



New Disciple News



New Disciples Friends,

Can you believe it's October???. It's hard to believe that we have been journeying together for a year or so now. I preached my first sermon here, at Teahen, the last week of September. I was just beginning to know some of you. Now, as I reflected on one Sunday (Lost Sheep/Lost Coin Luke 15), if one of you are missing, we are not whole.

As we move forward, we are still in what is referred to (liturgically) as "ordinary time." But, there is nothing ordinary about what is happening in the life of this church. Volunteers are transforming the office and resurrecting copiers. Elders are providing pastoral care to those in the physical or spiritual need. We will soon host our first fall festival. "Room at the Table" our Dinner Church service is launching. We have buried the youngest and tiniest among us and the oldest members, shedding tears of grief and hopeful celebration of homegoing.

I read this quote by Barbara Brown Taylor this morning, and wow does it not seem to fit, "Day by day we are given not what we want but what we need. Sometimes it is a feast and sometimes...swept crumbs, but by faith we believe it is enough." God seems to be doing some amazing things with what we have. Some days, it's the tiniest of offerings like a \$5.00 gift card right before someone shows up to my office needing a meal. Other days, I am in awe of the showers of abundance. But, God is among us if we can only listen.

Blessings,

Pastor Monica





New Disciples Family: We Pray for...
 Lisa, Janelle, Pam, Diane, Norma, Tim, Robby,
 Skip, Ricardo, Loy, Scott, Ellery, June, Shawn,
 Allan, Lorene, Glenda, Jojo, Savanna, John, Alyx,
 Imani and Tantine, Theodore and Annie.

Friends of New Disciples: We pray for...
 Craig, Andrew & family, Kimmerly, Kathy, Lee, Deb,
 Ellen, Caitlin.

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.

Grief: We ask for comfort and strength for ...
 ♦ the friends and family of
 ♦ LaVerne Abernathy
 ♦ Baby Praise
 ♦ Evelyn Banks
 ♦ Jarris Wilson

Military Personnel:
 Daniel Ruhd - Lynette Lubbock's grandson..... NC
 Kyle Stallman - Kim Stallman's son WA
 Tyler Edler - Nancy Wise's nephew.....US
 Eli Walters - Helen Christopherson's g-g-son in law..... GA
 Austin Christophersen - Helen's grandson ...San Diego, CA
 Kaylee Graves - Garland Waddilove's granddaughterCA
 Aaron Thomas Krouse - Aaron Krouse's nephewUS
 Iowa National Guard members

Upper Midwest Region Prayers
 First Christian Church, Clarinda, IA
 First Christian Church, Spencer, IA
 United Baptist-Christian Church, Duluth, MN
 Howard Street Christian Church, Colfax, IA
 Lacona Christian Church, Lacona, IA
 First Christian Church, Sioux Falls, SD
 Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, IA
 Runnells Christian Church, Runnells, IA

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

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

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.

All Saints Memorial Service

November 3 is All Saints Sunday and during worship, New Disciples will honor members and other loved ones who have died in the last year. Family members are invited to attend.

We ask that contributors contact the church office through email at office@newdisciples.org or call at 319-363-2089.

Please let us know your name and your contact information and the name of your loved one. The church office will then be in touch for more information.

Please contact us by Wednesday, October 30.





Pastors at 11:30 Service



Imani Habinamwiso, pastor of the 11:30 AM multilingual worship service, has the opportunity to study in Indianapolis. Over the next three months, he will spend two weeks in Iowa, then two weeks in Indiana.

While Imani is away, Mwana-Mubake, Associate Pastor, is serving the congregation.

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 19, from 3:30 to 6:30 PM, New Disciples will host its first ever fall festival, as an outreach to the local community.



Our festival will include food, games, and contests. It will also include a trunk or treat, which involves decorating the open trunks of cars parked around our parking lot, handing out candy to visiting children.

If anyone is interested in participating in the trunk or treat, donating their time selling food, manning games, or helping to clean up, or just donate funds to the festival, please contact Sydnee Phillips.

Dinner Church Launching

New Disciples is preparing to launch a Sunday evening dinner worship service called Room at the Table. The first service was held Sept. 22 from 6-8 PM. A potluck meal was shared, but in addition, all participants were involved in the preparations of setting the table and cleaning up the worship space at the end of the meal.

Three conversation questions were provided for table talk and then sharing among the whole group. Scripture was read and ideas and insights were shared.

One more meal is set for Sept. 29, 6 - 8 PM.

Dates for October are still being decided, so watch the bulletin and the website.



Prayer Group

Those in need of prayer, those who wish to pray among others, those who wish to give thanks, those who are in pain, those who are seeking... all are welcome to participate in Prayer Group. Meet at New Disciples on Mondays at 6:00 PM to pray.

For more information, contact Kevin Livengood.





Friends,

As you have heard, I feel called to participate in the Poor People's Campaign. In speaking with many of you, both the understanding of the movement and my reasons for representing our congregation specifically aren't fully understood. While I do have some additional reasons for personally joining with Rev. Drs. Barber and Theoharris in this new/old movement, I will attempt to give you some context with why it makes sense in my role as your pastor.

First, for many of you it is the first time you are hearing of the Poor People's Campaign. Some of you, as I did, may think of this movement as something new. Actually, the movement was founded in 1968 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Dr. King saw that poverty was not just another issue and that poor people were not a special interest group. Throughout his many speeches in the last year of his life, he described the unjust economic conditions facing millions people worldwide. He held up the potential of the poor to come together to transform the whole of society. He knew that for the load of poverty to be lifted, the thinking and behavior of a critical mass of the American people would have to be changed."

You can read about the history of the movement by visiting poorpeoplescampaign.org.

What I would really like to address is the current context of how I feel called to work alongside and within this movement. I want to say emphatically that the campaign is nonpartisan. As you all know, I moved to Iowa from North Carolina and poverty has been a thread throughout my own life and my ministry. Part of what drew me to this congregation was its care for the refugee community and its mission statement.

The statistics on poverty right here in our home state are startling. 35% of Iowans are poor or low-income—a total of 1.1 million residents. 23.9% of census tracts in Iowa are at-risk for being unable to afford water. As a clergy person, I feel that Jesus calls me to publicly advocate for the poor and disenfranchised members of our community. Engaging with Feed Iowa First, SafePlace, and Poor People's Campaign allows me to do just that.

The national campaign as part of M.O.R.E. tour will be in Des Moines in January. Specific dates have not been finalized yet. But, if you would like more information, feel free to join the campaign for updates or make an appointment to talk with me one on one.

Peace and shared abundance,

Pastor Monica



Thank you for the snack donations for the showing of the movie Poverty, Inc., shown at First Christian Church, Coralville and co-hosted by New Disciples.



Our Journey Together

Dear Upper Midwest Disciples of Christ:

Greetings to all!

I once described the Bible as a travel journal—a travel journal of individuals, families, and tribes, describing for us their experience as people who travel on a long, long journey:

- a journey of people traveling toward a destination that is never quite reached;
- a journey of people seeking to return to that from which we have come;
- a journey we never completely understand or appreciate—and yet still the things we experience along the way are the very purpose of the journey.

In many ways the Bible is still the journal of the journey we travel—the journal of LOVE.

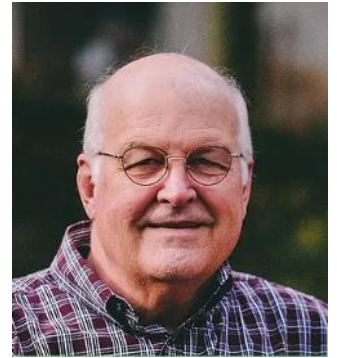
As a regional church we are on a journey through a time of transition.

Regional minister leadership transition has not happened here for many years, and that is a good thing. But lack of familiarity may cause some anxiety: Will anyone be interested in the position? Are other regions searching for a new regional minister? When will the search for our next regional minister end? Who is the next regional minister going to be?

Some of your questions can be answered...some cannot. At least, now. But keep asking questions. More importantly, when you are invited to a meeting to share your hopes and dreams about future regional ministry in the Upper Midwest Christian Church, please make every effort to attend.

And remember. Traveling together makes the journey more enjoyable. Especially when we travel in faith and with love.

Peace, John



Rev. John Richardson,
Interim Regional Minister
and President

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!!!

What? Please join a group from Marion Christian as we build homes in Guatemala.

Why? Interested in serving others? Want to be a part of something enriching spiritually, socially, and emotionally?

Where? Rural mountains of Guatemala near Antigua.

When? Departing February 22, 2020 Returning March 2, 2020

Who? Anyone. No construction experience required.
(Teens need to be accompanied by an adult)

How? For further details please contact:

- Cathy Fuller at Cathyfuller1@gmail.com 319-396-0415
- Patty Wise at pwise@ncsei.com 319-558-9482





Service Opportunities

Service	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27	November 3
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Kyle Taylor	Nancy Wise	Pam Gibbs	Kevin Livengood	Lisa Phillips
Communion Prep	Lynn Moss	Jean Goodall	Vicki Ehrenberger	Shirley Sedore	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
Worship Leader	Heidi Haney				
Children's Sermon					
Pulpit Elder	Scott Niskanen	Kyle Taylor	Nancy Wise	Pam Gibbs	Kevin Livengood
Serving Deacons	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss, Ricardo Larios	Dan Dice, Heidi Haney, Debby Krivanek, David Krivanek	Kim Stallman, Dean Hunter, Don Phillips, Melody Livengood	Rick Sutphin, Aaron Krouse, Theodore Bosenge	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss, Ricardo Larios
Tabulators	Heidi Haney, Don Phillips	Lynn Moss, Nancy Wise	Sydnee Phillips, Dean Hunter	Kim Stallman, Jonathan Williams	Heidi Haney, Melody Livengood
Coffee Fellowship					

Please alert Heidi Haney of any changes to the service schedule, as she maintains the bulletin and newsletter. She has a box on the office shelves.



New Disciples Kids! Join us every other Wednesday for children's worship. There will be no meals served this year; please eat before you join us. We are currently watching Christian movies and discussing the lessons we can learn from them.

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
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Staff:

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



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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



Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group is held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at Curves on Edgewood Rd. SW. If you have either of these concerns, or you wish to learn more, please join us!

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Sunday, October 19
3:30 - 6:30 PM

FOOD! GAMES!
CONTESTS!

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Sign up in the sanctuary
for volunteers & donations!



*Trunk
or Treat*



All Saints' Sunday

Join us on November 3.
Accepting honoree
submissions through
October 30.

See page 2 for more
information.