

# Waukee Christian Church



April – May 2025



## Church Directory Being Updated

We will begin accepting or taking photographs of church members after church on April 27 or May 4, or by appointment with Rev. Channels between April 27 and May 18. Our goal is to collect all photographs by June 1. Please submit a family picture for the directory or have your picture taken at the church. Picture requirements are:

- Use as plain a background as possible.
- Include only those people in the picture you want listed in the directory for your family.
- Use a current photo (in the last year or two).
- Use as high a resolution picture as possible. If the picture looks blurry to you it will be blurry in the directory.
- Send pictures in these formats: JPEG/JPG, PNG, TIFF, BMP

Email your picture by June 1 to: [waukeeiachristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:waukeeiachristianchurch@gmail.com).



## Women of Waukee Social

Join the Women of Waukee (WOW) group for a night of fellowship and food on Wednesday, May 14, for dinner at [John & Nick's restaurant](#) in Clive at 5:30 pm.

Please RSVP by Wednesday May 7 to Linda Wilcox @ 515-490-8885 or Karen Neese @ 515-205-3195.



## Spring Cleaning

On Saturday, April 26, we will clean our church inside and out! Whether you like tidying an outdoor planter, washing windows, or vacuuming, we have a spot for you (probably several spots, but that's where the fun comes in)! Cleaning starts at 9 am and ends at noon with a barbeque lunch (yum).



## WCC Board News

May Board Meeting will be Sunday, May 4, following worship.

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We are located one mile west of Waukee on Hickman Road.

Our Mission: To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Our Vision: To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion, for justice. Micah 6.8



## May 25 Graduation Celebration

We have an upcoming high school graduation celebration! Alice Ruggles (Cathy Phillips' granddaughter) will graduate from Van Meter High School in May. An after-church reception will be held on Sunday, May 25, in our fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars and help us celebrate Alice's accomplishments.



## Shoe Drive News

Did you know 600 million pairs of shoes are thrown away each year creating a chemical hazard in landfills?

We are collecting secondhand and new shoes to be recycled in developing nations where native people are trained in starting and managing their own micro-business.

Bring your donations to church—all sizes—all styles—all types! Tell your friends and neighbors! Shoes will be picked up sometime in April.



## New Address

Just an FYI, the church has a new street address. T Avenue has been renamed to 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Our official address is: 2060 West Hickman Road.



## Christian Conference Center Needs Your Help

Have a heart for the Christian Conference Center and want to put in a little work? Help with the spring cleaning and help get it ready for summer camp during our spring work retreat: May 2–4. Come for some or come for all! We need help for inside and outside work. Contact Eric, our new Executive Director, at [eric@newtonccc.org](mailto:eric@newtonccc.org) to volunteer.

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## An Important Season

Rev. Josh Patty, Regional Minister & President CCUMW

This month, I attended the spring meeting of our General Board and the College of Regional Ministers, where we discussed important matters of the church, and received annual reports from all of the general and regional ministries. I was struck by how much we have to celebrate across the life of our church.

- **Week of Compassion:** provided \$3.1 million in response grants in 2024; 100% of gifts went to responses (administrative costs fully covered by endowment and investment income)
- **Global Missions:** strengthened the Global Mission Intern program, including expanding age range and required educational/work experience
- **Disciples Church Extension Fund:** assisting 14 ministries recovering from fire, water, and weather damage
- **Chalice Media:** among the upcoming titles is a new, short introduction We Call Ourselves Disciples
- **Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM):** has active leadership programs at high school, college, graduate, and postgraduate levels
- **Obra Hispana:** confirmed goal to plant 25 new congregations in next five years
- **Disciples Women:** celebrated 150th anniversary October 21, 2024
- **National Benevolent Association (NBA):** Mental Health and Wellness program included the second annual conference for Disciples-related mental health professionals
- **North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD):** working to establish 4 new congregations: 2 Chuukese, 1 Samoan, and 1 Korean congregation
- **Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry:** participated in the Synod of Bishops of the Catholic Church in Rome

This is just the glimpse of all we have to celebrate in our shared ministry. Just think how many lives we are touching, comforting, encouraging, transforming together.

**Note:** This article has been edited for space.

 **Join WayPoint Resources For A Special Brunch Of Appreciation**

Join WayPoint Services for a delicious thank you brunch on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00-11:00 am at Lutheran Church of Hope – Waukee. Please [RVSP](#) if you plan on attending. Come enjoy freshly made pancakes, a yogurt parfait, eggs, fresh fruit and other delicious

treats along with great company. Let us share our appreciation for the lasting impact you're making in our community

## Who We Are

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) makes no requirement of our members to believe a certain way or make a certain confession beyond the one above. Our perspectives are diverse and our practices inclusive of many viewpoints. All are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate communion each Sunday.

We believe each person is a part of the ministry of the Church. This is an invitation to study, learn, and grow our faith through education, reflection, worship, and service.



## Pastor's Reflections

“The resurrection does not solve our problems about dying and death.

It is not the happy ending to our life's struggle,  
nor is it the big surprise that God has kept in store for us.

No, the resurrection is the expression of God's faithfulness....

The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that  
nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste.

What belongs to God will never get lost.”

—Henri J. M. Nouwen

Don't you love how Nouwen brings our attention to the idea that resurrection focuses on God's faithfulness? God keeps the promises made to God's people despite our facing death and dying, struggles and unexpected turns in life. Resurrection shows us that God is in everything, and present when we experience everything.

During the Easter season we are called to explore what it means to be an Easter people who proclaim the Good News about the Risen Lord! But we must do so not just in the story of the empty tomb that first Easter morning, but in the everyday of life as well. Our challenge as a people of faith is to share, and show, this gift from God is something we know and experience today as well. That this is something for our lives and the lives of others **RIGHT NOW!**

The promises of God are not a secret only for those in the know, or those who get the special approval to learn the inside scoop. The promises of God are for all people, which is why the resurrection was not a secret. Why it is something we proclaim—and exclaim! My prayer for you is that you may find this to be true in your life this season. And that you may have opportunities to share this Good news with others as well.!

– Rev. Channels



## News from the Property Committee

The property committee has been busy this spring! Here's some of the things they have done around the church:

- Changed all filters in the furnaces
- Replaced smoke detectors
- Fixed the sensors on the lights over the front door and alcove
- Repaired the ovens
- Ordered parts and had the dishwashers serviced

Thanks to the property committee members for keeping the church safe, looking good, and in good repair!

## Upcoming Sermon Topics

**April 20** – Easter Sunday  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, John 20:1-18  
Sermon “It Ain't Over Till It's Over”  
Theme: ENDINGS: The end of death.

**April 27** – John 20:19-31  
Sermon “Who's at the Door?”  
Theme: Why do we doubt?

**May 4** – John 21:1-19  
Sermon “To Be Continued...”  
Theme: The resurrection was not to be the end.

**May 11** – Mother's Day  
Acts 9:36-43  
Sermon “When Miracles Happen (Or Don't)”  
Theme: Why Tabitha?

**May 18** – John 13:31-35  
Sermon “Love One Another”  
Theme: It is our turn now.

**May 25** – Memorial Day  
John 14:23-29  
Sermon “  
Theme: We will not have to do it alone.



## Waukeee YMCA to Hold a Summer Outdoor Camp

The church is excited to host the Waukeee YMCA Summer Camp at our church. The program will be hosting between 40 and 60 children at our church weekdays through the summer, starting June 9. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our beautiful church with others and help care the young people in our community. Please be mindful of the program use if you do need to be at the building during the summer weeks!



## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

### April and May Birthdays:

- Beckett Showalter
- Zoey Koch
- Marilyn Lang
- Naomi Brumfield
- Robin Younger
- Holly Showalter
- Mike Showalter
- Marilyn Smith

### Anniversaries:

- Mike & Karen Neese
- Ron & Tammy Hardersen
- Bill & Pat Consolver



## Dates to Remember

**April 26** – WCC Spring Clean up Day and BBQ lunch

**April 26** – WayPoint Resources thank you brunch

**April 27** – Church Directory Pictures after worship

**May 2, 3, & 4** – Camp and Conference Center Clean up

**May 4** – Board Meeting after church

**May 4** – Church Directory Pictures after worship

**May 14** – WOW Social Dinner at John & Nick's restaurant at 5:30 pm

**May 18** – Last Sunday School classes for adults and kids until Fall

**May 25** – Graduation celebration after church

**June 1** – Pictures due for church directory



## Give to WCC

We have the eGiving option that is easy for individuals and families to sign up for and embrace. It is secure, easy to use, and more efficient for both you and the church.

You have the option to create an account or donate as a guest. If you create an account, you will be able to setup recurring donations, access donation history and setup various methods of payment.

You can donate via an ACH directly from your bank account or via a credit card. Click [eGiving](#) to start giving.

## Our Confession

As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the World.

## Need Pastoral Assistance?

Contact:

Pastor Jason-Paul Channels by phone at: 515-518-0841 or [email](#) or

Pastor Julie Cornelius by phone at: 515-370-3144 or [email](#).