

Faith First Community Church

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Focus on Faith



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\$10 per person

September 26

6 p.m.

Doors Open

5:30 p.m.

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**50/50
Raffle**

**Basket
Raffles**

**Bring your own beverages
and snacks!**

The committee could still use some more
\$5 gift cards for the raffles...

A Prayer for Joy and Laughter

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the wit to see a joke
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.



September

The Season of Creation

Every year we celebrate the season of creation with siblings around the world. The theme for 2026 is Immersion in Living Water. Our Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognizing ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

Join us during the month of September as we hear the call to transform—to immerse ourselves in the living water flowing from the throne of God—stepping deeper and deeper, inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12



Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim. ~ Genesis 32:1

I have written about many things over the last 13 years, but I'm not sure I have written much about camp. But this month, I want to spend a few moments talking about the Christian Conference Center—the Christian Church (DOC) space in Newton, Iowa. This is the church camp, retreat center, and office space for the Disciples congregations in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and has been serving the Christian Church since 1967.

This camp sits in almost 200 acres of woods and prairie grass and offers so much more than just summer church camp.

Some of you know the Christian Conference Center—intimately. Some of those among us met there, and eventually got married. Some of those among us have counseled camp for decades. Some of those among us have been host/hostess for a weekend, showing guests around, making sure everything is in order. Some of those among us have attended clergy retreats and continuing education events during the coldest time of the year. Some of those among us have spent countless hours volunteering by building, cleaning, sorting, and whatever other odd jobs need done to make the camp what it is. Some of those among us have spent evenings there as campers, enjoying the activities and festivities, and learning what it means to be a follower of Christ among others from various parts of the Midwest.

We have heard from Camden Daily and the Marvin kids in August, as well as Amy and Autumn Dowell and Perreaults about their experiences at camp this year.

But for those among us who have never been there, let me tell you a little bit more about why this place is so sacred, and loved by so many.

The Conference Center is available for various groups to rent—weddings, anniversaries, family reunions, and so much more. They have hotel-style rooms, bunk cabins, and RV and tent camping available. On the 200+ acres, there are 5 miles of hiking trails, miniature golf, sand volleyball, outdoor swimming pool, fishing, private man-made lake, canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, paddle boards and more. There really is something for everyone!

I want to share some of the things that are taking place on this Holy Ground during 2026: multiple weddings, Pella Men's Retreat, scrapbooking events, volunteer Saturdays (once a month), multiple quilting groups, multiple Scout groups, family reunions, clergy retreats, graduation parties, Midwest K-9 training, and more.

Just like everything else, it takes money to keep a place like this kept up, beautiful, and relevant. They are always in need of donations (if you are interested, there is a wish list on the bulletin board by the office!).

Later this fall, for the first time ever, the Christian Conference Center will host a fundraising event. Watch for details, as maybe we can get a group together to attend!

My goal is to plan a day, or retreat, next year for us to go as a church and spend some time on this Holy Ground.

On behalf of those whom you have supported to be able to attend camps, THANK YOU. On behalf of the Christian Conference Center, for all of the donations—time, talent, treasure, and other—THANK YOU!

Always Peace,
Pastor Heidi

Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Philip
- D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: (John 21:17)



Hope at the Brick House

We are scheduled to serve on September 10 at 3:30 pm

Share-A-Meal

We are not scheduled to serve in September.



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

**Oct. Newsletter article deadline is Sept. 20.
Oct. Newsletter will be mailed by Sept. 28.**



Harry Stroupe is turning **90 years old** on September 12th! Please consider sending him a card!

Harry Stroupe
c/o Julie McPherson
2504 E 32nd St
Davenport IA 52807

NOTES

- Please do not bring any more items for the attic shop. We have more than enough to fill the Fellowship Hall!
- Please stop bringing egg cartons until Spring! Our egg provider says their hens are slowing production.

Annual Budget Meeting

We have 2 board members who go off the Board in January. New members will be approved at annual budget meeting in October.



Treasurer's Report July 2026			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JULY	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 6,711.00	\$ 47,863.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ 7,415.30
OCWM	\$ 144.00	\$ 231.00	\$ 1,191.00
DOCM	\$ 38.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 262.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 332.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 2,547.00
Total Giving	\$ 7,191.00	\$ 7,651.00	\$ 59,278.30
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 6,951.00	\$ 55,278.30
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 1,085.41	\$ 2,047.07
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,627.91
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 8,036.41	\$ 87,953.28
Pastor Expense	\$ 94,152.00	\$ 7,124.90	\$ 53,098.39
Employee Expense	\$ 16,951.00	\$ 1,285.05	\$ 9,140.54
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 4,586.00	\$ 83.82	\$ 1,840.67
Office Expense	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 440.49	\$ 3,217.65
Property Expense	\$ 28,680.00	\$ 2,295.94	\$ 19,600.64
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 150,619.00	\$ 11,230.20	\$ 86,897.89
Net General Fund	\$ (143,942.00)	\$ (3,193.79)	\$ 1,055.39
Submitted by Martha Watters			

8 Abby Daily

9 Karl Jensen

12 Charles Fox

12 Harry Stroupe

13 Sharon Perreault

14 Karsten Hulme

16 Laura Perreault

17 Gregory Kress

21 Jim Spies

24 Martha Watters

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the Old Testament, God provided manna, or “bread from heaven,” to sustain His people in the wilderness.



In the New Testament, Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord’s Supper, where it represents Christ’s body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God’s provision, Christ’s presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Our Faith First Family

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

Our Homebound

Paul Dammeier
Dennis Jacobsen
Harriet Meye
Colleen Skinner
Harry Stroupe

Our Family and Friends

Linda	Rebecca Dyer
Phil Jones	Bill McCoy
Dean Schmidt	Nilofar Basti
Albert Perreault	Taunia Waters
Fran Frutiger	Terry Showens
JR Showens	Judy Cummings
Lorie House	Jim Glines
Bob “Robert” Dowell	

Our World

Prayers for September

Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Ginea-Bissau, Senegal, Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo, Ghana, Nigeria, Argentine, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru



- 9/12 – Sunday School Kickoff
- 9/26 – Music Bingo
- 9/27 – Eastern Iowa Assn UCC Annual Meeting
- 10/17 – DOC Regional Gathering
- 10/18 – Fall Festival
- 10/18 – Annual Budget Meeting
- 11/7 – Attic Shop
- 12/5 – Cookie Walk



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”.

We still need items for the Snack Bags that will be given to Humility Homes for one of their Outreach programs.

Must be shelf staple food such as pudding or fruit cups, granola bars, tuna packets, pop tarts, travel size hand sanitizers, bottled water and gallon zip lock bags to put the items in.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 9:15 A.M.**

SEPTEMBER 2026

		1 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	2	3 Women's Group at the church 6:45 p.m.	4	5 
6 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved for Baby Shower 1 to 6p.m.	7 	8 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	9 Attic Shop 9 a.m.	10 Hope at the Brick House 3:30 p.m.	11 	12 Sunday School Kickoff 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
13 Faith Formation 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	14 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	15 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	16 	17 Basket Class 5:30 p.m.	18	19
20 Faith Formation 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Newsletter Articles Due	21 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	22 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	23 Attic Shop 9 a.m.	24	25 	26 Music Bingo Doors Open 5:30 p.m.
27 Faith Formation 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	28 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mail Newsletter	29 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	30 			