



THIS MONTH AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



JULY 2023 (next newsletter will come out July 26)

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

First, thank you for showing up for our community! We took almost 400 pounds of food and other household items to CommUnity Food Bank in June. We had 40 people from FCC show up at Pridefest to represent FCC and remind people that God loves them. This week we will serve at the Free Lunch Program. These are important.

And we have a few more opportunities for you:

- We will be helping with two summer lunches for kids that are served at the Coralville Community Food Pantry. The information is on page 2 of this newsletter.
- It's time to gather the Ministry Planning Team for the fall. If you enjoy dreaming and planning for Welcome! Sunday, fall activities and ministries, and Advent, please let me know. We'd love to have you on the MPT!
- We are looking for people to serve on a Mission Taskforce for our Capital Campaign. You might remember that a portion of the money we raise is committed for a community outreach project. If you are interested in being part of the group that dreams about that project, let me know.

Remember, to volunteer or for other reasons, my email is: icdisciple.pastor@gmail.com.

With care, *Jill*

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN ARE BACK...

We are looking forward to having Concerts on the Lawn at FCC every Monday in July at 7pm. And we hope you will join us. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come to the east lawn (use the lower parking lot) for good times with good music. We are looking forward to hearing from:

July 3: J Knight

July 10: Castle Ridge (Mark & Joy Clark)

July 17: Water Under the Bridge

July 24: Al Zimmerman and Tim Fees

July 31: TBD

MEET YOUR ELDER EVENT - SUNDAY, JULY 23

Everyone at First Christian Church has an Elder assigned to them as another person to connect with and someone, in addition to the pastors, to offer care and nurture. People of all ages are invited to join us after worship on **July 23** for a time of refreshments and conversation with your Elder and others from FCC. Elders are assigned based on the first letter of your household's last name (if there are multiple last names, you are assigned according to the one earliest in the alphabet). See who your Elder is and where to join them for conversation on the 23rd:

A - Clingan: Emily Steeples (Fellowship Hall)

Coobs- F: Diane Hertel (Fellowship Hall)

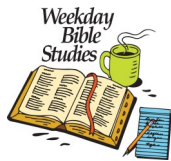
G - Kinkade: Martha Melton (Fellowship Hall)

Kittrell - Michel: David Klein (Youth Room - lower level, center room)

Mohr - Schwartz: Marcus Seaton (West lower level classroom)

Seaton - Z: Nancy McKinstry (Conference Room - upstairs, across from restrooms)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



BIBLE STUDY

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

Upcoming scriptures:

June 21: Genesis 22:1-14

June 28: Luke 17:20-21

July 5: Mark 4:30-32

July 12: Matthew 25:31-40

July 19: TBD

July 26: TBD

STRINGS AND SINGERS



All musicians are invited to be part of Disciples Strings & Singers. This group leads music during worship. Join us **June 21, July 5 and 19** at 6pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - IT'S FOR EVERYONE!



Join us for the next session of **Intergenerational VBS** as we continue to explore the theme

of creation care. We will meet after worship for lunch, storytelling, music, & activities.

Dates are **July 9 and August 13** with lunch served at 11:15am 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!

FCC CONNECT - July 13 @ 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.



FCC AT FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

We are serving on Saturday, **June 24**. 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.

FREE LUNCHES FOR KIDS

Recognizing that so many kids depend on school for their meals, the Coralville Food Pantry, ICCSD, and others are partnering to serve meals to kids 18 and younger this summer. FCC will be assisting with serving meals at the Food Pantry on **July 13 and 14**. [Sign up to help here](#). Questions? Ask Pastor Jill.



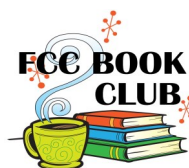
Join our General Assembly voting delegates for conversation about the business items on the agenda at this year's Assembly. This conversation will take place after worship on **July 16**.



Hannah Circle will meet on Monday, **July 17** at 1pm at the church. All are welcome!



Ladies Night Out will gather at Bump's (1380 Melrose Ave, Iowa City) at 5:30pm on **July 20**. RSVPs are welcome. If you RSPV, please do that to Jan Ricklefs by July 17.



FCC's BOOK CLUB

The July book is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. This historical novel is based on the life of glamour icon, Hedy Lamar, who was also a scientist. The Book Club will discuss this book on **July 27**.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS... On June 11 we were happy to welcome into membership of First Christian: Stan & Karen Stenson, Brian Gloege, and Anna Newnum. They have been getting involved over the last year and we are excited that they have officially joined the church.

Send a Note to Our Summer Campers

Camping season is underway at our region's Christian Conference Center in Newton and we have many attending. A note to say "hello, I'm thinking of you" is always nice to receive. At church, there are blank cards on the table outside the office which you can fill out and then we will take care 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 -

- July 6-8, Beginner Camp: Charly, Emmy, Armani, Tesla, Jayse, Violet, Kara (counselor), Kalea (counselor)
- July 10-15, Chi Rho 2: Jay (counselor)
- July 15-16, Grand Camp 2: Olivia
- July 17-22, CYF Camp 2: Gloria, Cameron, Kalea, Spencer, Jill (co-director)
- July 24-29, ADAM Camp: Gloria, Spencer, Malinda (counselor)
- July 24-29, Adventure Camp: Spencer, Isabel, Rachel, Simon, Melody

Thank you for encouraging our campers!



FCC RECOGNIZED AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION

We are excited to have been officially recognized as a Green Chalice congregation. This is a designation that we have been working toward that reflects our commitment to living in greater harmony with creation. This isn't only about what we have achieved but how we will continue to ask questions and make shifts for the good of the world.

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MIDYEAR STATEMENTS WILL BE COMING IN LATE JULY

Be watching for your midyear giving statement to arrive in your email inbox in mid to late July. These should give you an update on your giving including progress toward both your regular and Capital Campaign pledge. If we have your email, these will be emailed to you. If you do not have email or have requested a paper copy be sent, they will arrive through the USPS. As always, if you notice any discrepancies or have any questions, contact our Financial Secretary, Malinda Thomas.

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).

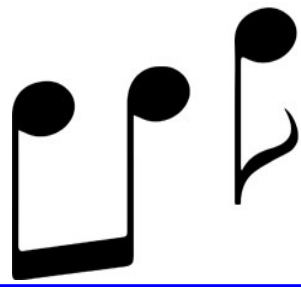
If you would like to be trained to run sound or PowerPoint, speak with Laurie Dahms (laurie.dahms@gmail.com).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Here are a few things to know:

- On June 4 the congregation approved financing up to \$200,000 toward our capital campaign so we can go ahead and do the projects when contractors are ready rather than waiting until all the pledges come in. Loans will only be taken out as needed and we expect to need to finance a much lower amount.
- Our order for sanctuary seating has been placed. Thanks to everyone who voted for their preferred fabric. The preference was choice #1 - you can see the sample on the bulletin board. The turn around time on custom seating is at least 12 months from order to delivery.



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Musical Mondays Return with
a Concert on the Lawn each Week



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10 AM Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM	3 Concert on the Lawn 7PM	4 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon Disciples Strings & Singers 6 PM	6 Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM Kara at Beginner Camp	7	8
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**Iowa City Pride
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