

JUNE 2025

THIS MONTH @ FCC

A Note from the Pastor

Friends,

Suddenly it is June. Summer rhythms are soon to be setting in. Graduations are happening. Iowa City streets won't be as busy for the next few months without students around. With longer days and warm weather, many of us will be spending more time outdoors.

This summer around First Christian Church we are planning some events to help us connect with each other and our community. I hope you'll be part of as many of these as you can. And keep on reading for more details about them.

- June 1 - Clergy Chat after worship. This is designed for those who are newer to FCC to get a chance to visit with the three pastors.
- June 8 - Sundae Fun Day Ice Cream Social. Join us for live music, lawn games, tasty treats, and fellowship. RSVP and volunteer to bring ice cream or goodies using the sign up on [page 2](#). At this event we will take an offering for Coralville Food Pantry's summer lunches for kids.
- Week of June 9 - There are opportunities to work on projects around the building and grounds. Read more on [page 2](#).
- June 21 - Iowa City Pridefest. Participating in this event is an important witness to our claim that God's love is for all. I hope we'll have record numbers of folks in the parade and at our booth. Sign up to participate on [page 6](#).
- June 22 - Potlucks are back for the summer. Read more on [page 2](#).

I look forward to sharing these times with you.

With care, *Jill*

P.S. I will be on family vacation June 10-20. Kara will be at church camp June 15-22. During those overlapping days when she and I will both be out of town (June 15-20) in addition to Laura, Jane D. and Marcus S. will be on call for pastoral care needs.

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Announcements

Sundae Fun Day - Ice Cream Social



JUNE 8, 4:00PM

Join friends from FCC on Sunday, June 8 at 4pm for live music, yard games, fellowship, and ICE CREAM. Please [use this link](#) to RSVP and to indicate your willingness to bring ice cream or other goodies. A freewill offering will be taken for the Coralville Community Pantry's Summer Lunches for Kids.

Church Work Week

The daycare is on vacation the week of June 9, so it's a great week to get some projects done around the church. There are many opportunities for different skill sets and many jobs you can do on your own time. [Visit this sign up](#) to see how you might help take care of our building and grounds.

Iowa City Pride Fest

Joining Iowa City Pride Fest allows us to share our congregation's welcome with the community. [Click here](#) to learn how to get involved with FCC at Pride Fest this summer!

Mondays on the Lawn

...returns in July! Join us for guest performers each Monday night throughout the month at 7PM. More details in next month's newsletter!

Potlucks are Back for the Summer

Join us for these themed potlucks:

- June 22 - Salad Luncheon. Bring your favorite salad - pasta, tossed, vegetable, jello, fruit, or other.
- July 20 - Baked Potato Bar. Bring your favorite toppings and don't hesitate to be creative.
- August 17 - Your Favorite Potluck Dish. What's your favorite thing to bring to a potluck? Bring that along with a story of why it's a favorite.

And don't forget to bring your own table service. Let's reduce our trash by bringing reusable plates, cups, silverware.

We need volunteers to help make potlucks go smoothly. [Click here to sign up to help.](#)

Welcome New Members!

On May 18 we celebrated as **Lynn C., Sally H. and Randy H.** transferred their membership to First Christian Church. Lynn, Sally, and Randy come with deep faith and many wonderful gifts. [Pastor Jill](#) invites your contact with any questions about baptism or membership at FCC.



Coffee with Friends

JUNE 10, 9:00AM

Men & women alike are invited for coffee and conversation at HyVee (3285 Crosspark Rd., Coralville). This gathering will be happening each month and is sponsored by Hannah Circle. You're invited to stop by!



Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS AT 12 NOON

Contact office for Zoom info.

Upcoming Scriptures

June 4: Psalm 5:1-8

June 11: I Corinthians 1:25-27

June 18: Luke 4:16-21

June 25: Isaiah 55:8-9

Our Community

Above: High school youth visit the Devonian Fossil Gorge at the Coralville Reservoir. Below: JYF kids “hang out” on the church lawn.

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to each of our 2025 high school graduates! Cards will be available at the church on June 1 and 8 that we invite you to sign.

- **Ollie**, Liberty High School (parents: Bob & Rachel B.)
- **Lianna**, Iowa City High School (parents: Michael H. & Jenna J.)
- **Rachel**, Liberty High School (parents: Jane J. & Isaac S.)
- **Simon**, Liberty High School (parents: Jane J. & Isaac S.)
- **Victoria**, English Valleys High School (parents: Jenny C. & Ben T.)

We also want to congratulate Gabe B. (University of Iowa), Chloe M. (University of Iowa), and Eden G. (Iowa State University) on their graduations this Spring, each earning a Bachelor's degree.

Scholarships Awarded

The First Christian Church scholarship has been awarded this year to two young people who will be entering college as freshmen in the fall—Lianna and Katerina. We congratulate both of them and wish them the best in their studies. You can support the future of this scholarship with your donations to the scholarship fund anytime.

Summer Camp

The summer camp season is starting at our region's camp in Newton, Iowa, with 22 people from FCC attending as campers and volunteers. Check [page 7](#) of the newsletter for how you can support them! There are still openings available to attend; contact [Pastor Kara](#) with any questions.





Worship

SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM

All are invited and welcome to worship each Sunday at 10:00AM. Worship is available onsite in the sanctuary and online at:

youtube/@icdisciples 

Upcoming Sermons

In June we will conclude our journey through Acts with the observance of Pentecost. After a look at a psalm we will begin a four-week series, "Beyond..." as we listen for God's call.

- June 1: **People or Profit?**
(Acts 16:16-34)
- June 8: **When the Spirit Moves**
(Acts 2:1-21)
- June 15: **Marian Hart, preaching**
(Psalm 5:1-8)
- June 22: **Beyond Our Expectations**
(I Corinthians 1:25-27)
- June 29: **Beyond Worship**
(Luke 4:16-21)

Clergy Chat - 1st Sundays, 11:15am

Throughout the summer months, you are invited to join Pastors Jill, Kara, and Laura on the 1st Sunday of each month following worship.

This time is designed for folks who are new to First Christian to come and ask questions and get to know the pastors. It is also open to anyone else who would like to visit or has inquiries for the pastors.

Nursery

Throughout the summer, childcare is available on Sundays beginning at 9:30am for infants through kindergarteners, and older children if needed. The nursery is in the lower-level east classroom.

Sunday Mornings



Sunday worship brings together many hands and hearts. People (like you!) are needed to fill several roles each week as we continue our ministry of welcome. There is a role for everyone and everyone can serve! Call the church office or visit the link below for a description of the opportunities to serve.

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Top: Sara K. shares special music.
Bottom: Susan D. reads scripture.



Hannah Circle

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1:00PM

Join Hannah Circle for a work meeting as we clean and reorganize the kitchen and pantry. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

FCC Connect

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 6:30PM

Contact office for Zoom info.

Enjoy visiting with others? Want to make some new friends? FCC Connect is an online opportunity to do just that. Sign on and join the conversation.

Ladies Night Out

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 6:30PM

Join the FCC ladies for good food and conversation! This month we are back to dinner and meet at June 19 at 5:30 pm - Harry's Bar and Grill, 116 E. Washington St. - downtown Iowa City. Contact Nancy R. with any questions.

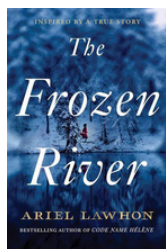
Book Club

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 7:00PM

Contact office for Zoom info.

In June we are reading *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

This historical mystery is based on the diaries of midwife Martha Ballard, who refused to accept anything less than justice for women. Join this conversation at FCC or on Zoom. Questions? Contact Nancy M.



Disciples Strings & Singers

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM

If you play an instrument, like to sing, or both, you are invited to share in music ministry at FCC! For more information, please contact Pastor Laura.



Keeping Connected



Top: Maggie K. and her group at the Meet Your Elder event. Middle: Ian P. with "I'm Glad You Stayed Project" presents during Faith Formation.

SCAM ME NOT - Fraud Prevention

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 11:15AM

This 40 minute AARP Fraud Watch Network program is designed to arm FCC members with tools to spot and avoid fraud and scams. This event is sponsored by Hannah Circle and all are welcome to attend.





In the Community

JOIN US @ IOWA CITY PRIDE FEST!

JUNE 21, 2025

First Christian Church will once again celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community by participating in the Iowa City Pride Parade and hosting a booth at the festival. We'd love for you to be part of this meaningful day! Use the sign-up link below to:

- Walk in the parade with FCC
- Volunteer for a time slot at our booth

Our presence at Pride is a powerful way to extend the message of love, welcome, and inclusion to the broader community.



[FCC's PRIDE FEST SIGN UP](#)



WE SERVE FREE LUNCH!

JUNE 28, 2025

[FREE LUNCH](#)
[PROGRAM](#)
[SIGN UP HERE](#)

The next meal FCC serves at Iowa City Free Lunch will be on Saturday, June 28, featuring a summer menu with hot dogs or baked potatoes, pasta salad, salads, desserts, and beverages, serving about 125 meals.

- To donate food items or volunteer on Free Lunch Day, use [Signup Genius](#).
- Non-perishable items can be dropped in the blue Free Lunch Box anytime; perishable items should go in the FCC kitchen fridge.
- Drop-offs are also accepted on Friday, June 27, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, with a **deadline of 1 pm on Friday**.

First Christian Church prepares and serves free lunch every other month on the 4th Saturday. Monetary donations are welcome anytime, either in person, by mail, or [online](#) (select Fund: Special Offering (Local) and Memo: Free Lunch Program).

You are also invited to browse the [FLP's Amazon Wishlist](#) or [sign up to serve](#) on additional days.



Special Offering

JUNE 1 & 8, 2025

In June, we receive our annual Pentecost Offering.

This denominational offering helps support the work of new Disciples churches in our region and across the denomination. You are invited to give to this offering on Sunday mornings, by mailing a check - please mark these gifts for the pentecost offering. You can also [give online here](#). Please select Fund: Special Offering (Regional) and Memo: Pentecost

AllianceQ
Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance

JUNE 22, 2025

In celebration of the anniversary of our Open & Affirming designation, we'll receive a special offering to support Alliance Q, a ministry that promotes a just and inclusive church for all gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations.



Summer 2025 Attendees

May 31-June 1, Family Camp
Scott, Jessie & Olivia

June 16-21, Junior Camp 1
Tesla
Kara S. (co-director)

June 16-21, ADAM Camp
Payton
Jaida
Malinda T. (counselor)
Quinn T. (counselor)

June 21-22, Grand Camp 1
Laurie D.
Henry
Kara S. (co-director)
Emily S. (co-director)
Maya (support staff)

July 7-9, Beginner Camp
Alana
Olivia
Kara S. (counselor)

July 21-26, Chi Rho 2
Satchel
Melody

July 21-26, CYF 2
Teegan
Brogan
Jill M. (co-director)

July 28-August 2, Adventure
Camp
Rachel
Simon
Melody

August 4-9, Junior 3
Liana
Jayse
Kalea S. (counselor)

FCC @ Summer Camp



We're excited to kick off camping season at the Christian Conference Center in Newton! This summer, our church is sending 22 campers and volunteers to experience a week of faith, fun, and community. So you may be wondering, "How can I support our campers?" Here are a few meaningful ways to get involved:

Send a Note

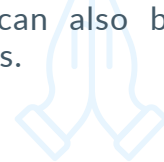
Mail at camp brings big smiles! You can:

- Mail or email cards (addresses below)
- Write a note on the cards available at church—our office will send them weekly.



Pray for Campers

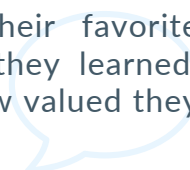
Each week, keep our campers and volunteers in your prayers. Camp is exciting but can also be challenging, for campers and our leaders.



Connect and Ask

Start conversations with our campers!

- Before they go, let them know you're excited for their journey.
- After they return, ask about their favorite moments, new friends, or what they learned. Your interest helps show them how valued they are in our church family.

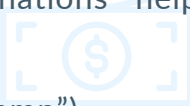


Give to Support Camp

Our church covers 50% of the registration cost for each camper—sometimes more. Donations help make camp accessible for all.

You may make a financial gift through:

- Offering box (please note "youth camp")
- Mailed check (please note "youth camp")
- Give online (Fund: Church Camp)



Thanks for helping make this a meaningful summer for our campers!

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



Best wishes

to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.



To manage your information and access FCC's online directory, click the Realm logo above.

June

CLICK HERE FOR FCC'S JUNE CALENDAR



Who is my elder?

Last Name	Elder
A-CI	TBD
Co-F	<u>Maggie K.</u>
G-Kin	<u>Al Z.</u>
Kit-Mic	<u>David K.</u>
Mo-Sch	<u>Marcus S.</u>
Sea-Z	<u>Jane D.</u>

FCC elders through February 2026.

Note: The July newsletter will be sent on Friday, June 27. The deadline for information to be included in it is Thursday, June 19.



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at the Table
for Everyone

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM to 12:00PM

clergy staff available
by appointment

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