



# New Disciple News



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### Sunday Worship Service:

9:30 AM at 3100 F Ave NW

11:30 AM at Kingston Hill  
Multilingual

### Office Hours:

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

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## Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> is Easter Sunday!

Come rejoice with us and celebrate the day that changed the world!

9:30 AM at 3100 F Ave NW

11:30 AM at Kingston Hill  
(Multilingual)



## CROP Walk Garage/Bake Sale

A fundraiser is planned to benefit the CROP hunger walk on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Nancy Wise's home, 620 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW.

Join us for goodies, gadgets, gimcracks and gewgaws! If you have items or baked goods to be



dropped off or picked up, contact Nancy at 319-573-6846 or Dianna Bremer at 319-364-0279. Garage sale items must be dropped off by 4/25; baked goods by 4/26.

The CROP walk itself is Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at Cherokee Trail on Midway Dr. NW. Please park at Concordia Lutheran Church at Wiley and Johnson NW. For more information, contact Nancy Wise.



We are saddened to share the news that our church farmer, Sonia Jo (Malone Kendrick) Stover passed on March 20, 2018. We are grateful for the years of service and leadership she has provided for the New Disciples Garden of Hope. Sonia coordinated the farmer training program, the preparation of the land, the seed, and the gardeners each summer. The food produced went to local families, food pantries, and Meals on Wheels. Her death is a big loss for all of us!

Our mission as a church is to Nourish Bodies and Souls with the Love of God. Sonia played an important role in that mission! If you are interested in helping with the garden moving forward, please contact Rick Sutphin at 846-2826. If you are interested in helping with Sonia's larger vision, please contact Feed Iowa First at <http://feediowa1st.com/>.





**New Disciples Family:** We Pray for...  
 Kyle Kevin Dick Savanna Diane Pam Tai-Lee  
 Janelle AJ Janetta Ron Martin Mark Glenda  
 Annie and Theodore

**Friends of New Disciples:** We pray for...  
 Bethel Blair Jim Meridee Christie and Jeff  
 Michelle Sheila Stacy family members

**New Disciples:** We ask for our church family...  
 ☞ that we may host a successful CROP Hunger Walk.  
 ☞ to have wisdom in all decisions regarding the building project.  
 ☞ protection for our Building Team and their families.  
 ☞ to experience spiritual and numerical growth.

**Other:** We pray for...  
 ☞ hope for those struggling with depression.  
 ☞ marriages to be strengthened.

**Grief:** We ask for comfort and strength for ...  
 ☞ friends and family of Sonia Kendrick Stover.  
 ☞ the friends and family of Alex Johnson especially for Becky at the loss of her husband and daughter -in-law.  
 ☞ the family of Anneliese Ramirez-Hernandez, friend of the Haney's.  
 ☞ the family and friends of Jay Christensen.  
 ☞ the family who lost a son to suicide.

**Our Homebound:** May God surround you with His love...  
 Lois Roger & Mary Steve Mary Jane Helen Ann  
 Allan LaVerne Alice Berdine Lauren Ben  
 Gisela Roland

**Missionaries/Community Workers:**  
 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) regional staff  
 Alain Imani Habinamwisho & Tantine Kapila  
 Savanna Phillips - XPLOR Robert S. King - Mission of Hope  
 Joanines Adorno-Diaz – India New Disciples Staff  
 Daniel Reed - Hope Builders Mark Behle – Lesotho  
 Chimiste Doriscar – Haiti Bruce VanVoorhis – Hong Kong  
 Elena Huegel – Mexico Ha-un Priscilla Yang – Hungary

**Military Personnel:**  
 Daniel Ruhd - Lynette Lubbock's grandson - N. Carolina  
 Phillip Stenberg - Mary King's grandson & family - In US  
 Seth Hall - Phil & Jean Goodall's grandson - Montana  
 Kyle Stallman - Kim Stallman's son - In US  
 Tyler Edler - Nancy Wise's nephew - In US  
 Eli Walters - Helen Christopherson's g-g-son in law - Georgia  
 Kaylee Graves - Garland Waddilove's granddaughter - California  
 Iowa National Guard members deployed throughout the world.

### *Pray, we as a Christian community ...*

- ☞ We keep Christ first in all we do.
- ☞ We become the church God desires us to be.
- ☞ We bear spiritual fruit for the Kingdom of God.
- ☞ We bear witness to God's love in our interactions with members of the community.
- ☞ We be a community of health and healing as God defines those terms
- ☞ We remain flexible to the Spirit's leading.
- ☞ We worship God with all our strength, minds,

### Upper Midwest Region Prayers

Wakonda Christian Church, Des Moines, IA  
 First Christian Church, Packwood, IA  
 United Church of Diagonal, Diagonal, IA  
 Davis Street Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA  
 Capitol Hill Christian Church, Des Moines, IA  
 New Virginia Christian Church, New Virginia, IA  
 Bladensburg Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA  
 Norwalk Christian Church, Norwalk, IA  
 Nichols Christian Church, Nichols, IA  
 First Christian Church, Oskaloosa, IA  
 Christian Church (Disciples) of North English, IA  
 First Christian Church, Adel, IA  
 Woodward Christian Church, Woodward, IA



### Monthly Financial Report

If you have any questions or would like to see a more full report, email [finance@newdisciples.org](mailto:finance@newdisciples.org)

#### **February 2018**

Income	\$5620.57
Expense	<u>\$7501.75</u>
Net Revenue	<b>-\$1881.18</b>

### **Building Fund Giving Update:**

February giving: \$3,368.68



## Stop by sometime...check out a Disciple Group!

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays at 1 PM. Open to newcomers.

Dan's Disciple Group at Kingston Hill - Thursdays at 6:30 PM. An Open Group. Drop ins welcome!

Pathways Discipleship Group at Kingston Hill - Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Christianity 101 at Kingston Hill - Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.



*If anyone is interested in starting a new group, please contact the office to promote it and add it to the Church Calendar.*



**Dan's Disciple Group** meets on Thursdays at Kingston Hill at 6:30 PM. We intend to meet weekly. Our topic will be the Ten Commandments. Each week we will watch a DVD lecture on one of the Commandments and then discuss the presentation. No homework is involved. Each lecture stands alone so there is no loss if a session is missed. All are welcome.

## You Have Mail!

New mail has been added to all church members' hanging file mail boxes. Be sure to check your mail folder next time you are at church! Please also help us to spread the word by reminding other church members to check theirs. You can also help by hand delivering mail to our homebound or those who have been absent for a while. Thanks!



## We are again offering Christianity 101.

If you are interested in taking Pastor's basics of Christianity / Christianity 101 Class, please contact the office or Pastor Stasia. It is okay for more mature Christians to express interest, you don't have to be new to the faith.



If you have a loved one with dementia, Healing Moments and Sinsinawa Mound want to help by offering informative, inspiring and hope-filled caregiver education. You are invited to attend:

### Meeting the Mystery of Alzheimer's: The Art and Science of Creative Caregiving

**DATE:** May 2 & 3, 2018 9AM – 3:30 PM both days

**COST:** This workshop is free thanks to Sinsinawa Mound and their generous donors. Meals, materials, and overnight accommodations are included. Class size is limited, so please register early.

**WORKSHOP LEADER:** Rev. Dr. Jade Angelica

**LOCATION:** Sinsinawa Mound Retreat Center 585 County Road Z Sinsinawa, WI 53824 (608) 748-4411  
[www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter](http://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter)

It can be difficult to understand, communicate and connect with people who have Alzheimer's or dementia. They may say or do things that don't make sense, or they may become upset or angry. Finding creative ways to react and respond can make a big difference in the quality of their lives and enhance on-going relationships.



## DEMO DAYS!!!



### Building Updates

Things are moving ahead...demolition is done on the old house on the property.

Point Builders is actively working on bids/proposals for our project. The team has made a list of all the items that are important for us to have as we move into our new building, using previous discussions with the congregation as our guide. We also agreed that the time is now for us to begin planning our ground breaking ceremony.

All Gone!



## Coming Home To Freedom Check-In

**Our Goal:** \$300,000

**Current Pledge Total:** \$323,773.80 OUTSTANDING!

If you have not yet pledged please consider doing so.

Note: Correction to the January numbers: \$2863.90 - accidentally added some values from February



**February Total Received:** \$3562.45 Thank you!

**Honored Pledges:** \$3533.45

**Anonymous:** \$29.00

Honoring the pledges started **January 2018**. If you pledged to give **Monthly** or **Weekly** please remember to do so. Annual Pledges may be given any time before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

## Opportunities to Volunteer at General Assembly 2019!

**General Assembly is taking place July 20 - 24th, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa.**

One great way to attend the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is by being a volunteer! It provides many great opportunities to meet people from across the country and you get your registration at a decreased cost!

Volunteers are needed in the following roles:

- ✿ Deacons
- ✿ Communion Preparers
- ✿ Ushers
- ✿ Hospitality Subs (Pastor Stasia's Team - Back-up in case a volunteer calls in sick.)
- ✿ Tabulators (must be able to pass financial background check)
- ✿ Registration Desk (must be very comfortable with modern technology & have a friendly/patient disposition)
- ✿ Lost and Found Assistants
- ✿ Special Needs Assistants (help with scooters & refrigeration of medication)
- ✿ Preschool Workers
- ✿ Elementary School Ministry Helpers
- ✿ Security for Technology during Breaks
- ✿ Chapel helpers.
- ✿ Communicators & Promoters throughout the Region
- ✿ New Disciples Representative & Promoter
- ✿ Meal Ticket Distribution



If you are interested in volunteering, you can do it on line at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eafab2fab9-local> or let Pastor Stasia know and she will connect you with the appropriate volunteer coordinator.



### Don't Read This UNLESS You Are Up For a Challenge!

Sometimes, with all the empty pews in our sanctuaries, we can begin to believe that the church is no longer needed or wanted. However, surrounding our churches are often homes filled with people who have fewer and few contacts and real relationships. Jesus spent most of his time outside the temple connecting with people who had lost or been forced out of community. The challenge this month, if you are willing to accept it, is to start some kind of gathering/feeding/game playing activity that brings together 2 or 3 or more people together. I know it sounds simple, but it is vitally important in our present world. We, The Church, have the responsibility to bring good news to those who have lost their connection with the Body of Christ. Accept this challenge and reach out into your neighborhoods; if needed apply for a partnership grant from the region to get things started. If you find something that works, share it at the All Congregational Gathering so other churches can replicate it in their communities. The Challenge is yours if you will accept it!

Thank you!

Blessings, Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning, Regional Minister & President



### Anne Gregory Visit Extended - January 10 - June 23, 2018

Anne is YOUR Missionary, serving through the financial gifts you give in your Disciples Mission Fund and directly to her ministry. She will be speaking about her experiences through the Region during her stay. Please welcome her home from the mission field and find an opportunity to hear her stories.

Anne Gregory serves as Co-Pastor of English-Language Ministries at Wattana Church, a historically Chinese-Presbyterian church in the 6<sup>th</sup> District of the Church of Christ in Thailand. She has served in this position for the last three years.



### Chi Rho Building Work Day

Break out your work gloves and get ready to build! After a quiet winter in Chi Rho Country, construction is up and running again on the new cabin. April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> will be our blitz build and we hope to see you there. If you are interested in helping out, you are welcome to either bring a group from your church or just sign yourself up. Contact Linda Wolf by email ([glwolfden@gmail.com](mailto:glwolfden@gmail.com)) to sign up.





Wanna learn more about God?  
Wanna study the Bible?  
Wanna grow in your Christian faith?

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> -  
Who is the Holy Spirit?



**Proposed Themes:**



*April* - Kids Lead!

*May* - Pentecost Story (the Church)

Join us at 6:00 PM at New Disciples  
Kingston Hill - 202 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Children/Youth are all welcomed!

Opportunity for Young Adults is Coming to Des Moines! This is the program Savanna Phillips is involved in! NBA XPLORE is a faith-based, 10-month, congregationally hosted residency program designed for 21- to 30-year-olds looking to explore lives of care and service - giving them the opportunity to unleash their own potential, while positively impacting their community. On Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be an informational gathering for all those in the greater Des Moines area at 4501 Mills Civic Pkwy., West Des Moines, IA. To RSVP, call WDMCC office at 515-223-1639 by 12:00 PM on 4/16. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please indicate any dietary restrictions when making reservations .



**Save the Dates for Summer Camp 2018!!**

Grand Camp (age 4 - grade 2)

June Session: June 22-23

July Session: July 13-14

Family Camp (all ages)

Session 1: June 8-10

Session 2: August 17-19

Beginner Camp (grade 2)

July 1-3

Junior Camp (grades 3-5)

Session 1: June 10-15

Session 2: June 24-29

Session 3: July 8-13

Session 4: August 5-10

Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8)

Rustic Session 1: June 10-15

Rustic Session 2: June 17-22

Rustic Session 3: June 24-29

Rustic Session 4: July 8-13

Cabin Chi Rho: August 5-10

CYF Camp (grades 9-12)

Session 1: June 17-22

Session 2: July 22-27

ADAM Camp (grades 6-12)

July 15-20

Adventure Camp (grades 6-12)

July 29- August 3

Young Adult Mission Trip (Ages 19-25)

May 20-25 We will leave from the CCC to travel together to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Senior Adult Retreat (Retirees)

July 1-3

(All grades indicate the grade to be completed by the end of the 2017-2018 school year.)



**Baby Dedication!**

Congratulations to Pascal Bakenge Mugaruka and Rachel Ndeemya as their baby, Shaddai Bakenge Mugaruka was dedicated on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.





# April Service Opportunities

Service	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Welcoming Greeter (Side Entrance)	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Lynn Hills	Dick Goodall	Alain Habinamwisho	Scott Niskanen	Dan Mineck
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman
Children's Sermon					
Worship Leader	Dan Mineck	Kevin Livengood	Candi Snider	Phil Goodall	Betty Graham
Pulpit Elder	Jonathan Williams	Lynn Hills	Dick Goodall	Alain Habinamwisho	Scott Niskanen
Serving Deacons	Kim Stallman, Betty Graham, Scott Fine & Kyle Taylor	Rick Sutphin, Don Phillips, Jonathan Williams & Stephanie McGaffee	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss & Ricardo Larios	Dan Dice, Debby Krivanek, Heidi Haney & Scott Niskanen	Kim Stallman, Betty Graham, Scott Fine & Kyle Taylor
Communion Prep	Vicki Ehrenberger	Shirley Sedore	Lynn Moss	Jean Goodall	Vicki Ehrenberger
Worship Tech					
Tabulators	Kim Stallman, Sharon Gladwin	Don Phillips, Heidi Haney	Scott Fine, Sydnee Phillips	Glenda Denning, Don Phillips	Lynn Moss, Lisa Phillips
Coffee Fellowship					
Worship Theme	Easter - Jesus is LORD	Jesus' Titles – Our Friend	Names & Attributes of the Holy Spirit – God's Spirit!	The Earth as Table	Comforter
"Temple Movers" Set Up / Tear Down	Team Gershon - Glenn Healy: Scott Fine, Pastor Stasia - need one more!	Team Kohath - Phil Goodall; Shirley Sedore, Scott Niskanen - need one more!	Team Levi - Jonathan Williams; Dan Dice, David Krivanek, Debby Krivanek, Ricardo Larios	Team Merari - Tim Wise; Kelly Carr, Kyle Taylor - need one more	Team Chamishi - Ron & Dianna Bremer



NEW DISCIPLES OF CEDAR RAPIDS  
P. O. BOX 8659  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52408

**Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Stasia Fine  
Pastor: Alain Habinamwisho  
Music Director: Janelle Lauer  
Office Administrator: Ellen Johnson  
Nursery: Candi Snider  
Nanga Kirimbe



April  
2018



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**New Address, Email Address or  
Phone Number?**

Contact the Church office to  
update your information.

**First  
Wednesdays -  
April 4<sup>th</sup>  
"Kid's Lead!"**



**Come celebrate Easter with  
us on Sunday, April 1!**  
9:30 AM at 3100 F Ave NW  
or  
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Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain  
Support Group will be held the first  
Thursday of every month at 7 PM  
at Curves on Edgewood Rd. SW.  
The next meeting is April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you  
have either of these  
concerns, or you wish  
to learn more, please  
join us!

