



New Disciple News



Friends,

Can you believe that it's July already? Time has just flown by as we have been doing the work of church together. We have experienced our first Lenten Season, our first Holy Week, our first Easter...so many firsts. I am grateful for all of you.

As I write this, I have just returned from representing all of you, Cedar Rapids and Iowa, with the Poor People's Campaign at the Moral Congress in Washington D.C. I learned a great deal about what it means to be a faith leader and a public witness for those we are called to serve. I also learned government processes and how to organize a base. I think that might have something to do with evangelism and the Good News! For those of you that are interested, Rev. Dr. William Barber will be preaching at the closing worship of General Assembly. He is a powerful and prophetic speaker. It is rare to have him this close, I would challenge you to take a half day to journey to Des Moines, it will be worth your time.

June 23rd was a beautiful service of visioning with our regional minister, Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning. He led us in a World Cafe Model service where about 40 of our congregation discussed what we loved about New Disciples, what we imagined for our future, and more difficult questions. Please, take time to continue the dialogue. This is an important time for our church and how we journey with each other into the future.

Being mindful of the visioning that we are involved in as a whole church, as small groups in our book studies (We Will Feast and Altar in the World), and as individuals, I have been meditating on the scripture of Jeremiah 29:11. It is written: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." What plans does the Lord have for us? I know that I have so much hope in our future.

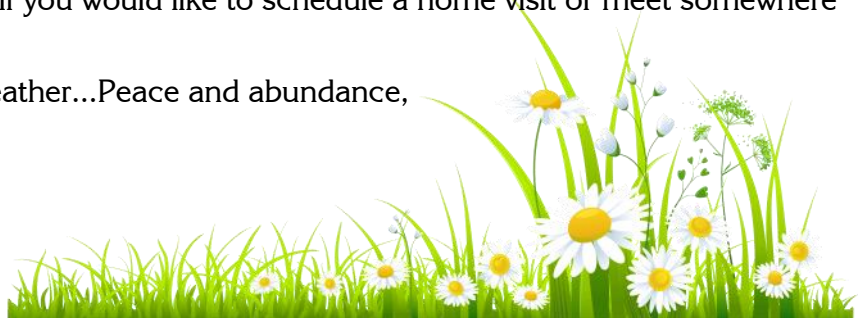
Speaking of hope...have you stopped by the new table near the Worship Center? Take time to check it out. And, last week, we had 13 kids at Youth Group!!! I want to give a shout out to the Phillips family for all their hard work and evangelism regarding our youth program. Without them, this wouldn't be possible. We have bios and photos of some of the kids at the Disciples Kidz Corner. We would love for you to get to know them, as many of them aren't here on Sundays. But, they are part of this congregation and the life of our church. Thank you for supporting them!!!

It looks like we will have three kids going to camp this year. If we have missed anyone, please call the office and let Ellen know. We need to call the conference center as soon as possible to get them registered. Camp is a life changing experience for many and for me, it impacted my faith deeply. I formed lifelong friendships and a commitment to justice and the spirit of Christ.

Please remember, I am here for you and willing to meet you for pastoral care outside of regular/normal daytime hours. Contact Ellen at the office if you would like to schedule a home visit or meet somewhere for coffee/dessert.

I hope you enjoy this beautiful summer weather...Peace and abundance,
Pastor Monica

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Here's a poem I love by Mary Oliver.

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?



Potluck Worship Sunday, July 7

Bring your favorite breakfast or lunch dish and we'll fellowship with each other over brunch as we worship God.

Music Sunday is coming on July 28.
Join us and sing to the Lord!



We are looking for new backpack donations for **"Fix for our Future"** a back-to-school event sponsored by Fix Salon. We need new, empty backpacks. Underprivileged kids all over Cedar Rapids will benefit. Drop donations off in the office before August 1. Questions? Contact Pastor Monica.



New Disciples Family: We Pray for...
 Norma, Jeannette, Cindy, safe travels, Aubry, Pam, Tai-lee, June, Tim, Laureen, Elisa, Melody, Shawn, Ellery, Dick, Lorene, Denny, Connie, Ken, Roger, Glenda, Dan, Savanna, Deb, Helen, Donna, John, Annie.

Friends of New Disciples: We pray for...
 Mark, Bonnie, Greg, Marie, the Hanson family, RJ, Gayle, Wendy, .

New Disciples: We ask for our church family...
 ❖ that strife and division in our church is eliminated.

Other: We pray for...
 ❖ all 9/11 responders that are facing and dying from cancer for being at Ground Zero on 9/11.
 ❖ our new church sign.
 ❖ renters for our office space.

Grief: We ask for comfort and strength for ...
 ❖ friends and family of Lonnie Goodall, Dick and Phil Goodall's brother.

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 Habinamwisho & Tantine Kapila
 Robert S. King - Mission of Hope New Disciples Staff
 Daniel Reed - Hope Builders Marilyn Cooper, Ecuador
 Carmelo Alvarez, Venezuela Victoria Peagler, Botswana
 Fritz Gerald Joseph, Morocco

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
 Austin Christophersen - Helen's g-son - San Diego CA
 Kaylee Graves - Garland Waddilove's granddaughter - CA
 Aaron Thomas Krouse - Aaron Krouse's nephew - US
 Iowa National Guard members

Pray, we as a Christian community ...

- ❖ to keep Christ first in all we do.
- ❖ that God will build His House and have His way here.
- ❖ that God will keep, guard, and protect this work.
- ❖ we keep and protect those He's given to us, that we are one and not one will be lost
- ❖ that we worship God with all our strength, minds, hearts, and souls.

Upper Midwest Region Prayers
 Central Christian Church, Boone, IA
 First Christian Church, Eddyville, Eddyville, IA
 Waukee Christian Church, Waukee, IA
 Covenant Christian Church, Urbandale, IA
 First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, IA
 Central Christian Church, Waterloo, IA
 First Christian Church, Burlington, IA
 Braddyville Christian Church, Braddyville, IA

Come one, come all.

A Congregational Meeting to vote on the coming year's budget is scheduled for Sunday, July 7, right after service.
 Please plan to attend.





Camp Edition

summer Wish List



Sponsor a Camper

So many lives have been changed because of camp. We want every child to go to camp! Help us by sponsoring a child with a camp scholarship.

\$230 per camper



Trees by Wolf Lake

We enjoy the beauty of the lake under a new shade tree

\$100-\$250 per tree/plant



Life jackets

The lake is full and soon campers will be able to canoe in the lake! To keep campers safe everyone in the water must wear a life jacket. Used or new life jackets are needed in many sizes.

\$20 each new or used



Regulation Dodgeballs

Camp summer will be full of fun and games! With a new gym floor, we can play many dodgeball games!

\$20 per set (2 needed)



Basketball/Volleyball

Campers of all ages will enjoy basketball and volleyball indoors and outdoors this year with new sand volleyball court and indoor and outdoor basketball hoops!

\$20 each (15 needed)



Paddle Boards

Paddles boards are a new fun way to enjoy the water. With a little bit of balance, this water toy is a sure success for campers!

\$400 per paddle board



Volleyball Net

A new volleyball net for our indoor gym and volleyball court

\$50



Kayak

On Wolf Lake camp and family reunions will enjoy many new toys to create new memories!

\$250 per kayak



Water Fountain

In Bright Hall a new gym floor has been added. With all the activities that will happen, adding a water fountain to that building would be great!

\$2500 water fountain & install



Hammocks

We would like to create a Peace Park at camp. This area will include peace poles and a relaxing spot to hear and see God's Holy Ground

\$50-100 per hammock

For more info, contact Lori Kruse-Cayton at lkcumw@gmail.com



General Assembly is July 20-24 in Des Moines, Iowa

Imagine this:

Worship that lifts your soul.

Stories that touch your heart.

Educational resources to assist your congregation in ministry.

Conversations that stretch your mind.

Messages that call you to action.

Connections that remind you that God's family is bigger than a local congregation.

All this and more in five short days!



It's not too late to register for our denomination's General Assembly! Join Disciples from across the nation in worship, prayer, study, and conducting the business of the larger church.

Did you know you can register for one-day rather than the entire event?

Anyone can attend just for a single day (or two!) at the rate of \$50/day. This is a walk-in rate, so you cannot pre-register for the Day Rate. To utilize it, you'll head to the cashier registration stations at the sessions, educational workshops, exhibit hall, worship, local mission efforts, etc. Make plans today to be part of GA2019 in Des Moines this summer!

The Assembly schedule can be found here: ga.disciples.org/schedule/

To register go to: ga.disciples.org/registration/

Speak to Suzanne Stout for details.

Region Begins Search Process for Regional Minister and President

With the selection of an interim minister and a search committee, the search for a regional minister and president is well under way; however, we are a long ways off from interviewing candidates. Once the search committee has undergone their initial training and orientation, they will begin a process of listening throughout the region to gather a sense as to what kind of leadership the region needs in the years to come. All Disciples, throughout our entire region, are encouraged to join in this process. The more voices that are included in the identification of our needs and hopes, the more successful the work of the search committee will be.

Keep an eye out in upcoming editions of the regional newsletter to learn more about the steps and process for the search as well as the ways where you can share your voice to help inform their work. In the meantime, please keep the search committee in your prayers!

2019 All Congregational Gathering and Reception

After 20 years of service in ministry to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest, Bill Spangler-Dunning will be moving. Join us for a gathering of our congregations and an opportunity to express our gratitude for his service with us as Disciples Together.

Forte Banquet and Conference Center

615 3rd Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Come and Go Reception, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Formal Program at 4:30 PM.

This reception will take place during the 2019 General Assembly.





July Service Opportunities

Service	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	August 4
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Lisa Phillips	Jonathan Williams	Scott Niskanen	Kyle Taylor	Nancy Wise
Children's Sermon					
Worship Leader	Kay Galvin	Heidi Haney	Phil Goodall	Sydnee Phillips	Kay Galvin
Pulpit Elder	Kevin Livengood	Lisa Phillips	Jonathan Williams	Scott Niskanen	Kyle Taylor
Serving Deacons	Rick Sutphin, Don Phillips, Theodore Bosenge Aaron Krouse	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss, Ricardo Larios	Dan Dice, Ricardo Larios, Heidi Haney, Tim Wise	Kim Stallman, Dean Hunter	Rick Sutphin, Don Phillips, Theodore Bosenge Aaron Krouse
Communion Prep	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	Kim Stallman, Glenda Denning	Heidi Haney, Don Phillips	Lynn Moss, Nancy Wise	Sydnee Phillips, Dean Hunter	Kim Stallman, Jonathan Williams
Coffee Fellowship					

New Disciples Kids! Join us every other Wednesday for children's worship. **We are continuing through the summer!** 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
610 32nd AVE SW
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52404

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Monica L. Banks
Pastor: Alain Habinamwisho
Music Director: Janelle Lauer
Office Administrator: Ellen Johnson



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Visit our website: <http://www.newdisciples.org>

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



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



**SAVE
the
DATE**

**Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 7, right after service.
Plan on being there!**

**New Disciples
of Cedar Rapids**

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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

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