



New Disciple News



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Sunday Worship Service:

9:30 AM at 3100 F Ave NW

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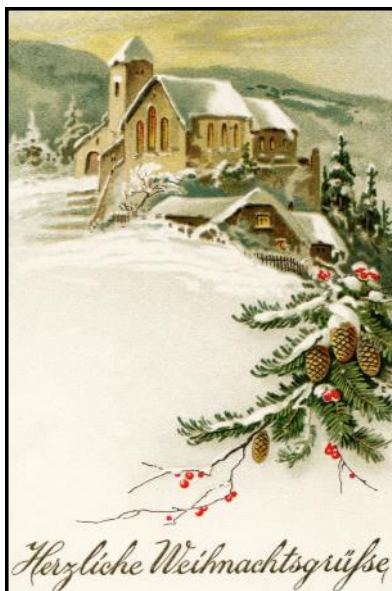
Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

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New Disciples Friends,

I can't believe it's December already. I am amidst all the transitions that come with relocation, tying up loose ends with New Communion, and saying my goodbyes to friends that have become family.

We have mere weeks until we worship together on January 13th. I am eager to begin this journey with all of you. Some of you may know that Pam Gibbs is preaching the week before my arrival and we have decided, amidst all the transitions, that a sermon series on hospitality is as good of a place to start as any. As I think about hospitality, I am drawn to the text from Luke 14:15-24 entitled "The Great Banquet." Between now and the time we meet again, I invite you to consider all the tables you will sit at over the holidays, have sat at throughout your lives and how/if you have ever felt excluded from a "banquet table."

I will miss celebrating the liturgical season of Advent with you. As, I find Advent to be one of new hope and reconciliation. I also hold the awareness that the holidays are not always bright and full of joy for many of us. One of the services that I have been mindful of and many have felt meaningful in our community is the "Blue Christmas" service held on the "longest night" or during the Winter Solstice. On this day, some churches hold a service that honors people who have lost loved ones in that year. There is an interesting convergence for this day as it is also the traditional feast day for Saint Thomas the Apostle. This linkage invites making some connections between Thomas's struggle to believe the tale of Jesus' resurrection, the long nights just before Christmas, and the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss.

I know that you all will continue the work of caring for one another during this season. Know that I pray for New Disciples and for guidance during this transition. I am certain that the Spirit will continue to provide the guidance we need to learn with one another and vision for a future together.

Peace and holiday blessings,

Rev. Monica L. Banks

Have faith in your heart,
Because God is there with you,
Let the candle of hope burn through,
Because the blessings of Lord are with you,
Stay blessed on this holy day,
Merry Christmas!





New Disciples Family: We Pray for...

Janelle, Stephanie, Tai-lee, Melody, Darlene, Sharon, Glenda, Annie, Suzie, Ken

Friends of New Disciples: We pray for...

Tommy, Kristen, Debbie, Kim

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

- ❖ safe travels during this busy season.
- ❖ strength and courage for New Disciples in the challenging days ahead.
- ❖ communication and patience in readying our new space for occupancy.

Other: We pray for...

- ❖ God to use holiday gatherings to heal family rifts.
- ❖ renters of our office space. Pray for a group that is aligned with New Disciples' missions.
- ❖ those affected by the California wildfires.
- ❖ those concerned about increased violence these days. Pray for better solutions. Pray for those who experience and confront violence.

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

- ❖ friends and family of Roger Kinneson, Dan Dice's co-worker.
- ❖ the friends and family of Dave Wheatley especially wife Joyce.
- ❖ the friends and family of Tai-lee's co-worker who committed suicide. Special prayers for his girlfriend.
- ❖ the family of John Ashmore (including the Livengoods)
- ❖ those missing loved ones during the holiday season, including Becky's friend Tim, a recent widower.
- ❖ Nancy's friend Kim, whose brother committed suicide at age 52 after serving in Afghanistan.

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

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

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
Nikotemo Sopepa – Fiji Eleazar Fernandez – Philippines
Mary Kathryn Ball – Ecuador Phyllis Byrd – Kenya
Larry and Deborah Colvin – Ghana

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

First Christian Church, Sac City, IA
St. Charles Parish, St. Charles, IA
First Christian Church, Corydon, IA
Luther Christian Church, Luther, IA
Broadway Christian Church, Council Bluffs, IA
First Christian Church of St. Paul, Mahtomedi, MN
First Christian Church, Creston, IA
Christian Church Disciples, Rock Rapids, IA
United Protestant Church, Silver Bay, MN
Cleghorn Christian Church, Cleghorn, IA

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





*And so it begins....
Thanks to all who
help!*





December Service Opportunities

Service	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Dan Mineck	Kyle Taylor	Nancy Wise	Pam Gibbs	Kevin Livengood
Welcoming Greeter (Side Door)	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans	Martin Evans
Children's Sermon					
Worship Leader	Kay Galvin	Candi Snider	Lynn Moss	Phil Goodall	Betty Graham
Pulpit Elder	Scott Niskanen	Dan Mineck	Kyle Taylor	Nancy Wise	Pam Gibbs
Serving Deacons	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	Dan Dice, Debby Krivanek, Heidi Haney & David Krivanek
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	Heidi Haney, Glenda Denning	Lisa Phillips, Sharon Gladwin	Lynn Moss, Don Phillips	Sydnee Phillips, Kim Stallman	Heidi Haney, Glenda Denning
Coffee Fellowship					
"Temple Movers" Set Up / Tear Down	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 Gershon - Glenn Healy: need more!	Team Kohath - Phil Goodall; Shirley Sedore, Scott Niskanen - need one more!



NEW DISCIPLES OF CEDAR RAPIDS
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Staff:

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



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

Contact the Church office to
update your information.



7:00 PM

Monday, December 24.

Location to be
announced.

Check the website.



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 December 6. If you
have either of these concerns, or
you wish to learn more, please join us!

