



THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



JUNE 2023 *(next newsletter will come out June 21)*

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Here's your reminder that Sunday is Pentecost! Pentecost is one of three "high holy days" of Christianity. However, it is really the one that gets the least attention. Christmas and Easter - everyone knows those. But, Pentecost? What is that about? Well, I hope you'll be with us for worship Sunday to find out. Pentecost really happens to be one of my favorite days - it has sights, sounds, the Spirit, and more.

And, if you have red in your closet, why not wear it? Red is the color for Pentecost and wearing red is a fun way to celebrate this holy day. Hope to see you Sunday!

With care, *Jill*

JOIN US FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JUNE 4

Please plan to stay on **June 4** for a Congregational Meeting at 11:15am. We will receive updates on the Capital Campaign and be asked to approve taking out a short term loan to cover expenses so that projects can be accomplished without delay. You will remember that gifts to the Capital Campaign can be paid over the next three years. But, we don't want to wait three years to do the projects. So, the board is asking the congregation to approve loans of up to \$200,000 (\$250,000 total campaign minus the current cash on hand). The board will only take out loans in the amount we need and loans will be paid in full in three years (at the end of the campaign) or sooner if funds are available. Kent Clark, our Capital Campaign team chair, will share more about expected project timelines and funding options at the meeting. The meeting will be hybrid, so you can sign on using Zoom.

SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER



It's camp and this summer we are sending 23 kids to camp at the Christian Conference Center. Our congregation pays 50% of the registration costs and you can help support this by making a donation. **Contribute a gift of any amount and you will be invited to "Stories & S'mores"** later this summer where campers and counselors will share stories and s'mores with you. Donations can be made via USPS, in the offering box at church, or using electronic giving (use the fund "Directed Contribution" and indicate "Summer camp" in the memo). Thank you for your support!

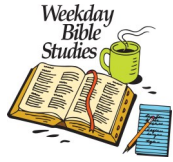
FCC AT FREE LUNCH PROGRAM - JUNE 24



Saturday, **June 24** is our next Iowa City Free Lunch serving date. Our summer menu includes All Beef hot dogs or baked potato (plus the option to have either with chili and cheese), Italian pasta salad with vegetables, chips, cookies/bars/cupcakes, granola bar, fresh fruit, juice/milk/coffee.

We expect to serve 100+ meals. How would you like to help? You can: [sign up to provide food items](#); **volunteer** to work on June 24 - [claim your spot here](#); **make a donation** to help cover expenses. All food items should be dropped off by or on June 23 (11:30am - 1pm drop off that day) either in the blue bin or the freezer/refrigerator.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



BIBLE STUDY

Join us using Zoom. We meet at **12noon each Wednesday.**

Upcoming scriptures:

May 24: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

May 31: Genesis 12:1-9

June 7: Genesis 18:1-15

June 14: Genesis 21:8-21

June 21: Genesis 22:1-14



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

You won't want to miss FCC's **Intergenerational VBS** this summer! Designed with all ages in mind and centered around the

theme of creation care, we will meet on 3 Sundays following worship for lunch as well as storytelling, music, & activities. While each date will complement the others, these are also planned to be valuable as a single experience.

Dates are **June 11, July 9, and August 13** with lunch served around 11:00am and activities wrapping up at 1:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendars and [please sign up here](#) so we assure enough food and supplies for all while minimizing waste. We hope you'll take advantage of this fun opportunity!



STRINGS AND SINGERS

All musicians are invited to be part of Disciples Strings & Singers. This group leads music during worship. Join us **June 7 and 21** at 6pm.

FCC CONNECT - June 8 @ 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.

PANTRY CLEANING PARTY

HANNAH



For their June meeting Hannah Circle is having a Pantry Cleaning Party.

Hannah Circle will gather to clean out and reorganize the kitchen pantry on Monday, **June 12** at 1pm. Others are welcome to join in the fun, and if you have items in the pantry that need to remain in the pantry, please let the office know.



Ladies Night Out will gather at Mirabito's (40 Sugar Creek Lane, North Liberty) at 5:30pm on **June 15**. Please RSVP to Jan Ricklefs by June 11. (janricklefs@yahoo.com)

FCC'S BOOK CLUB



The June book is *We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride. This novel is about two women, one white and one black, that have been best friends since childhood. Their bond is tested when the white woman's police officer husband is involved in the shooting of a black teenager. The Book Club will discuss this book on **June 22**.



LET'S SHOW OUR PRIDE

As an Open & Affirming congregation, where else would we be on **June 17** than at Iowa City Pridefest? If you are willing to commit part of the day on June 17 by walking in the parade on behalf of FCC or working at our table, please [sign up at this link](#).

Content covered to protect privacy.

Send a Note to Our Summer Campers

Camping season will be underway at our region's Christian Conference Center in Newton and we have many youth and adults attending this year as campers and volunteers. A note to say "hello, I'm thinking of you" is always nice to receive and is sure to bring a smile to faces—so we invite you to send cards and notes to our campers and volunteers. In the church building we have made this really easy—there are blank cards on the table outside the office which you can fill out and then we will take care of addressing and mailing the cards to camp. If you want to send a note from your home, you are also welcome to do so using this mailing address:

[Camper name & Camp attending]
c/o Christian Conference Center
5064 Lincoln St
Newton, IA 50208



You can also send a note via email to: campermail@newtonccc.org - please put the camper's name and camp attending in the subject line.

****Please send mail no later than Mondays so campers will receive your notes during their stay ****

June Campers Include -

- June 2-4, Family Camp: Scott, Jessie & Olivia
- June 12-17, Junior Camp 1: Oliver
- June 19-24, CYF Camp 1: Jacob and Vincent
- June 24-25, Grand Camp 1: Becky (camp nurse) Kara (co-director) Jacob, Kalea and Maya (support staff)
- June 25-July 2, CYF Mission Camp (Minneapolis, MN): Cameron, Kalea, and Spencer

Thank you for encouraging our campers!

FIRST CHRISTIAN'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

If you haven't already subscribed to First Christian's YouTube channel, you can find us at: <https://youtube.com/@icdisciples>

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

This summer Disciples from across the denomination will gather in Louisville, KY for our General Assembly. Due to COVID, this is the first General Assembly since our region hosted it in Des Moines in 2019. We will be talking more about it as it gets closer, but wanted to share a few pieces of information.

General Assembly is a time for Disciples to gather for worship, connection, enjoyment, learning, and some business. In addition to our congregation's pastors, we get to send three voting delegates who represent our congregation. Our voting delegates this year will be: Pam Ries, Jay Thomas, and Malinda Thomas. Of course, others are always welcome to attend.

Voting delegates participate in the business sessions on behalf of their congregation. If you would like to learn more about the business items coming before the Assembly this year, our Regional Minister, Josh Patty, is hosting a few Zoom sessions where he will talk about them on: Thursday, June 15, 6:30 pm; Sunday, June 25, 6:30 pm; Thursday, July 6, 10:00 am; Saturday, July 15, 10:00 am. Our own voting delegates will also host a conversation about the business items as General Assembly draws nearer.

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, person preparing and cleaning up Communion 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 the church office with questions or to sign up for these roles.

If you are interested in doing Children's Moments, speak with Pastor Kara (icdisciple.kids@gmail.com).

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

OUT AND ABOUT



"Squatters on Red Earth," is a new play by Mary Swander, starring Rip Russell, Laura Hudson Kittrell, and the Youth Theatre Group at the Meskwaki Settlement School. Squatters on Red Earth explores the positive relationship that the Amana Colonies have had with the Meskwaki Indigenous people while acknowledging how they have each struggled to hold their center in the midst of the outside pressures of capitalism and colonialization.

There are three performances at two locations: June 9, 8:00 P.M. Amana Performing Arts Center, Amana, IA and June 10, 2:00 and 7:00 P.M., The Wieting Theatre, Toledo, IA.

The play is free and open to the public. Reserve free tickets at agartsoffice@gmail.com



PRIDE
MONTH
2023

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 28 Worship 10 AM Handbells 12 noon Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM	29 MEMORIAL DAY FCC OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon	June 1	2	3
4 Worship 10 AM Congregational Mtg 11:15 AM Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM	5	6 Elders Meeting 6 PM	7 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon Disciples Strings & Singers 6 PM	8 FCC Connect @ Zoom 6:30PM Arrow Chapter 7 PM	9	10
Laura Vacation June 5-11						
11 Worship 10 AM Intergenerational VBS 11:15 AM Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM	12 Hannah Circle Pantry Party 1 PM Finance Team 6 PM	13	14 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon	15 Ladies Night Out 5:30 PM Pastors at Retreat	16	17 <i>Iowa City PrideFest</i>
Laura Vacation	DAYCARE OUT OF BUILDING					17
18 FATHER'S DAY Worship 10 AM Laura's PST 6:30PM Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM	19 DEADLINE: JULY Newsletter	20 Staff Meeting 10AM	21 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon Disciples Strings & Singers 6 PM	22 Women Clergy 10 AM Book Club 7 PM	23 FLP Food Drop Off 11 AM	24 FCC @ Free Lunch
					Kara @ Grand Camp	
25 Worship 10 AM Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM Kara Grand Camp	26 Fellowship Hall in use 6:30 PM	27	28 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon Jill's PST 3:00 PM	29	30	



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Game Night Fun

