



THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



FOR THE WEEKS OF MAY 10 AND 17, 2023

(next newsletter will come out May 24)

WHO IS YOUR ELDER?

Here at FCC each of our Elders has a care group made up of a portion of our congregation. The purpose of this is to help increase connection and to give you another person, in addition to the pastors, who you can reach out to with questions or needs. You will be hearing from your Elder soon - some of you will have the same Elder as last year, others will have a new Elder who has just begun a term serving in that role. Groups are by last name:

Emily Steeples: A - Clingan

Diane Hertel: Coobs - F

Martha Melton: G - Kinkade

David Klein: Kittrell - Michel

Marcus Seaton: Mohr - Schwartz

Nancy McKinstry: Seaton - Z

SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER



This summer we are sending 23 kids to camp at the Christian Conference Center. This is the 2nd highest number we've sent in the last decade and we are excited for the experiences they will have. Our congregation has a long tradition of paying 50% of registration costs, but in order to do that, we need your donations. These donations are free-will, welcome in any amount and will be collected through the end of May. Each household that contributes will receive an invitation to "Stories & S'mores" where our campers and counselors will share camp stories and serve smores to guests (date TBD late summer). 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!

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.

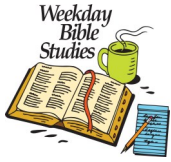
Dates are **June 11, July 9, and August 13** with lunch served around 11:00am and activities wrapping up at 1:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendars and [please sign up here](#) so we assure enough food and supplies for all while minimizing waste. We hope you'll take advantage of this fun opportunity!



A Place for Everyone Capital Campaign

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our "A Place for Everyone" Capital Campaign. This past Sunday we had our Celebration Dinner and Kent announced that we exceeded our goal. As of this newsletter, we have received commitments of \$252,680 toward our \$250,000 goal. Way to go, church! We look forward to getting these projects started.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



BIBLE STUDY

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

Upcoming scriptures:

May 10: Acts 1:6-14

May 17: Acts 2:1-21

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



STRINGS AND SINGERS

All musicians are invited to be part of Disciples Strings & Singers. Join us

tonight and May 24 at 6pm.

FCC CONNECT - May 11 @ 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.

FAITH FORMATION

We have two more Sundays of Intergenerational Faith Formation before our summer break. Join us on **May 14 and 21** from 11:15am - 12 noon. Join people of all ages for conversations and activities around the tables in Fellowship Hall.

HANNAH



Hannah Circle will meet at the church on Monday, **May 15** at 1pm. All are welcome.



Ladies Night Out will gather at Blackstone (503 Westbury Dr., IC) at 5:30pm on **May 18**. No RSVP needed, just join if you can.

FCC GAME NIGHT

Do you enjoy playing games? Would you just like to spend a casual evening with friends from church?

Join us for Game Night on Friday, **May 19** at 7pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

Bring a favorite game to share with others. Board games, card games, silly games, serious games...all are welcome. Some snacks will be provided or bring a favorite snack to share.

A SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION

On **May 21** we will be having birthday cake for Fellowship Time. Pat Boelens, whose birthday is that day, will be hosting a congregation-wide birthday party. If you have a birthday (which we all do) this is for you, too. We will share fellowship downstairs. Faith Formation will begin after Fellowship Time.



All 3rd - 5th graders are invited to JYF on **May 21** at noon. Please RSVP to Kara. Questions? Just ask!



FCC'S BOOK CLUB

Have you started reading May's book? It is *No Time Like the Future* by Michael J. Fox. We will discuss it on Thursday, **May 25** at 7pm.



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 to walking in the parade on behalf of FCC or working at our table, please [sign up at this link](#).

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WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

IT'S GRADUATION TIME



This is the time of year when graduations are taking place. We celebrate all who are graduating whether from high school, tech school, undergrad, or post graduate studies.

While we don't have any high school grads this year, we do celebrate with:

Quinn Thomas, son of Jay and Malinda, who is receiving his degree in Chemical Engineering with a double minor in Chemistry and Materials Science from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Quinn will be moving to Richmond, IN where he has a job with Belden Corporation.

Derick King, son of Julie and Rob, who graduated in December with his degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Wisconsin, Platteville. Derick is living in Madison, WI where he works for Cardinal Glass Manufacturing. Derick also just got engaged!

Annika Yost, daughter of Shannon, who graduated from Kirkwood Community College with her degree in Parks and Natural Resources. Annika continues to work at Petco and will be doing another internship at the Iowa Raptor Project this summer.

CELEBRATING TIFF'S MINISTRY IN THE UPPER MIDWEST

If you have been to the Christian Conference Center in Newton, you likely know Tiff Williams. She has served as our Associate Regional Minister and Camp Director for the last seven years. She has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of a congregation in Arlington, TX and will be moving in May. If you would like to celebrate Tiff, you can attend Tiff's Closing Campfire at the CCC in Newton on **May 13** at 10am or send a card to her at 5064 Lincoln St., Newton, IA 50208.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR CHURCH CAMP!

Children and youth (grades 2 - 12) can go to church camp with their peers. There is also Family Camp and Grand Camp (for grandparents and children). There is even a camp for Senior Adults (age 55+).

To learn more information and to register [visit the Christian Conference Center's website](#). And, remember, the church pays 1/2 of your registration, so be sure to use the code "church50"! Church camp is a great experience! If you have questions, just ask!

PENTECOST OFFERING

Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, which we will receive May 21 and 28, help ensure that the vision of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) continues to be embodied: To be and to share the good news, witnessing, loving, and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Half of your gift supports the local new church movement in our region. The other half support New Church Ministry efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

Gifts can be given in any of the ways you give your usual offerings. If you are using online giving use the fund drop down to locate "Special Offering (Regional)" and then find "Pentecost" in the memo drop down.

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 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).

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>



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ANNIVERSARIES	<p>1</p> <p>Capital Campaign Team 6:30 PM</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Summer MPT 5:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Jill & Kara@ Committee on Ministry</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Worship 10 AM Celebration Sunday Meal 11:15 AM Elders 3 PM Exploring Baptism 4:30 PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>DEADLINE for 5/10 Newsletter</p> <p>Finance Team 6 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon Disciples Strings & Singers 6 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Clergy Cluster 12 noon FCC Connect @ Zoom 6:30PM Arrow Chapter 7 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Closing Campfire for Tiff Williams @ Christian Conference Center 10 AM</p>
<p>14</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY Worship 10 AM Faith Formation 11:15 AM Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Hannah Circle 1 PM Kara's PST 6:30 PM Capital Campaign Team 6:30 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Summer MPT 4:30 PM FCC Board Meeting 6 PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CRC @ 1st Presbyterian 10 AM Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon Jill's PST 4 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ladies Night Out @ Blackstone in IC 5:30 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FCC Game Night 7 PM</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Worship 10 AM Faith Form 11:15 AM Handbells 12 noon JYF 12 noon Exploring Baptism 4:30 PM Laura's PST 6:30 PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>DEADLINE for 5/24 Newsletter</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Staff Meeting 10AM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon Disciples Strings & Singers 6 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Women Clergy 10 AM Book Club 7 PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Worship 10 AM Handbells 12 noon Troop 270 5:30 PM Troop 2000 7 PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY FCC OFFICE CLOSED Fellowship Hall in use 6:30 PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bible Study @ Zoom 12 noon</p>	<p>BIRTHDAYS</p>		



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