQ+ Issues from Black & Hispanic Perspectives*



**Sheletta Brundidge**

**APRIL 25, 2022 - 7 PM**

WCCO Radio, Podcaster  
*Autism & Health Care Disparities*



**Julia Dinsmore**

**MAY 23, 2022 - 7 PM**

Author "My Name Is Not Those People", Activist  
*How Classism Affects Us*



**Street Voices of Change**

**JUNE 27 - 7 PM**

*Building community and creating spaces that honor the experiences of homelessness*



**Rev. Dave Bell**

**SEPTEMBER 26 - 7 PM**

Minister of Indigenous Concerns,  
Center for Indigenous Ministries  
*Doctrine of Discovery*



**Rev. Dr. Lisa Barnett**

**OCTOBER 24 - 7 PM**

Phillips Theological Seminary  
*Native American Issues*



**NOVEMBER 28 - 7 PM**

*Native American Issues*



**Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis**

**DECEMBER 12 - 7 PM**

United Theological Seminary  
Panel Discussion: *Transgender Theology & Faith Issues*



Registration will be live  
beginning March 1

**ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE**  
[fccminneapolis.org/voices](http://fccminneapolis.org/voices)  
*Underwritten with a grant from The Wholeness Fund of FCC Minneapolis*

**addressing issues that affect the church and the wider community**



**Serious FUN.  
Powerful PURPOSE.**



## SUMMER CAMP 2022

**Are you ready for the best summer  
of your life?**



### Camp registration for Summer 2022 is open!

We look forward to nurturing hundreds of people in one of our church camps. We have camp opportunities for those who have completed grades 2-12, families with children under 18, grandparents with kids age 4 through grade 2, and adults 55 and older.

Here are some important resource pages with information:

[Descriptions of different camps](#)

[Dates and prices of 2022 camps](#)

Contact [Rev. Tiff Williams](#) if you have questions OR if you are interested in serving as a volunteer

**Plus, we are looking for camp interns!** This is a perfect opportunity for young adults seeking meaningful summer employment. It is a great way for people to deepen their own faith. At the same time, camp interns have a variety of work experiences, leadership development, and fun summer staff activities. [Learn more here.](#)

**(FCC will pay for half the costs of ONE camp session per child. Just let us know if you've registered. Thanks!)**

**REGISTER HERE. See promo video HERE.**

### Grand Camp

Session 1: June 25-26  
Session 2: July 16-17  
Children ages 4 through  
2nd grade Cost: \$60

### Family Camp

June 3-5  
Children ages 0-18  
who are accompanied by  
an adult family member  
Cost: \$75 per person,  
\$275 family maximum  
(Children 3 and under free!)

### Beginners

June 5-7  
Grades 2-3 Cost: \$140

### Junior Camp

Session 1: June 13-18  
Session 2: July 11-16  
Session 3: August 1-6  
Grades 3-5  
Cost: \$280

### Chi Rho Camp

Session 1: June 13-18  
Session 2: June 20-25  
Session 3: July 11-16  
Grades 6-8  
Cost: \$280

### CYF Camp

Session 1: June 20-25  
Session 2: July 18-23  
Grades 9-12 Cost: \$280

### Adventure Camp

June 27 - July 2  
Grades 6-12 Cost: \$280

### ADAM Camp

July 25-30  
Grades 6-12 Cost: \$280

### Standing Rock Study Trip

June 6-12  
Grades 9-12  
Cost: \$280

### Senior Adult Retreat

September 19-21  
Ages 55+ Cost: \$155



## 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](mailto:fccames@fccames.org)

## Stewardship Report

	March	2022 YTD
Income:	\$11,312	\$49,781
Expenses:	\$20,733	\$64,877
Difference:	\$(9,321)	\$(15,096)

### ***Congratulations***

to Isaac Brenden and Molly Schwartz who became members of FCC through Baptism on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.

## May Birthdays

- 03 Corry Bertelsen
- 03 Sam Brown
- 08 Nathan Ewalt
- 09 Jocelyn Digby
- 12 Mary Israel
- 12 Jenna Schwartz
- 14 Vern Ryan
- 18 Nevan Schwartz
- 19 Judith Koplan
- 20 Lester Thompson
- 28 Jack Hakey
- 28 Cindy Ratliff
- 31 Norma Hensley



## Open House for Shirley and Sara Malaby!

Coffee House from 1:00 to 3:00

Tuesday, April 26th.

Cookies, coffee, conversation, and fun.

*Join us!*

Shirley and Sara Malaby will be in town for a few days and hoping to see as many friends as possible. To that end, Marj and the Elders are hosting a little open house for them on Tuesday, in the Coffee House from 1-3 pm. You are all invited!

### **Liz Collazo will be on vacation from**

Monday, April 26 through Thursday, April 28.

She will be in her office to return any emails or phone calls the following Monday, May 2.

### **Childcare Available!**

Our nursery (on 2nd Floor) is open and available

- From 9:30-11:30 AM for 0-5 year-olds.
- And from 9:30-10 AM for K-5th graders (so parents who are interested may attend Adult Learning Time). Afterward, they will be in Sunday school from 10-10:25 AM, and then worship at 10:30 as usual.

**Bring the family and  
enjoy a little bit of something for every age.**

## You Can Help Disciples Help Ukrainians By Giving to These Ministry Partners



Designate Your Gift as:  
International Emergency Response  
[www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html](http://www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html)



UKRAINIAN CRISIS RESPONSE FUND:  
<https://cwsglobal.org/ukraine-response-fund/>



# 2022 PENTECOST OFFERING **TURNING STRUGGLE INTO STEADFASTNESS**



**GROW + PRAY + DANCE + LOVE + SERVE**

**SUNDAYS MAY 29 + JUNE 5**

THEREFORE, MY BELOVED, BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS EXCELLING IN THE WORK OF GOD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT IN GOD YOUR LABOR IS NEVER IN VAIN. + **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**



THE 2022 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL DAY OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).



# opportunities to serve



Solidarity  
WE ALL ARE EARTH CITIZENS

*"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)*

- **GIVE** generously to the Pentecost Offering.
- **CONNECT** with our youth by preparing meals or chaperoning. Contact [melissataylorwebb@gmail.com](mailto:melissataylorwebb@gmail.com).
- **PRAY** from home during the Easter Prayer Vigil, which will be from April 16, 6 AM, through April 17, 6 AM. [Sign up HERE.](#)
- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

## 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.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 Friday**

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 Friday**

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](mailto: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.

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