



THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023

SEEKING: HONEST QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER FAITH

Our Lent journey this year will explore questions...questions that open up opportunities for deeper faith. We hope you begin now preparing to participate fully in the season of Lent which begins February 22 and runs up to Easter. How can you participate?

Join us on **Ash Wednesday** (February 22) for

- Worship in the sanctuary or online at 6:30pm.
- If you can't come to worship in person, you are invited to drive thru at the church for ashes from 12noon-1pm or 5-6pm.

Join a **Lenten Spiritual Life Group** . These small groups will meet in people's homes for six weeks during Lent (times and places listed below). There will also be one group on Zoom for those who prefer to participate that way (time and day to be announced). Together each group will explore questions of faith as we deepen relationships with God and each other. Check the days/times; a sign up will be available soon.

- Thursday mornings (beginning Feb. 23) at 11am at Terry and Laurie Dahms' home (Coralville near Oakdale and 12th Ave).
- Tuesday evenings (beginning Feb. 28) at 7pm at Jane Dohrmann and Don Anderson's home (near IC's City Park).
- Wednesday evenings (beginning March 1) at 6:30pm at Jill Michel's home (North Liberty).
- Groups for youth will be offered: one for Chi Rho (grades 6-8) and one for CYF (grades 9-12).

Watch for **more information to come** about:

- Faith Formation offerings
- Holy Week worship services
- Easter celebration on April 9.

FCC AT FREE LUNCH PROGRAM - FEBRUARY 25

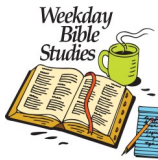


Our serving schedule at the Free Lunch Program will be the same as last year. We will serve on the fourth Saturday of the month in February, April, June, August, October, and December. So, our first date for 2023 is coming quickly. Be watching your email for more information about what we are serving and a sign up for volunteering and donating food.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS

Be watching for your Year End Giving Statement for 2022. Most of them were emailed this past week. If we do not have an email address for you, yours has been mailed using USPS and should arrive soon. Questions? Contact Cory Coobs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



BIBLE STUDY

Join us using [Zoom](#). We meet at **12noon each Wednesday.**

Upcoming scriptures:

February 1: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

February 8: Matthew 17:1-9

FAITH FORMATION

(AKA: SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Each Sunday there are classes for children (age 4) through adults and a nursery for younger children.

Classes go from 11:15am - 12noon.

January 29 - February 12: Living in Faith Together—an intergenerational learning experience.

February 19: AED/Hands Only CPR Training—youth and adults are invited to join Johnson Co. trainers as we learn about using an AED (FCC has had one since 2019) and hands only CPR. Children will have their regular Faith Formation class today.



JOIN STRINGS AND SINGERS

All musicians are invited to be part of Disciples Strings and Singers. Want to join? You are welcome! The February rehearsals will be **February 1 and 15** at 6pm.

This group of musicians leads music in worship weekly, bringing their mix of vocal and instrumental gifts to worship.

FCC CONNECT - February 9 @ 6:30pm

Join us for a time of visiting with friends from FCC. We gather on [Zoom](#) for this once a month time of conversation.

LADIES' LUNCH OUT

Again in February it's Ladies' Lunch Out. Mark your calendar for Thursday, **February 16** at 11:45am. Lunch will be at Reunion Brewery (516 2nd St., Coralville).

If you intend to participate, please RSVP to Jan Ricklefs by February 13 so she can make a reservation for the group.



Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, **February 20** at 1pm on Zoom. All are welcome!



FCC BOOK CLUB

The FCC Book Club's February book is *The Long Way Home: Detours and Discoveries* by Tom Montgomery Fate. This book of essays takes us on a journey of places from Iowa to Nicaragua to the Pine Ridge Reservation, but also along "detours of self-discovery."

The meeting to discuss this book will be on Thursday, **February 23.**

REALM - OUR CONNECTION TO AN ONLINE DIRECTORY

If you haven't already, we hope you will use the QR code here or just visit onrealm.org to set up your Realm account. Remember your password—you will need it for future access. Once you login, set your privacy settings to "Anyone in the church" in order for your information to be in our church directory. These settings need to be changed for each person in your household. Prefer using an app? Get Realm Connect from the App Store!

Have questions? Ask Pastor Jill or Laurie Dahms.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who joined our staff in leading worship on January 29: Steve Dunham and Lora Morgan Dunham (Greeters); Nancy Ream and Jan Ricklefs (Ushers); Disciple Strings & Singers (Musicians); Eliot Coobs (Acolyte); Marian Hart and Nancy McKinstry (Scripture Reader); Jay Thomas (Children's Moment); Steve Dunham, Lora Morgan Dunham, David Klein (Communion servers); David Klein (Elder); Jim Michel and Cameron Michel (A/V); Pam Ries (Fellowship Time Host); Steve Strah and Jim Michel (Valet Parking); Pam Ries, Cameron Michel, Jon Feaver, Anna Newnum, Steve Strah (Table hosts for Faith Formation).

WE NEED YOU!

Sundays rely on volunteers to go smoothly! If you are willing to serve as a Greeter, Usher, Scripture Reader, Fellowship Time Host or Acolyte (K-6th grade), please [choose your dates and sign up here](#) (use the drop down menu in the upper right to toggle between various roles). You can also contact Nancy McKinstry with questions to sign up for these roles. **There are many available opportunities in this new year!**



or

If you are interested in doing Children's Moments, speak with Pastor Kara.

If you would like to be trained to run sound or PowerPoint, speak with Laurie Dahms

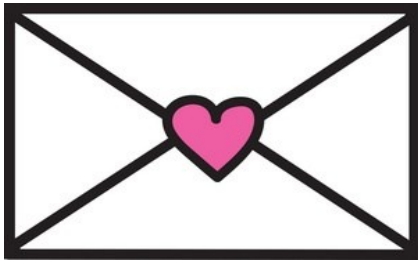
Remember, you can join us in person at church or worship with us on [YouTube](#) each Sunday at 10am.

WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Hymns - Here Am I, Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether, The Voice of God is Calling

Scripture - Isaiah 58:1-12

Sermon - A Faith of Justice and Compassion



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 Noon Disciples Strings & Singers 6 PM Spring MPT 6:30 PM	2 Exec Committee 9 AM	3	4
5 Worship 10 AM Faith Formation 11:15 AM Handbells 12 noon Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM	6	7 Board mtg 5:30 PM Clergy CRC Chat @ Zoom 7PM	8 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 Noon	9 Clergy CRC Chat 10 AM Clergy Cluster 12 Noon FCC Connect @ Zoom 6:30 PM Arrow Chapter 7 PM	10 Jill @ Committee on Ministry Kara & kids @ Junior Retreat	11
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19 Worship 10 AM AED/CPR training 11 AM JYF 12 noon Handbells 12 noon Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM	20 Hannah Circle @ Zoom 1 PM Elders 7 PM	21 Staff Meeting 10AM	22 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 Noon Drive-thru Ashes 12noon—1 PM and 5-6 PM Ash Wed. Worship 6:30 PM	23 Women Clergy @ Zoom 10 AM FCC Book Club 7 PM	24	25 FCC Serve at Free Lunch Program
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RECENT HAPPENINGS



Above: A recent visit from Simpson Youth Academy's Director, Eric.



Left: Sunday School kids building a "house on rock" after learning the Bible story.