

Christian Communicator

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bonnie Bullock
Denise Fenton
Steve Shaw
Marion Williams
(Margaret Chitwood's brother)
Jennifer Matice
(Lindsey Herny's cousin)
Becky Zickefoose
(friend of Dennis/Jone Molyneux)
Donna Bixler

Fran Knoot

llene Werts
(Linda Forsythe's sister)
Walter Cubit
Kenneth Norton
(Connie Louderback's brother)
Larry Naylor



<u>Military</u>

<u>William Augspurger</u>, grandson of Nolen & Linda Forsythe; <u>Jason Crile</u>, Tara Crile's husband, Paul & Brenda Callahan's son-inlaw; <u>Kelly Lane</u>, granddaughter of Phyllis Lane

Change of Office Hours

Please be aware that we are temporarily closing our offices on Fridays until the end of August. If there is anything you need to drop off to the church

office, please keep in mind that our temporary hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-3:00pm, and closed Fridays (through August). Thank you



FROM THE PASTOR

My sister and I have talked a lot about how two opposing things can be true at the same time.

For example: We can completely love someone and be utterly frustrated with them at the same time.

We can find hope in the midst of hate.

We can be disappointed and filled with joy at one event.

Two opposing truths can be true for online worship too.

It can be an invaluable way to share the Good News far and wide AND an excuse not to return to inperson worship.

I am so very grateful for all the men and women who make online worship possible.

I have heard people from Oskaloosa say, "we listen (or watch) you after we go to our church." I've heard our own members say, "we are so glad you do online worship because our health will not allow us to be there."

I've heard people from Texas, and California, and Illinois, and Florida say, "we join you every Sunday because we just haven't found a church here yet." And I've heard others say, "I attended worship with the Presbyterians, and Disciples, and Catholic mass this afternoon."

I even watch other ministers preach to me the Good News.

Online worship is invaluable.

AND it can be an excuse to sleep in, to avoid people because we get enough of that at work, and a reality that we were forced into and has now become a weekend routine.

If you are able, come back to in-person worship.

If you need a personal invitation, here it is, please join us for in-person worship.

If you need a starting date to come back, this Sunday is your Sunday to join us for in-person worship. If you need to know you are missed, YOU ARE MISSED.

If you are joining us online, on the radio, on television, thank you. We pray that you are fed the Good News.

We will continue to welcome you into the sanctuary in-person, online, on television, and on the radio. May you receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor Molly

OUR VISION STATEMENT

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Oskaloosa is a welcoming place where people feel a connection to God through Jesus Christ and a commitment to each other, our community and the world.

August 2022

August 1

8:30 am - Quilting

August 2

9:00 am - Hope in the Mourning

(Grief group)

1:00 pm - Men's dominoes

August 4

1:00 pm - Women's dominoes

August 7

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Worship

7-9:00 pm - Family swim night, Edmundson

<u> August 8</u>

8:30 am - Quilting

August 9

1:00 pm - Men's dominoes

August 11

1:00 pm - Women's dominoes

August 14

9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship

Traveling Disciples Ball game-leave after worship

<u>August 15</u>

8:30 am - Quilting

7:00 pm - Worship team meeting

August 16

9:00 am - Hope in the Mourning

(Grief group)

1:00 pm - Men's dominoes

August 18

1:00 pm - Women's dominoes

August 21

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Worship

3:00 pm - Homestead Worship

August 22

8:30 am - Quilting

August 23

1:00 pm - Men's dominoes

7:00 pm - Property team meeting

August 25

1:00 pm - Women's dominoes

August 28

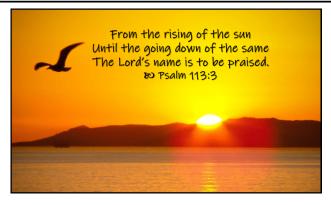
9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship

August 29

8:30 am - Quilting

August 30

1:00 pm - Men's dominoes





Congratulations!

Travis and Jordan Gile were married June 17, 2022, in St. Louis, MO and have made their home in Fenton, MO.



Do you like to play dominoes?

Maybe you know a lonely neighbor who would love some company?

The men's group is looking for additional players to join in the fun. If you're interested, they play every Tuesday at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall!

Please come, bring a friend, and have some fun!

Psst! Jim always has coffee and goodies!

August Birthdays

- 1 Pat Cruzen
- 2 Caitlin Crile Kara Denburger
- 5 Jim Brandriff Addison Landers
- 8 Siemy Poam
- 9 Kim Leang Poam
- 10 Marilyn Boomershine Brian Raymie
- 11 Daryl Fisher
- 12 Lindsey Herny
- 14 Christi Wade Michelle Wayne
- 15 Angie Landers Marilyn Wood
- 16 Anna Haage
- 17 Jordan Wayne
- 18 Mary Lou Cubit Kayla Martin Judy Ringgenberg
- 19 Brody Herny
- 20 Tom Eveland
- 21 Gavin Bowie
- 22 Esther Augustine Lesa Bixler Charleigh Comfort



- 23 Austin Blackwell
- 24 Terry DeJong
- 25 Donna Goodman Cindy McNulty Pattie Rath Francine White
- 26 Carol Peterson
- 27 Michelle DeWees
- 28 Grant Augustine David Gile
- 29 Jerry Lenox Chuck Mick JoAnne Rempe
- 30 Lily Stream Madysen Wade
- 31 Jacob Held



Rick & Michelle DeWees August 1, 2015

Austin & Jennifer Norris August 4, 2001

Mike & Kendra Slycord August 8, 1981

Austin & Maggie Taylor August 9, 2014

Leroy & Karen Rouw August 20, 1966

Bob & Violet Jones August 22, 1948

Darrin & Lisa Alderson August 23, 1997

Directory Updates



Margaret Chitwood

215 Heather Ave Evansdale, IA 50707

Michael & Katie Taylor

151 Highland Ave Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Bob & Violet Jones

Homestead Asst'd Living 2102 S Market St, #158 Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Fran Knoot

White Oak Estates 914 N 12th St, #1 Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Terry DeJong

tdjmusic@gmail.com

MEN'S MINISTRY

Join us every Tuesday at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Men's Dominoes.



Sympathies are extended to family and friends of Dean Mattix upon his death June 26, 2022.

Our Service Personnel

William Augspurger 3D Intel BN Unit 356 FPO AP 96385-5606

> LTC Jason E. Crile PSC 808 Box 412 FPO AE 09618-0412 USA

Kelly Del Rio Lane NOOSM PSC 851 Box 68230 FPO AE 09834



Church directory update

We are still collecting new pictures for our updated church directory. If we do not hear from you by <u>August 15th</u>, we will simply use the picture from the 2016 directory. You may email your new picture to <u>kristinem.butler71@gmail.com</u> and put in the subject line, "new directory picture."

ROOF FUND FINANCIAL REPORT		
Roof Funds Received		
Donations from Congregation	\$18,239.00	
Building Maintenance	\$7,818.00	
Youth Funds	\$7,358.00	
DWF	\$3,000.00	
Memorial Funds	\$2,675.00	
Total	\$39,090.00	



PROPERTY NOTE

The congregation has answered the call for donations to raise money for phase one of our roof project! THANK YOU to all! Phase one (Sanctuary roof) project started Monday, July 18 and was finished that week.

We also have roof replacement waiting to be done for the steel section on the northwest corner above the education wing. Price quoted from Hopkins Roofing is around \$35,000.

Our HVAC units for the narthex and sanctuary have reached their life expectancy and Cunningham has recommended that we start planning for replacement. We are in the process of getting replacement bids for this project. Amount of project is unknown at this time but we will keep the congregation informed as this will be a large financial commitment.

On behalf of the property team, we are blessed to have such wonderful support of our congregation! You can contact me with any questions or comments.

Thank you BJ Bowie

2022 Elders & Officers of the Board

<u>Elders</u>

Randy Pleima - Chair Brett Doud - Vice Chair Joette Stout - Secretary Nolen Forsythe Diane Green

Carol Huffman
Jone Molyneux

Julie Spears

Rob Taylor

Meetings will be held monthly on the 1st Sunday immediately following worship

Diaconate

Bryan Butler Karen Keep
Carole Comstock RD Keep
Harold Comstock Carol Knoot
Amanda Foster Angie Landers
Veronica Grim Sone Scott

Board

Rob Taylor - Chair Randy Pleima - Vice Chair Karen Keep - Treasurer Julie Spears - Secretary Gloria Buckallew - Financial Secretary

The First Christian Church Board members meet the 2^{nd} Tuesday of every other month at 7 pm in the All Rounders Classroom located on the lower level.



202	22 Financial S	Summary
\$	12,134.53	1/1/22 Checking Balance
\$	125,634.34	Giving
\$	2,390.66	Misc Income
\$	(137,032.26)	Expenses
\$	(9,007.26)	difference
\$	-	Transfer from Savings
\$	3,127.27	6/30/22 Checking Balance

DWF REPORT

Balance at end of June - \$2,167.50 Income in July - Interest - \$.16/Mattix funeral \$400.00

Expenses so far since June report

- June 6th Church Women United Least Coin Offering \$15.04
- ◆ June 20th Margaret Mattix-supplies for Serenity House Gift Baskets \$88.24

Balance as of July 10th is \$2,479.24

Submitted by Carole Comstock



Worship will be held at Edmundson Park on Sunday, September 11 at the shelter by the old wooden playground.



When Pastors Are Out:

The following is the order of who to contact if there's a **pastoral emergency**:

- Elder Chair Randy Pleima
- Shepherd
- Designated Pastor from another church
 - Most likely will be the pastor at St. Paul UCC
- Board Chair Rob Taylor
- Contact Pastors if Board and Elder chairs believe it is something they should know.

If there is an emergency that needs to be addressed with the **media**:

- Board Chair Rob Taylor
- Elder Chair Randy Pleima

(Any response to media should only be performed by the Pastors, the Board chair or the Elder chair.)

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