



New Disciple News



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Sunday Worship Service:

9:30 AM

11:30 AM - Multilingual
Service

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

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New Disciples Friends,

As I write this, it's not yet January, but it is. Space and time have a different sort of meaning as pastor. We are always preparing for the next movement of the liturgical calendar. Jesus hasn't even been born yet (metaphorically, of course) and I am already dreaming of Lent, Good Friday, and Easter Sunrise services.

Today, though, I come to you much like the angel in the Christmas story, I bring you good tidings of great joy! Actually though, just before I sat down to write this, I finally (ask Pam Gibbs what good news this is), received a call from a property manager in Cedar Rapids, notifying me of approval for my apartment. So, that's my Christmas miracle, and perhaps yours!!! I won't be asking anyone to stay in their spare room come January 12th.

It is my deepest wish that you all have enjoyed your first holiday season in your new space. I enjoyed witnessing the first Sunday via Facebook Live. Tears of joy flowed even in Winston Salem. God has truly manifested God's-self amidst all of God's beloved community. It was so wonderful to see your faces, even though I couldn't be with you in body, I was with you in spirit. Technology can be annoying and a hindrance to relationship. However, it is beautiful when technology can bring the church together. I hope we can continue to explore how we might continue to use technology to do the work of the church in the coming years.

By the time you read these words, we will have just days until we worship together. I will continue to pray for you. Will you continue to pray for me, my first sermon, the miles I will drive to be with you in body, mind, heart, and spirit? We have so much to learn from one another, I know I don't have all the answers. But, I promise to learn from them, listen to God and the Holy Spirit and to allow you all to guide me along the way. I think we can do anything and hear anything from one another as long as it comes from a place of love. Know that in the first few days and weeks I will be adjusting to a new city, church, home. But, that my door is always open.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Peace and continued abundance,

Rev. Monica L. Banks





New Disciples Family: We Pray for...
 Pat, Suzie, Cindy, Shawn, Tai-lee, Nancy, Stephanie,
 Ricardo, Tim, Janelle, Darlene, Sharon, Annie,
 Glenda

Friends of New Disciples: We pray for...
 family members, Kristen, Quentin, Bethel, Mia

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

- * healing for loved ones who are ill at home or here at church.
- * safe travels during this busy season.
- * strength and courage for New Disciples in the challenging days ahead.
- * communication and patience in acclimating to our new space.

Other: We pray for...

- * renters for our office space.

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

- * Bob and family at the passing of his mother at the age of 102.
- * the friends and family of Gene Hootman, part of the Cedar Congregation in years past.
- * Shawn at the passing of her client, Nancy Spencer.
- * friends and family of Harlan Grier, friend of Jerry.

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

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

Missionaries/Community Workers:

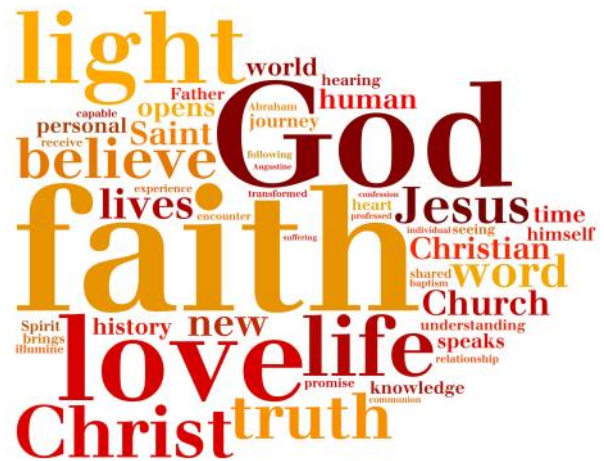
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) regional staff
 Alain Imani Habinamwiso & Tantine Kapila
 Robert S. King - Mission of Hope New Disciples Staff
 Daniel Reed - Hope Builders

Military Personnel:

Daniel Ruhd - Lynette Lubbock's grandson - N. Carolina
 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 - in US
 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

Please pray for all churches in the Upper Midwest Region.

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[HTTPS://DISCIPLESOFCHRIST.TYPEFORM.COM/TO/XTR8T L](https://disciplesofchrist.typeform.com/to/xtr8tL)

THREE ADVANCE REHEARSALS ACROSS THE REGION
 SO YOU CAN COME! TENTATIVE DATES:
 JAN. 12, MARCH 9, MAY 4





TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We need your input and ideas.... but most of all, we need you! During the first two weeks of January there will be an insert in the bulletin regarding several upcoming programs.

We need to know what you think:

- * Sunday School - would you attend? What are some topics you would be interested in?
- * Disciple Groups - Ideas on subject/book are appreciated. Would you attend one? Would you be interested in leading one?
- * Children's Ministries - Would you care to help? Ideas for programming?

Please take the time to fill out our survey. If you need a copy or wish to give the office your answers, please email us at office@newdisciples.org or call the office at 319-363-2089.

New Disciples follows the Cedar Rapids School District regarding office closings due to snow/ice/Iowa Winter.

If there are weather cancellations, they will be posted on our church website: www.newdisciples.org.



Come as you are —
our founder often wore sandals.



Worship Committee

Important **Worship Team Meeting** Sunday, January 20 after the 9:30 AM Service. All team members are asked to attend.

Questions?
Contact Pam Gibbs.



If you are interested in sharing Special Music during worship on Sunday, please contact Janelle Lauer. She will be happy to talk with you!!!

Upper Midwest Logo Contest



Logo Design Contest

Are you a graphic designer? Do you have any creative design skills? The Christian Church in the Upper Midwest is in need of a new logo and wants your ideas. We are searching for a design that clearly identifies our region, our connection with the Disciples of Christ, and is representative of the breadth of churches that we support.

This region includes Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. We will be accepting submissions through January 31. The winning submission will earn a cash prize of \$100! Submissions should be sent to: office@uppermidwestcc.org.



Reverend Monica L. Banks was raised by Baptist grandparents from the age of ten. She was baptized at the age of 12 and grew up attending youth group at First Baptist Church in Fremont, Nebraska. Rev. Banks was also active in church camp and statewide youth events.

Ms. Banks is a first generation college graduate. She attended business school and pursued a B.S. in Business Leadership and Management. She graduated from College of Saint Mary in Omaha, Nebraska in 2002. Ms. Banks spent much of her early career in the hospitality industry, was a corporate trainer and general manager at chef-owned and farm to table restaurants.

In 2012, Ms. Banks followed her calling to ministry and began the discernment process. She began her theological education at Wake Forest School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 2014. During her time at Wake Forest, she traveled on pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine, Tucson/Nogales, and the Patagonia Region of the Southwest working with migrant farmers. In 2017, Rev. Banks was nominated and received the Re:Generate fellowship for young ministers working in ecology and food insecurity. Reverend Banks continued to have a gospel centered focus of Table/Hospitality, Eucharistic praxis (practice), and focus toward ultimate kinship.



Reverend Banks is the founding Co-Executive Director of New Communion, an interfaith nonprofit focused on Asset Based Community Development and food justice. She is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the North Carolina Commission on Ministry. Reverend Banks has completed a Chaplain Residency at Moses H. Cone Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina. She currently serves as Second Year Chaplain Resident to Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Intermediate Unit, and Pediatric Emergency Department.

“The experience of the Eucharist outside the walls of the church allows us to truly experience the gospel.”



Welcome to Our New Pastor

Pastor Monica will preach her first Sunday with us on January 13th. Please be here to greet her!

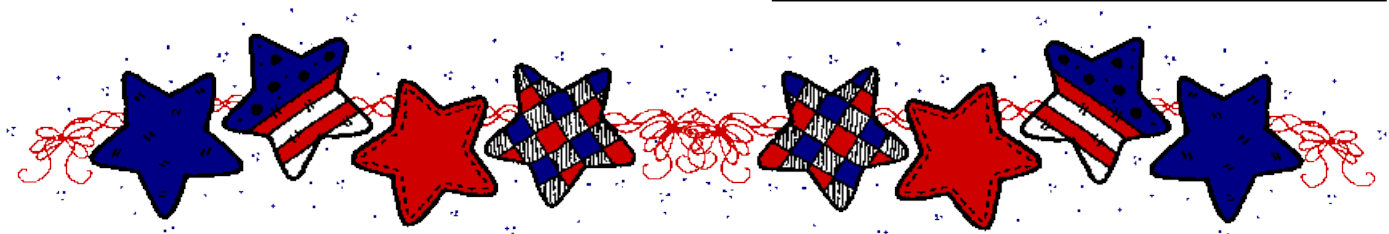
An Open House to welcome her is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Stay tuned for more information!



Grace Francois has been faithfully coming to New Disciples Kids since she was in kindergarten; Daniel and Eli Tchizige invited her and Megan and Nicholas Kavanaugh gave her rides. She is now a 5th grader and completed the pastor's class this summer. She loves coming to church and loves learning about Jesus. She is a great soccer player, currently playing in a competitive elementary school league. She is Congolese, but born in a refugee camp in Tanzania. She came here as a baby when she was just a little bit over a year old.

On October 31st, 2018 she made her oath of citizenship and became a U.S. Citizen.

Congrats! from your church family.





January Service Opportunities

Service	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27	February 3
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Lisa Phillips	Jonathan Williams	Scott Niskanen	Kyle Taylor	Nancy Wise
Children's Sermon					
Worship Leader	Candi Snider	Betty Graham	Phil Goodall	Betty Graham	Heidi Haney
Pulpit Elder	Lynn Hills	Lisa Phillips	Jonathan Williams	Scott Niskanen	Kyle Taylor
Serving Deacons	Kim Stallman, Betty Graham, Ron Bremer & Dianna Bremer	Rick Sutphin, Don Phillips, & Stephanie McGaffee	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss & Ricardo Larios	Dan Dice, Debby Krivanek, Heidi Haney & David Krivanek	Kim Stallman, Betty Graham, Ron Bremer & Dianna Bremer
Communion Prep	Betty Graham	Lynn Moss	Jean Goodall	Vicki Ehrenberger	Shirley Sedore
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	Lisa Phillips, Sharon Gladwin	Lynn Moss, Don Phillips	Sydnee Phillips, Kim Stallman	Heidi Haney, Glenda Denning	Lisa Phillips, Sharon Gladwin
Coffee Fellowship					



NEW DISCIPLES OF CEDAR RAPIDS
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Staff:

Pastor: Pastor Monica Banks
Pastor: Alain Habinamwisho
Music Director: Janelle Lauer
Office Administrator: Ellen Johnson
Nursery: Candi Snider
Nanga Kirimbe



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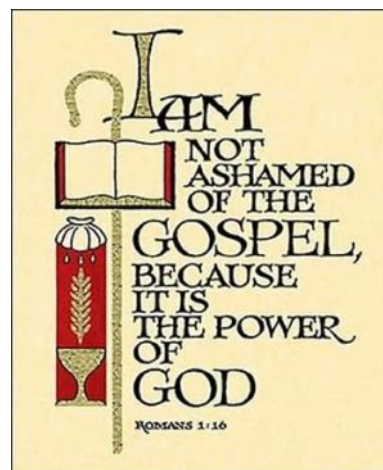
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**New Address, Email Address or
Phone Number?**

Contact the Church office to
update your information.



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 January 3. If you have either of these concerns, or you wish to learn more, please join us!

