



# New Disciple News



## New Disciples of Cedar Rapids

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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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August 5, 2018

Dear Church Family and Friends,

There are times in our lives when God invites us to take a step of faith. When my husband and I moved to Cedar Rapids so that I could accept the call to pastor at New Disciples it was one such moment for us as a married couple. It has been a step of faith that has had many rewards, one of which has been the blessing to walk beside each of you on this journey of faith.

But now, I believe God is calling us as a couple to take another step of faith and that is a step believing that God will answer our prayers to become parents. As you are aware we have struggled with infertility and I believe that God is inviting me to step away from full time ministry in order to let my body prepare for motherhood.

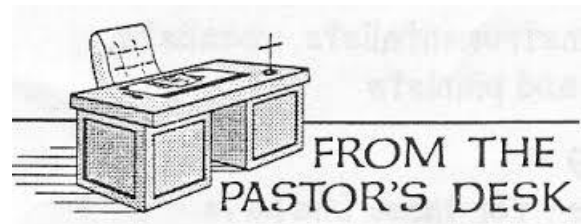
So, as I temporarily retire from full-time professional ministry, I want to thank you for the honor of serving as your pastor the last six and a half years. I have learned a lot from you and my relationship with Jesus and his church is stronger because of you. You are my dream congregation and have set the bar high for the type of Christian community for which I want to be a part. You are loving and accepting and are willing to take the risks needed to grow. Thank you!

I believe that God has already begun preparing the next pastor of New Disciples to come here and serve alongside you in the ministry of the gospel and the kingdom of God. I believe this person will have strengths in areas where I was weak and will have the right combination of gifts, experience, training, and sense of call to lead you into the next stage of your journey as a church family.

God has a great plan for you! Stick around and see what God has in store! The harvest is plentiful and the need for your unique Christian witness as a community is great! Never forget, God loves you and I do too!

Your pastor,

Stasia Fine



(Stasia's last Sunday as our Pastor is September 9.)





**New Disciples Family:** We Pray for...

Ron, Tai-lee, Chyar, Lisa, Ricardo, Janelle, AJ, Ellery, Diane & Rick, June, Joyce, Kathi, Jonathan, Kyle

**Friends of New Disciples:** We pray for...

Bev, Diane, Dave, Jean Paul, Audrey, weddings

**New Disciples:** We ask for our church family...

- \* that God will guide us to a new location where all of our ministries and worship can be in one place.
- \* for God to call a new pastor to New Disciples who loves God, follows Jesus, is Spirit-led, and has the combination of gifts, talents, training, and life-experience to be a good match for New Disciples.
- \* that God will bless Stasia and Scott Fine with a child.

**Other:** We pray for...

- \* all those starting new jobs or returning to work this week; college students as they begin their studies and transition to living in new places.
- \* safety in our schools and a good start to a new school year across the country.

**Grief:** We ask for comfort and strength for ...

- \* Kit (Janelle's friend) as she grieves the loss of her home and her two cats to a house fire.
- \* Lyle Holtz's family (Becky Johnson's sister's father-in-law's family)
- \* the family of Mary Jane Axline.
- \* the family of Alisha (friend of Pat and Candi Snider).
- \* Joyce Henning and family as they grieve the passing of Aunt Ila.

**Our Homebound:** May God surround you with His love...

Mary Lois Roger & Mary Steve Helen Ann  
Janetta LaVerne Alice Berdine Lauren Ben  
Gisela Dick

**Missionaries/Community Workers:**

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) regional staff  
Alain Imani Habinamwisho & Tantine Kapila  
Robert S. King - Mission of Hope New Disciples Staff  
Daniel Reed - Hope Builders Jeanette Salley - Nicaragua  
Jeffrey Mensendiek - Japan Tom Liddle - East Timor  
Emmanuela Loccident - Morocco  
Robert Breckenridge - Zambia

**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 - Washington State  
Tyler Edler - Nancy Wise's nephew - In US  
Eli Walters - Helen Christopherson's g-g-son in law - GA  
Kaylee Graves - Garland Waddilove's granddaughter - CA  
Aaron Thomas Krouse - Aaron Krouse's nephew - at Sea  
Iowa National Guard members

***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, hearts, and souls.



**Upper Midwest Region Prayers**

First Christian Church, Center Point, IA  
United Christian and Baptist Church of Kalona, IA  
Tingley Christian Church, Tingley, IA  
Drake Avenue Christian Church, Centerville, IA  
Stanhope Parish, Stanhope, IA  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Chariton, IA  
Kellogg Christian Church, Kellogg, IA  
First Christian Church, Winner, SD  
First Christian Church, Keokuk, IA  
First Christian Church, Clarinda, IA  
First Christian Church, Spencer, 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)

**July 2018**

Income	\$7028.00
Expense	\$8727.00
Net Revenue	-\$1706.00

**Building Fund Giving Update:**

July giving: \$1819.00



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

Dan's Disciple Group is on hiatus for the summer.

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



## Invitation to Discipleship

**Two quick questions:** Have you been spiritually mentored?

Have you spiritually mentored someone else?

*If the answer to either question is "no" then you are invited to our summer offering of **Christianity 101**.*

**When:** Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** New Disciples Weekday Location – Kingston Hill – Grant Wood Room

**Schedule:**

September 6<sup>th</sup> - our last class



## New Disciples Ministry and Outreach

There is a red three ring binder available for your use in the office containing information on New Disciples Ministry and Outreach. There are also books available for reference.

Contents of the binder include:

### Nourish Bodies

- We Care Shop
- Garden (Land) / Blue Zone
- CROP Hunger Walk
- Meals
- Hope Builders
- WANA - Westdale Area Neighborhood Association
- Summer Kids Food Program
- After School Program
- Financial Education
- Curiosity Path
- Other

### Nourish Souls

- Prayer
- Disciple Groups
- Children's Ministry
- Refugee / Immigrant
- Recovery
- Grief Ministry
- Homebound / Transportation
- Church Camp
- Greeting Cards
- Mission Trips
- Missionaries
- Young Adult
- Divorce Care
- Other
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



**The church has left the building.**



**New Transportation Coordinator:** If you need a ride to Worship Service on Sundays, contact the Church Office at 319-363-2089 or Tim Wise at 319-651-4439.



I love you as a church family and I want to help you welcome the next pastor. So, I decided as my act of hospitality to the next pastor, I would share these insights into ministry from my pastoral perspective. These are things to keep in mind as a congregation that I hope will help you to care for the next pastor.

My confessions...

My house and office are usually a mess during Advent, Lent, and the weeks I have three funerals. Don't judge me. My mental energy is focused on being present with you, so things get left out as reminders of what I need to do.

It is okay to call the church secretary to set up a time for us to meet, you don't have to ask me directly. She has access to my calendar.

I love being there for you, but Sunday morning just preaching and leading worship is a spiritual workout. Many pastors go home Sunday afternoon and just sleep! I sometimes skip Sunday family events because I'm so wiped out from preaching.

Sometimes I take a morning nap! Yea, those actually exist! So if you call at 8 a.m. and I sound groggy, it may be because I was at the hospital at 5 a.m. Don't feel bad for waking me!

When you see me out running errands and recognize me as your pastor, so does the cashier and the sales clerks. They know I'm a pastor too and sometimes ask for prayers or tell me their opinion about what our church is doing. This is what is meant by "the pastor is always on-call."

If you call me after hours (9-5), please ask if I'm free to talk. Also, please don't make this a regular habit.

Unfortunately, a huge part of the success of any ministry is the leader, coordinator, or chair making phone calls and sending emails to remind people of your next meeting date. If you want people to show up, personally invite them! This includes the ongoing coordination of transportation for kids. Teens show up when they get a weekly personalized text saying, "I am looking forward to seeing you on..."

Keep a personal calendar please!

Please, please, please publish a meeting agenda prior to the meeting. This allows people to be prepared for the discussion and makes for better group decisions. We all process information at different rates, some of us need more time than others. We need different types of thinkers to be Church together!

I love it when you volunteer! You don't have to be the perfect volunteer. I'm okay with you trying out new ministries and if you make mistakes, it is okay, because we are learning together!

Sometimes I purposely don't tell the whole story because I'm protecting confidentiality, including my own. So although it is "Iowa nice" to seem intrigued and ask more, if my answers aren't satisfactory or make sense, please just let it go. To protect confidentiality, I may act like I don't know something until I know that you aren't just trying to confirm gossip with me. Likewise, if someone is sick. Questions about the details of someone else's life, including the pastor's life, are not appropriate. An appropriate question is, "How are they/you doing?" and "How can I help?"

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I am here for God first, my family second, the entire church family third, and you as an individual fourth. (Oh yeah, and I fit in that order somewhere!) I would love to give each of you my undivided attention, but if I were to give each of you one hour a month, I wouldn't have time to prepare a sermon, teach a class, attend a meeting, or do outreach.

I want to preserve respect for God's holiness. This is an aspect of my call as a pastor. One way to do this is to create an orderly, clean and pleasing-to-the-sight worship space. This is why I ask you not to place your stuff (like pop bottles and notebooks) on the communion table. This is why I straighten the chairs and make sure items are well placed. This is why I might make an easy to follow dress code for those who serve as deacons. In the Bible worship is orderly, so I'm fulfilling my call when I'm preparing the worship space or asking you to help make it look nice.

I am a professional. When you come to me for spiritual counsel, I gladly listen and respond. I try not to give unsolicited advice. I hold you accountable if you invite me to hold you accountable or if the accountability is related to your position in the church. Please give me the same consideration and understand that I have a support system outside of New Disciples where I seek spiritual counsel for myself.

I listen all day. I listen all day. I listen all day. Sometimes I need a break from listening.

It is not my job to clean up your messes. If you see a mess and can pick it up, please go ahead; we all share the responsibility for the care of the church.

When you invite me out for a social event, I count part of that time as my "work hours." My family, even if they are with us, does too!

I get to set my boundaries. They are mine to keep. If I want to loosen or tighten them sometimes, that is my choice.

I have been in the middle of cooking dinner to take your call. Sometimes the food doesn't survive. My husband would say, most of the time it doesn't survive.

I love you. I wouldn't have been your pastor if I didn't. I couldn't stand in front of you and preach without love for you. I may be quirky and at times socially awkward, which comes naturally with the pastoral lifestyle. But regardless of my weaknesses or strengths, I want to share God's love with you!



# Children & Youth Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

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## Announcing: Children & Youth Ministry 2018-2019 - Opportunities to Serve!

You are invited to participate...

and change lives...

including your own!

This school year we will be offering five different opportunities with New Disciples Kids and Young Disciples and we need your help!



The opportunities include:

**New Disciples Kids** - once a month VBS like gathering for preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

**Young Disciples** - Boys Ministry - once a month faith, fun, and learning event for boys in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Young Disciples** - Girls Ministry - once a month creative activity with a service component and empowering stories from the Bible for girls in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**All Church Kid-Friendly, Service Projects and Learning Experiences**

**Puppet Ministry Team** - create puppets and then share a Bible story skit. Limit to 8 youth.

### *And we need adult volunteers to help in the following ways:*

- ✦ Kevin Livengood will be leading the Boys Ministry and he is looking for three additional adults to help him.
- ✦ Dianna Bremer will be leading the Girls Ministry. She is looking for one more adult to help her team.
- ✦ Our children's ministry for preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders is in need of a leadership team. If you are interested, contact the church office.
- ✦ Sydnee Phillips is leading the Puppet Ministry Team and is looking for at least 1 additional adult volunteer to help her with this new ministry.
- ✦ We are asking for two volunteers to coordinate the monthly service project. If interested, contact Lisa Phillips.

## Help Needed: Sunday Sermon Recording

As our pastor prepares to temporarily step away from full-time ministry, we need someone to step-up and volunteer to record Sunday sermons and post them on the church website.

The process is relatively simple. The church cell phone or a personal cell phone can be used to record the sermon. Then it is uploaded to the cloud, then downloaded through the web design program.

If interested in learning how, please let the office know.





## When Words Fade, Music Speaks

Christian Church of the Upper Midwest Fall Women's Retreat  
September 28-30, 2018

Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, MN

Keynote Speaker: Mary Lenard, Giving Voice Chorus

Chaplain: Rev. Tammy Rottschaefter, Lake Harriett Christian Church

Music connects us in so many ways—to our history, our memories, our loved ones, to each other. Join us as we make a joyful noise—break forth into joyous song and sign praises.

Invite a friend! Scholarships available.

Interested in helping? Have a gift to share?

Contact Retreat Coordinators: Anna Bliss and Terri Jones

You may register on line at <https://docgeneralassembly.webconnex.com/2018FallWomensRetreat>.



A big **thank you** for the generosity of both the congregation and the Curves members who donated so much to support the Hoover School Classrooms. Your giving far exceeded expectations and the teachers were thrilled!! Thank you again.



*Heidi Haney and Vicki Ehrenberger*



**WOW!! Will you look at that....**



## Coming Home To Freedom Check-In

Our Goal: \$300,000

Current Pledge Total: \$323,773.80 OUTSTANDING!

July Total Received: \$1532.00 Thank you!

Honored Pledges: \$1532.00

**Total-to-date: \$57,532.92**

If you pledged to give **Monthly** or **Weekly** please remember to do so.

Annual Pledges may be given any time before January 1, 2019. Thank you again!





# September Service Opportunities

Service	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Kevin Livengood	Lynn Hills	Scott Niskanen	Dan Mineck	Kyle Taylor
Welcoming Greeter (Side Door)	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans
Children's Sermon					
Worship Leader	Kay Galvin	Ricardo Larios	Candi Snider	Betty Graham	Phil Goodall
Pulpit Elder	Jonathan Williams	Kevin Livengood	Lynn Hills	Scott Niskanen	Dan Mineck
Serving Deacons	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss & Ricardo Larios	Dan Dice, Debby Krivanek, Heidi Haney & David Krivanek	Kim Stallman, Betty Graham, Ron Bremer & Dianna Bremer	Rick Sutphin, Don Phillips, & Stephanie McGaffee	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss & Ricardo Larios
Communion Prep	Jean Goodall	Vicki Ehrenberger	Shirley Sedore	Betty Graham	Lynn Moss
Worship Tech	Dan Dice, Tai-lee Wilcox	Dan Dice, Tai-lee Wilcox	Dan Dice, Tai-lee Wilcox	Dan Dice, Tai-lee Wilcox	Dan Dice, Tai-lee Wilcox
Tabulators	Heidi Haney, Scott Fine	Sydnee Phillips, Glenda Denning	Sharon Gladwin	Kim Stallman, Don Phillips	Heidi Haney, Glenda Denning
Coffee Fellowship					
Worship Themes 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	You - The Temple God's "Yes", Our "Amen"	Gifts I Leave You			
"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 Bremer, Dianna Bremer need one more!



NEW DISCIPLES OF CEDAR RAPIDS  
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**Staff:**

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



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



New Address, Email Address or  
Phone Number?

Contact the Church office to  
update your information.



The office will be closed on  
Monday September 3rd

**SEPTEMBER "TO DO" LIST**

COLLECT AND DRY HERBS

slow-roast tomatoes

enjoy spicy apple ciders

look for first signs of Fall

put away  
portable fans

cut down on  
sugar and fat

organize your summer photos

clean mattresses and carpets

celebrate autumn equinox

BAKE A PIE ... OR TWO ... OR THREE

[www.USHumor.com](http://www.USHumor.com)

Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support  
Group is held the first Thursday of every  
month at 7:00 PM at Curves on  
Edgewood Rd. SW. The next  
meeting is September 6.

If you have either of these  
concerns, or you wish to learn  
more, please join us!

