



New Disciple News



Friends,

I can't believe it's September already. I have enjoyed my time away, but I have also missed you dearly. I spent time with my kiddos, my dog JoJo, nature, and words. I spent time visiting old friends and listening to God and what God's plans were for the next steps. Mostly, I found, God just wanted to be with me, in whatever I was doing.

I found solace in scripture. I reread the book of Job, particularly Job 12:7-10 "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." What can we learn from this text? How does it apply to the church's property? How can we be good stewards, working with creation, listening to creation, partnering with the Creator?

Finally, I read some of my favorite authors and although I would love to share about ten bits of poetry and prose with y'all...I think this bit from Marilyn Nelson has stuck with me the longest. I hope you find a bit of creativity, sabbath, or nature to spark the divinity within you. See you soon!

Rev. Monica

"How I Discovered Poetry"

BY MARILYN NELSON

It was like soul-kissing, the way the words
filled my mouth as Mrs. Purdy read from her desk.
All the other kids zoned an hour ahead to 3:15,
but Mrs. Purdy and I wandered lonely as clouds borne
by a breeze off Mount Parnassus. She must have seen
the darkest eyes in the room brim: The next day
she gave me a poem she'd chosen especially for me
to read to the all except for me white class.
She smiled when she told me to read it, smiled harder,
said oh yes I could. She smiled harder and harder
until I stood and opened my mouth to banjo playing
darkies, pickaninnies, disses and dats. When I finished
my classmates stared at the floor. We walked silent
to the buses, awed by the power of words.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46559/how-i-discovered-poetry>



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

Friends of New Disciples: We pray for...
RJ, Kathy, Lee, Deb, Ellen.

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
♦ Laureen Stark.
♦ Russ Stock, Don Phillips' uncle.
♦ Bernice Root, Nancy Wise's aunt.
♦ david e hein, friend of Janelle Lauer.
♦ Dee Poffel, friend of Dick Goodall.

♦ Loss of beloved pets
Our Homebound: May God surround you with His love...
Lois Roger & Mary Steve Helen Ann Janetta
LaVerne 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

Military Personnel:
Daniel Ruhd - Lynette Lubbock's grandson - N. Carolina
Kyle Stallman - Kim Stallman's son - Washington State
Tyler Edler - Nancy Wise's nephew - 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
Noelridge Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA
Central Christian Church, Jefferson, IA
First Christian Church, Center Point, IA
United Christian/Baptist Church of Kalona, Kalona, IA
First Christian Church, Mason City, IA
Drake Avenue Christian Church, Centerville, IA
Stanhope Parish, Stanhope, IA
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Chariton, IA
Kellogg Christian Church, Kellogg, IA
St. Charles Parish, St. Charles, IA
First Christian Church, Winner, SD
First Christian Church, Keokuk, IA

Prayers answered

Thank you to Mark Fiala, who has repaired the church office copier!
This is quite a blessing.



Thanks to New Disciples from Hoover School

Dear New Disciples of CR congregation,
Thank you so much for thinking of our school & students for your school supply drive. We appreciate everything all of you continue to do to set our students up for success.

It will never get old watching the kids' faces light up after coming in on the first day to see supplies at their desks.

Many times our families have a lack of resources and/or transportation to get their kids school supplies, but it's awesome people like you that make that happen.

Thank you,
Hoover Staff ♥





The following letter was emailed to active New Disciples households on Monday, August 20.

New Disciples Family,

As many of you know, based on our budget meeting, our church finances are about \$18,000.00 short for the fiscal year. With that shortfall in mind, the board has been prayerfully considering how we might address this and continue to be the best fiscal stewards of our limited resources while we still minister to those in our midst and continue to worship as a congregation.

At our board meeting on Tuesday, August 12, after a lengthy discussion, it was motioned and voted on that the best solution, at least in the interim, would be to eliminate the administrator position of Ellen Johnson. This was a very difficult decision that will affect us all, particularly Ellen. Additionally, it was decided that Ellen would be given severance pay as both compensation and gratitude for her nearly five years of service to this congregation.

Pastor Monica and I met with Ellen on Monday morning to discuss this decision and to make certain that she knows how grateful we are for her service. She indicated that she understood the place we are at financially and hold no animosity. Indeed, if our financial situation shifts she would welcome a conversation from us. We will miss her tremendously.

This is an opportunity for volunteers to work in the church office, get to know the pastor and see how gifts of administration can really benefit our church at large. We need volunteers to open the office, help with the newsletter, compose the worship book, print worship sheets, call on home-bound members, answer phones and general hospitality items like making coffee and light cleaning. Please let us know your availability and interest.

Please know that we did not make this decision hastily, we did so prayerfully and with love. If you have any questions, our doors are open.

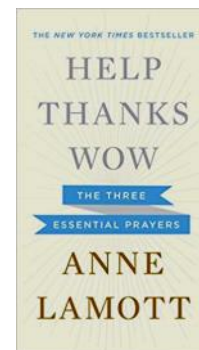
Regards, Glenn Healy

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 our new Prayer Group. Meet at New Disciples on Mondays at 6:00 PM to pray. For more information, contact Kevin Livengood.

(No meeting on Labor Day Evening)

A new book study will discuss Anne Lamott's "Help, Thanks, Wow" starting Thursday, September 12 at 1:00 PM at the church. The book is readily available at many bookstores and at the local libraries. This is a short book and the study is expected to last just four weeks.



Dinner Church Launching

After studying the book "We Will Feast", New Disciples is preparing to host worship and fellowship through dinner church at our building. It is called Come to the Table.

All are welcome.

September 22 at 6:00 pm

Come share in a potluck service, as we "soft launch" the dinner church service.

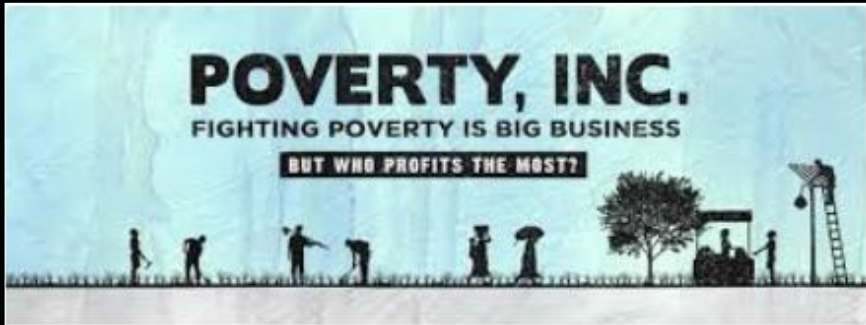
September 29 at 6:00 pm

Enjoy a soup supper. The dinner church participants will prep the meal together.



This worship service is in addition to our usual 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM services.





WHAT: Iowa Poor People’s Campaign Film Fundraiser featuring “Poverty, Inc.”

WHEN: Tuesday, September 10 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm

WHERE: First Christian Church (900 Lincolnshire Pl, Coralville)

Come support and learn about The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival—an intersectional, moral fusion, national movement organized by the poor, the marginalized, religious and moral leaders, and advocates. We are committed to a multi-year, long-term struggle and organizing drive to unite our country from the bottom up to challenge the interlocking injustices of: systemic racism, poverty and inequality, ecological devastation, militarism and the war economy, and the corrupt moral narrative of religious nationalism.

About the film: The West has positioned itself as the protagonist of development, giving rise to a vast multi-billion dollar poverty industry — the business of doing good has never been better. Yet the results have been mixed, in some cases even catastrophic, and leaders in the developing world are growing increasingly vocal in calling for change. Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, Poverty, Inc. unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore.



Light refreshments will be available for a nominal fee. A freewill offering will be received; a silent auction will be held. All funds raised will be used solely for legitimate, direct out-of-pocket expenses of the Iowa Poor People’s Campaign.

Contact Us:
iowa@poorpeoplescampaign.org
Facebook: @iowappc
Twitter: @UniteThePoorIA

New Disciples and First Christian Church, Coralville are co-hosts of the movie Poverty, Inc, shown at the Coralville location and also shown around Iowa at four other metro sites.

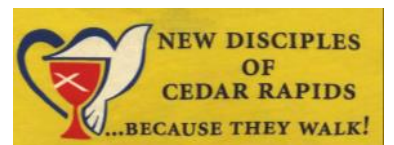
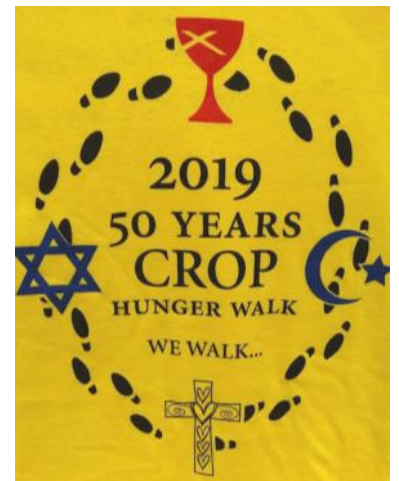
New Disciples members are asked to donate Rice Krispie treats and cases of soda pop to the church office by Monday, September 9.



CROP WALK THANKS!

Nancy Wise reports that the CROP Walk raised \$1915 this year through walker donations and t-shirt sales. In addition, \$250 was raised for the New Disciples Capital Campaign through the sale of New Disciples baseball caps.

Thanks to everyone who participated!





- ◆ For the many feet that walked the halls of the Convention Center and provided a clear and visual welcoming presence
- ◆ For the many voices that answered questions, sang in the choir, gave directions, and played with children
- ◆ For the many hands that served communion, wrote letters and cut and tied blankets, assisted with registration, and held babies
- ◆ For all those willing volunteers who said yes when they were shown the need,

Thank you



WE GIVE THANKS!



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 or Patty Wise at pwise@ncsei.com 319-558-9482.





Service Opportunities

Service	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Welcoming Deacon (Front Door)	Rick Sutphin	Glenn Healy	Dan Dice	Kim Stallman	Rick Sutphin
Welcoming Elder (Entry to Worship Space)	Jonathan Williams	Dan Mineck	Lynn Hills	Kevin Livengood	Scott Niskanen
Children's Sermon					
Worship Leader	Kay Galvin		Sydnee Phillips	Tim Wise	Heidi Haney
Pulpit Elder	Lisa Phillips	Jonathan Williams	Dan Mineck	Lynn Hills	Kevin Livengood
Serving Deacons	Rick Sutphin, Aaron Krouse, Theodore Bosenge	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
Communion Prep	Vicki Ehrenberger	Shirley Sedore	Vicki Ehrenberger	Lynn Moss	Jean Goodall
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, Nancy Wise	Heidi Haney, Dean Hunter	Lynn Moss, Jonathan Williams	Sydnee Phillips, Melody Livengood	Kim Stallman, Glenda Denning
Coffee Fellowship					

Please alert Heidi Haney of any changes to the service schedule, as she maintains the bulletin and newsletter.

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.



Sunday, September 1 is Youth Sunday AND Potluck Sunday. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a worship service presented by the New Disciples Kids. Reports from rehearsals say that the congregation will be in for a treat.



NEW DISCIPLES OF CEDAR RAPIDS
610 32nd AVE SW
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52404

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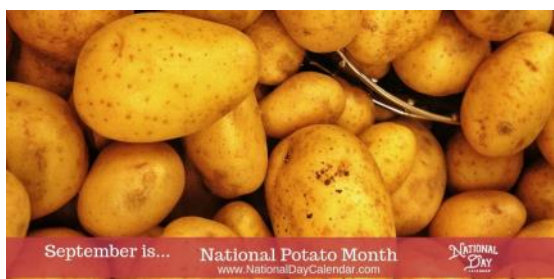
Pastor: Rev. Monica L. Banks

Pastor: Alain Habinamwisho

Music Director: Janelle Lauer



September
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September is... National Potato Month
www.NationalDayCalendar.com



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

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



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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

September 1

BREAKFAST
POTLUCK

with the
service led by
the New Disciples Youth.



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 to the Table

starting

September 22

at 6:00 PM

at the church



**MONDAY EVENINGS
AT 6:00
(EXCEPT LABOR DAY)**

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