



New Disciple News



Friends,

Wow, can you believe it is August? School will be starting soon, fall will soon be upon us and we will have a new season of change. As much as we seem to fear change, I must say, New Disciples seems to embrace change and welcome the opportunities that change brings.

The prophet Isaiah writes, "See, I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43:19. We are doing and becoming what God has imagined us into being. We have partnered with people and organizations in the community and neighbors that we never have before. God is stretching our prophetic imaginations. Both of our book study groups are examining how our congregation can engage the work of the church in a hurting world. It is so incredible to sit at the table with renewed hope and vision.

As I write this, I have had 8 pastoral care visits and meetings this week and it's only Thursday. I will attend General Assembly this week. Pastor Imani will preach in my absence. What a full and exciting, yet unexpected week of ministry. God is indeed good!

There is anxiety in visioning and uncertain future. Jesus is our prayer partner and an ever present witness to the process. I am humbled every day at the privilege to serve this call as your pastor. I stumbled upon this quote by Richard Rohr the other day and thought it was appropriate for where we are in our journey together.

Please continue to reach out; let's grab coffee or tea!

Peace and shared abundance,

Pastor Monica

You cannot grow in the integrative dance of action and contemplation without a strong tolerance for ambiguity, an ability to allow, forgive, and contain a certain degree of anxiety, and a willingness to not know-and not even need to know. This ever widens and deepens your perspective. This is how you allow and encounter Mystery and move into the contemplative zone.

Richard Rohr

QuoteAddicts.com



Poor People's Campaign - After closing worship, where the Rev. Dr. William Barber preached a sermon calling us to the moral witness of our faith, I was privileged to represent Cedar Rapids and this congregation in my role on the Poor People's Campaign here in Iowa. PPC held a rally marching from Capitol Hill Lutheran Church to the State Capitol.

It was a moment for Christian witness and unity amongst an interfaith group that was diverse in nearly every way. Rev. Dr. Barber called us to action and stories were shared by those most impacted by poverty in the state of Iowa. In September, we will be partnering to host a film, "Poverty Inc." as a fundraiser for PPC here in Iowa.

I continue to be grateful for all of you and a denomination that believes in public witness.



New Disciples Family: We Pray for...
 Gabe, Norma, Tim, Robby, Skip, Laureen, Angel,
 Scott, Ellery, June, Shawn, Allan, Lorene, Glenda,
 Jojo, Savanna, Annie, and John.

Friends of New Disciples: We pray for...
 Dee, Greg, RJ, Kathy.

- 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 ...
- ◆ friends and family of Mark Becker, Lisa Phillips' cousin.
 - ◆ friends and family of Bonnie Stock, Don Phillips' aunt.

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

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 Jeffrey Mensendiek, Japan
 Ricardo Mayol, Guatemala Rosie McArdle, Pohnpei
 Violeta Rocha, El Salvador

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 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.

Upper Midwest Region Prayers
 Carlisle Christian Church, Carlisle, IA
 First Christian Church, Hedrick, IA
 First Christian Church, Cedar Falls, IA
 Humeston Christian UMC, Humeston, IA
 First Christian Church, Vinton, IA
 New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Trinity Christian Church, Bridgewater, IA
 The Ira United Church, Ira, IA
 First Christian Church, Osceola, IA
 United Christian-Presbyterian Church, Bedford, IA

The budget for the upcoming year was voted on and passed by the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 7,



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 MOVE YOUR FEET**





Teacher Supplies Drive

The congregation is again excited to help children be ready to learn in the new school year. We will have a kick-off on Sunday, August 4 and ask for donations to arrive by Sunday, August 18. We will deliver them to Hoover before school starts on Monday, August 26. Back-to-School ads have arrived, so if you see a great deal, here's how you can help.

Our project goal is to help supply the classrooms at Hoover Elementary. We asked where the teachers need extra help – where they might be spending their own pocket money for the benefit of their students. Teachers responded with six top items that are needed all year and that can get used up quickly. Any quantity of any item is appreciated.

- ☞ Facial tissues – Kleenex, Puffs, any brand
- ☞ Bleach wipes – Clorox or similar brands
- ☞ Boxes of crayons – any size, any brand
- ☞ Plastic pencil boxes – any size
- ☞ Glue sticks – any size
- ☞ Dry erase markers – black or colored are both welcome



For questions, see Heidi Haney or Vicki Ehrenberger

2019 Iowa State Fair Hymn Sing

The Christian Church in the Upper Midwest has been hosting the Iowa State Fair Hymn Sing since 2005. This has been an important daily Christian witness at the state fair for many decades.

Every day from 11:30 AM to Noon and 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM people gather at the First Church on the state fair grounds for an old fashioned hymn sing. The church is usually packed and people are actually hanging in the open windows and standing out around the church lifting their voices in praise.

We have the opportunity again this year to bless lives through this outreach mission. The 2019 Iowa State Fair takes place August 8 - 18. Volunteers are needed each day to greet people at the door, lead the singing, and play the piano. They also sweep the church, straighten up afterwards, and refill all the hymn book display holders. It takes a little over an hour of your time. We provide free admission tickets and a parking ticket for our volunteers so the only cost to you is your time. If you are willing to assist with this, please contact Joann Thomas, she will be doing the scheduling for our volunteers. You can contact her by email at revthomas77@gmail.com; by phone at First Christian Church, Spencer 712-262-2945; or by mail at First Christian Church, 701 East 18th, PO Box 1440, Spencer, IA 51301.



Dishes free to a good home. If you want a bit of nostalgia, Kathi Strand has some of the dishes used at First Christian Church. She is downsizing and would like to find them a new home. She has some plates and some cups. She can be reached at 319-364-0006.





The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)



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HUNGER	HEART	SPIRIT	BLESSED	INHERIT
THIRST	MEEK	PURE	POOR	HEAVEN



From Lisa Phillips....

Greetings fellow Disciples! I would like to share with you all what an amazing time I had at General Assembly last week. First, it was a completely new experience for me as I had not been to GA in the past. This was most definitely one of the greatest things that I've witnessed as a DOC. The people, the fellowship, the workshops, the worship; it was all phenomenal! Honestly, the worship services that we attended each evening were some of the most profound I've attended. The speakers were all wonderful and gave me new perspective on the scripture that we discussed all week, showing me how we truly must Abide.



Second, I was able to witness how our greater church works together to determine the direction that it feels each of our congregations should follow. Being a delegate gave me a chance to sit in on and vote for what was important to the church and to me personally. I feel truly honored that you all chose me to go as one of your delegates, it was a humbling experience and one that I would be willing and honored to fulfill again in the future. Again, Abide was with us during these voting sessions; God was there with us, directing us, IN us and we were IN him.

Third, the workshops that I attended were informative and I believe helped me to grow as a Christian. I certainly hope that we will all benefit from anything that I learned while there. Most prevalent in my mind is the workshop on my role as an Elder, I hope to be able to take the knowledge I gained in that 3 hour session and use it to improve myself as an Elder, one who is better able to recognize the needs of our church and help us to move forward together, Abiding in God.

Finally, there were so many people that I had a chance to interact with. Former church members, new friends, and camp counselors from when my children were young and even when I went to camp! Thank you for the opportunity to represent New Disciples at this gathering, it has nourished my soul, made me feel closer to God and I look forward to what we can achieve if we all work together Abiding in GOD!





August Service Opportunities

Service	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	September 1
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Nancy Wise	Pam Gibbs	Dick Goodall	Lisa Phillips	Jonathan Williams
Children's Sermon					
Worship Leader	Kay Galvin	Phil Goodall	Kevin Livengood	Tim Wise	Kay Galvin
Pulpit Elder	Kyle Taylor	Nancy Wise	Pam Gibbs	Dick Goodall	Lisa Phillips
Serving Deacons	Rick Sutphin, Theodore Bosenge, Aaron Krouse	Glenn Healy, Tim Wise, Lynn Moss, Ricardo Larios	Dan Dice, Debby Krivanek, Heidi Haney, David Krivanek	Kim Stallman, Dean Hunter, Melody Livengood, Don Phillips	Rick Sutphin, Theodore Bosenge, Aaron Krouse
Communion Prep	Shirley Sedore	Vicki Ehrenberger	Lynn Moss	Jean Goodall	Vicki Ehrenberger
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, Jonathan Williams	Heidi Haney, Melody Livengood	Lynn Moss, Glenda Denning	Sydnee Phillips, Don Phillips	Kim Stallman, Nancy Wise
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
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Pastor: Alain Habinamwisho
Music Director: Janelle Lauer
Office Administrator: Ellen Johnson



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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

Ellen will be on vacation from Monday, August 12 through Friday, August 16. Thanks to the office volunteers who are covering for me!



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!

Come One, Come All!! The Youth Group will be providing breakfast during the 9:30 AM service on Sunday, August 4! This is a fund raiser for them so a free will offering will be accepted. Join us!!



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