



February 2020

New Disciple News



Friends,

It is February. And, y'all that means all things love. I love this month, and it's not just because I get to celebrate my birthday and my daughter Julia's birthday! But, February reminds us to love not just romantically, but to love one another within community. The author Wendell Berry writes that our ability to love one another increases with humility.

February is also Black History month. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. How can we love our black and brown neighbors? I have included a poem by Langston Hughes in this newsletter. There are also some great books on our shelves if you would like to read more deeply into the subject. I would suggest, our own, William Barber's, "The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear."

On the subject of "LOVE" ...Our own Phil Goodall is hosting a Valentine's Dinner with a twist! More details will come. But, it will be on Valentine's Day and we will have prizes and delicious food to share with your sweetheart or come as a single ready to mingle! All the profits will benefit the general fund! Share with your friends and make your reservations early!

As I write this, I am reminded of this scripture from 1 John 4, verse 16. *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

As we continue to walk with one another, can we remember how much we are loved by God? Can we look at one another and know that God loves the other just as much? I think if we look deep within the eyes of that person and see the abiding love of the God that dwells within, we will know know greater comfort.

Blessings and abundant love,

Pastor Monica

Harlem

BY LANGSTON HUGHES

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?



New Disciples Family: We Pray for...
 Diane, Robby, Kenny, Suzie, Cindy, Connie, Denny, Jeanette, Sharon, Candi, Ann, Rick, Scott, Ricardo, Tim, John, Norma, Sharon, Janelle, Savanna, Pam, Jojo, Candy, Glenda, Loy, Lorene, Ellery, June, Shawn, Roland, Theodore & Annie.

Friends of New Disciples: We pray for...
 Richard, Sharon, RJ, Marlene, Patricia, Aubrey, Richard, Josie, Sara, Charlene, Keshon, Lee, Sheila, Cece, Craig, Caitlin, Ellen, Kimmerly, Skip.

New Disciples: We ask for our church family...
 ♦ that God strengthen our sense of community.
 ♦ strength, communication, and patience in all things.
 ♦ that strife and disagreement come to an end.

Other: We pray for...
 ♦ our church budget; may we inspire giving.
 ♦ renters for our office space.
 ♦ people to listen to one another, to calmly discuss their points of view, and to combine our visions for our church
 ♦ automotive care, warmth, and winter safety
 ♦ second chances

Grief: We ask for comfort and strength for ...
 ♦ the friends and family of
 ♦ Allan Heggs, including wife Janetta and daughter Kim Stallman
 ♦ Barbara June (Geiken) Cassens, mother of Lynn Moss
 ♦ baby Sloan McDaniel, friend of Pastor Monica's daughter Julia.
 ♦ Kate Klinkenfus, including father Jon, friend of Aaron Krouse

Upper Midwest Region Prayers
 Delta Christian Church, Delta, IA
 Luther Christian Church, Maxwell, IA
 First Christian Church, Minneapolis, MN
 First Christian Church, Des Moines, IA
 First Christian Church, Red Oak, IA
 Lake Harriet Christian Church, Minneapolis, MN
 Pleasantville Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA
 Mitchellville Christian Church, Mitchellville, IA
 Fairview Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA
 Plymouth Creek Christian Church, Plymouth, MN

Our Homebound: May God surround you with His love...
 Roger & Mary Steve Helen Lois Ann John
 Berdine Janetta Alice Gisela Steven Evelyn

Missionaries/Community Workers:
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) regional staff
 Alain Imani Habinamwiso & Tantine Kapila
 New Disciples Staff Daniel Reed - Hope Builders

Military Personnel:
 Kyle Stallman - Kim Stallman's sonWA
 Tyler Edler - Nancy Wise's nephew..... Bulgaria
 Eli Walters - Helen Christophersen's g-g-son in law GA
 Kaylee Graves - Garland Waddilove's granddaughter CA
 Aaron Thomas Krouse - Aaron Krouse's nephew US
 Iowa National Guard members

Pray, we as a Christian community ...
 ♦ to keep Christ first in all we do.
 ♦ that we would have unity amid diversity - loving those with whom we have nothing in common but the gospel.
 ♦ that a culture of discipline would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of the Christian life.
 ♦ that we worship God with all our strength, minds, hearts, and souls.

Fresh Church Directory for 2020

Our congregation is overdue for a new directory to stay in touch with our church family.



Please contact the church office with any updates or corrections to your contact information.

We are considering how to include photo directory in this project. As a "Fun & Quirky Church", we are considering taking informal fun and quirky photos before and after worship in a "come as you are" fashion and compiling our own booklet. We hope to finish the photos and have the book ready in March.





Sweetheart Dinner with a Twist



Friday, February 14, 2020

Seating at 6:00 PM

Five-course meal with a
mystery Biblical couple

supporting the general
fund of New Disciples

\$25.⁰⁰ per individual or
\$45.⁰⁰ per couple

\$5.⁰⁰ discount for early bird
registration by February 5

Call or email the church office
by Monday, February 10

319-363-2089

office@newdisciples.org

MAIN COURSE

Seafood, Chicken,
Vegetarian, and
Gluten-Free
on request



610 32nd Avenue SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Entering the Lenten Season

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 12 this year.

Stay tuned to our bulletin, website, Facebook page, and next month's newsletter details as our Lenten activities as plans are finalized.



Please take a look
for **missing items**
by the coat rack.

- 1 pair of child-sized tan boots
- 2 child-sized coats, both blue
- 1 child-sized white t-shirt
- 3 umbrellas
- 1 pair of gloves
- 2 single gloves
- pink Rexlace
- a few small toys
- a garage door opener from Overhead Door
- 3 single earrings
- 6 hats
- 1 scarf
- 1 Bible



“Room at the Table” Dinner Church

Dinner church will be meeting on February 23rd.

Our theme will be “Comfort” with people bringing comfort food.

We will meet at 6 pm as usual to prepare for the meal together.

If there is someone that feels called to be the speaker that evening to lead a dialogue type message about a passage of scripture, please contact a member of the dinner church committee.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Lovingly,
Room at the Table

Donation Needs

The list in the Break Room was recently updated. Here are some needs for the church.

- ◆ Regular coffee
- ◆ Hand sanitizer
- ◆ Dish drainer and drip tray for Break Room

Please cross off items when donated and add more items as necessary.





Challenging Injustice...

Dear Upper Midwest Disciples of Christ:

One way of teaching is repetition.

Whether it is educating one's mind, body or spirit, repeating a movement, a practice, or a truth, over and over can produce knowledge, strength and deeper understanding.

In a way, that has been happening in the Upper Midwest Region over the last two weeks in January.

On January 14 and 15 the Poor Peoples Campaign, co-led by the Rev. Dr. William Barber, II and the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharris were at First Christian Church in Des Moines, along with many Disciples of Christ, for a march and mass meeting to lift up the importance of demanding our politicians change policies that keep people in poverty. Most of the policies are racist in origin, but also affect the lives of large numbers of white Americans.

On January 20 our nation paused to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It has been 91 years since his birth and 52 years since his assassination, but his recorded sermons, his writings, and memorable quotations continue to inspire us, and challenge us, as a nation and as a church: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

On January 27-28, Disciples clergy from around the Upper Midwest Region will gather at the Christian Conference Center for the annual Minister's Institute. The theme this year is: "Boots on the Ground, Eyes to the Heavens: Dismantling White Supremacy in the Church."

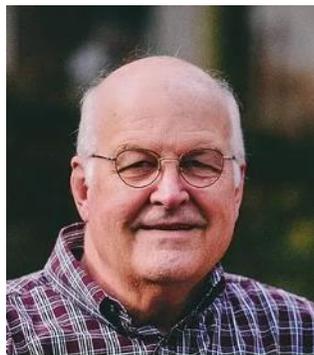
Three powerful events addressing the biggest challenge in the church and in our nation: White Supremacy. It is the culture we grew up in. It is the belief system we inherited from our ancestors. We knew nothing else: white skin made people superior human beings.

Today we know that such a belief system is a false social construct, and we must choose new ways of living in relationship to all who are created in the image of God.

I hope your pastor plans to attend the Minister's Institute. When they return, ask them to teach you what they learned.

Blessing,

John



Rev. John Richardson,
Interim Regional Minister
and President

Introduction to A Better Way of Helping; Building Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

Zion United Church of Christ
412 N 5th St. Burlington, IA

Saturday, March 14, 2020 9am-Noon, Cost is \$20.
To register, please call Zion UCC at 319-752-2305

All people deserve a chance to live sustainable lives. Sustainable lives lead to sustainable communities. This workshop will present an overview of how the Bridges Out of Poverty research is being implemented in the Building Bridges Initiative in Southeast Iowa and the successes being celebrated thus far.

Poverty is sometimes thought of as a shortage of financial resources. Research by Ruby Payne, PhD suggests there are nine categories of resources which impact poverty. This workshop will introduce the nine categories of resources needed for sustainable living and overview how the Building Bridges Initiative helps families strengthen those resources.

If you did not grow up in poverty, you may be unaware of the "hidden rules" that govern many aspects of life for the poor. This workshop will help you see and understand the hidden rules and how they are different for poor, middle class, and wealthy communities.

This workshop will help Churches redesign programs to better serve the people you work with and increase the likelihood of families moving from welfare to sustainable lifestyles.

2020 Regional Calendar Things We Do Together



Below, @CCC = Christian Conference Center

- Feb. 7-8 Committee on Ministry
- Feb. 7-9 Junior Retreat @ CCC (\$40 per camper)
- Feb. 27 Regional Operations Council Online
- Mar 14 "Building Bridges Out of Poverty"
..... @ Zion UCC Burlington, IA
- Mar. 26 Regional Operations Council Online
- Mar. 28 Regional Property Committee @ CCC
- May 1-3 Work Retreat @ CCC



Service Opportunities

Service	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	March 1
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Lynn Hills	Pam Gibbs	Tim Wise	Dick Goodall	Nancy Wise
Communion Prep	Vicki Ehrenberger	Shirley Sedore	Lynn Moss	Vicki Ehrenberger	Shirley Sedore
Worship Tech	Tai-lee Wilcox, Tim Wise, Patrick Lower	Tai-lee Wilcox, Tim Wise, Patrick Lower	Tai-lee Wilcox, Tim Wise, Patrick Lower	Tai-lee Wilcox, Tim Wise, Patrick Lower	Tai-lee Wilcox, Tim Wise, Patrick Lower
Worship Leader	Lynn Moss	Heidi Haney	Becky Johnson	Tim Wise	Lynn Moss
Children's Sermon					
Pulpit Elder	Scott Niskanen	Lynn Hills	Pam Gibbs	Tim Wise	Dick Goodall
Serving Deacons	Dan Dice, Heidi Haney, Tim Wise, Ricardo Larios	Kim Stallman, Dean Hunter, Don Phillips	Rick Sutphin, Aaron Krouse, Becky Johnson, Theodore Bosenge	Glenn Healy, Patrick Lower, Lynn Moss, Ricardo Larios	Dan Dice, Heidi Haney, Debby Krivanek, David Krivanek
Tabulators	Lynn Moss, Glenda Denning	Sydnee Phillips, Don Phillips	Kim Stallman, Nancy Wise	Heidi Haney, Dean Hunter	Lynn Moss, Jonathan Williams
Coffee Fellowship					



Church Board minutes are now available in a labeled binder in the church office.

A service schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the church office. If you need to make a change, please email the church office or update the posted schedule and then Heidi will update the bulletin.



New Disciples Kids! Join us every other Wednesday for children's worship. There are no meals served this year; please eat before you join us.



Age Ranges:

Preschool thru 2nd Grade will be with Lisa Phillips
 3rd grade and up will be with Savanna and Sydnee Phillips

If you need a ride to get to Wednesday night Children's Church or would like to attend one of the Sunday services, please contact the church office or Sydnee Phillips at 319-521-5271.

NEW DISCIPLES OF CEDAR RAPIDS
610 32nd AVE SW
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52404

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Monica L. Banks
Pastor: Pastor Mwana-Mubake
Music Director: Janelle Lauer



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Find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NewDisciples>



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of Cedar Rapids**
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Sunday Worship Service:
9:30 AM - Worship
11:30 AM - Multilingual
Worship

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

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