

Faith First Community Church

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The Event Committee

is collecting \$5.00 gift cards to be used at the Music Bingo fundraiser on September 26th.

If you have any gift cards that are not going to be used or if you are at a favorite store or restaurant, please consider getting a \$5.00 gift card to donate. If you are unable to shop for a gift card and still want to donate \$5.00, we will go do the shopping.

Money and gift cards can be placed in the marked collection box in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this event a success.

Save the Date - September 26!



Faith First's newly formed Men's Group held their first meeting, Saturday, July 18th at Tommy's Cafe in downtown Davenport. They discussed different ways to raise money for the church and enjoyed having breakfast together.

Next meeting: August 15 at 8 a.m.
Duck Creek Pancake House



Our Sunday School Kickoff will be held Saturday, September 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is for all members - young and old! The theme will be "You are God's Masterpiece".

Supplies needed: Small frames, used or new in various sizes and colors. Not over 5x7. 8 inch wood Embroidery hoops. Watercolor paper and foam picture frames with various foam stickers to decorate them.

We will be putting together Snack Bags for the Humility of Homes and Services to be used in their outreach program. These bags will need shelf stable foods that can be stored at room temperature

Items needed for the Snack Bags

- pudding or fruit cups
- granola bars
- tuna packets
- pop tarts
- travel size hand sanitizers
- bottled water
- gallon ziplock plastic bags

If you are unable to shop for any of these items, you can donate money and we will shop for you!



For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. ~ Ephesians 3:14-21

Last Friday and Saturday your three delegates and I attended the inaugural Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Online General Assembly, and what an amazing time we had! I gave stats during worship on Sunday, and you will hear from each of the delegates over the coming three Sundays. For now, I just want to share a little from my point of view.

One of the many things I have come to love about the Disciples, is the truly democratic polity they embody. Every ordained or licensed clergy (including chaplains, and other leaders) gets to vote. And every church – yes – EVERY SINGLE CHURCH gets three delegates to vote.

I also love that not every voice agrees. In the spaces in which we gather, the goal is to work toward “unity, not uniformity.” In fact, the identity statement of the Christian Church (DOC) is “We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God as welcomed us.” And what a difference that makes when the outside world believes we must all be uniform or you cannot belong.

This hospitality, unity and not uniformity, allows us to be who God is calling us to be as individuals, while working together. But so often we don't want to work together, or don't want to see the other person's perspective.

But we are called to do just that—to be in community and learn to work together instead of divide. And once again, the Christian Church reminded me that there is a space where this is practiced. Are we perfect at it? NO. In fact, we may not even be good at it. But we are practicing. And when we don't behave with radical hospitality, we are invited to seek reconciliation by asking for, and offering forgiveness, as God has forgiven us.

We are far from perfect. We will never be perfect. But I am grateful that we, as Faith First Community Church, are rooted in God's love and forgiveness, so that we may practice radical hospitality to all God's beloved.

Always Peace,
Pastor Heidi

KITCHEN CHRONICLES—The kitchen is FINISHED! It has been four months to the day (March 12—July 12) since we were able to do anything in the kitchen. We are so thankful for all your prayers through this process, as well as the patience of allowing us to use the church kitchen. When I return from vacation, we will have a kitchen blessing and you will be able to come and check it out!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



We will bless the backpacks and school supplies during worship on August 2.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to this mission project!

Hope at the Brick House

We are scheduled to serve at 3:30 p.m. on August 27.

Share-A-Meal

We are not scheduled to serve in August.



Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Sept. Newsletter article deadline is Aug 16.
Sept. Newsletter will be mailed by Aug 28.



Board Notes

Board Meeting July 26

1. Received the final insurance payment of \$7,817.11 for kitchen parsonage repair.
2. 52 kids were served lunch at the Hope at the Brick House.
3. Share-A-Meal served 87 in June.
4. Sunday School Kickoff is set for Saturday, September 12 from 9-3 p.m.
5. Next Board Meeting is September 6th after worship.



Women's Group
will meet

August 6th at the church - 6:45 p.m.

We will be crafting!



13 Jay Watters

19 Lee Jensen

20 Linda Jensen

21 Chris Lobdell

22 Sophie Pepper

29 Myrene Burton

Treasurer's Report June 2026

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JUNE	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 5,472.00	\$ 41,152.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 140.00	\$ 7,175.30
OCWM	\$ 144.00	\$ 181.00	\$ 960.00
DOCM	\$ 38.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 218.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 332.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 2,122.00
Total Giving	\$ 7,191.00	\$ 6,382.00	\$ 51,627.30
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 5,612.00	\$ 48,327.30
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 225.59	\$ 961.66
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,627.91
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 20,837.59	\$ 79,916.87
Pastor Expense	\$ 94,152.00	\$ 8,506.48	\$ 45,973.49
Employee Expense	\$ 16,951.00	\$ 1,205.11	\$ 7,855.49
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 4,586.00	\$ 381.70	\$ 1,756.85
Office Expense	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 482.74	\$ 2,777.16
Property Expense	\$ 28,680.00	\$ 2,255.77	\$ 17,304.70
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 150,619.00	\$ 12,831.80	\$ 75,667.69
Net General Fund	\$ (143,942.00)	\$ 8,005.79	\$ 4,249.18

Submitted by Martha Watters

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



SUNFLOWER — The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.

Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God's presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.



Our Faith First Family

Henry Pepper
Linda Cox
Glenn Perreault
Don Walton
Pastor Heidi
Sid and Ardella Boots
Karen Risler
Rev Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

Paul Dammeier
Dennis Jacobsen
Hazel Jones
Harriet Meye
Colleen Skinner
Harry Stroupe

Our Family and Friends

Linda
Phil Jones
Dean Schmidt
Albert Perreault
Fran Frutiger
JR Showens
Lorie House
Bob "Robert" Dowell

Rebecca Dyer
Bill McCoy
Nilofar Basti
Garrett Paxton
Taunia Waters
Terry Showens
Judy Cummings

Our World

Prayers for August

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe, Cameroon,
Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali,
Mauritania, Niger, Liberia, Sierra Leone

Bible Quiz

Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."

Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

- A. their way and not stumble.
- B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
- C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- D. in their darkness.

Answer: (Matthew 5:16, NIV)



Music Bingo - September 26th

Fall Festival - October 18th

Attic Shop - November 7th

Cookie Walk - December 5th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 2026

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2 Bless Backpacks Worship 10:00 a.m. Pastor Heidi on Vacation	3 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	4 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	5	6 Women's Group 6:45 p.m.	7	8
9 Bless Chandler Ozmon Worship 10:00 a.m. Pastor Heidi on Vacation	10 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	11 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	12 Attic Shop 9 a.m.	13 	14	15 Men's Group Duck Creek Pancake House 8 a.m.
16 Worship 10:00 a.m. Newsletter Articles Due Pastor Heidi on Vacation	17 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	18 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	19	20	21 	22
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