



The Pastor's Pen

"Put off your old self." (Eph 4:2)

I have loved looking out my window this fall and seeing the pumpkins and leaves I had arranged in our black, iron planter. Even when they were capped with frost, it was beautiful! Golden oranges and olive drab greens made me thankful every day for God's creativity and blessings.

Then, the day after Thanksgiving, I decided to redo the planters for winter. Pumpkins gave way to evergreen boughs. But what I discovered was that the pumpkins, once solid and grand, were shriveled and oozing. They had rotted long before I was ready to put them in the trash.

How do you know when it's time to put off the old and make room for the new? And, the tougher question, how do you know when to put off the old self and make room for the new one?

It's not as easy as changing a planter or making New Year's resolutions. It might mean looking through the same window but in a different way. It might be as easy as throwing something out or adding something fresh. But it can also be a bit messy as the old self is no longer beautiful or serving us well.

Do you miss kindness in your life? Become kind. Do you miss tenderness, a touch on your shoulder after a hard day? Touch someone's shoulder. Do you miss adventure? Do something you've never done before. Do you miss peace in the world? Work for justice.

And all the while you are tying yourself up with New Year's Resolutions, imagine that you are putting off your old self and putting on the new. Notice what doesn't work anymore. Appreciate it and then let it go.

As for God's church in this place, we resolve to be ready for God's creativity!

Blessings,
Pastor Sue



From Him
the whole body,
joined & held
together
by every
supporting ligament,
GROWS
builds itself
Up in LOVE,
as each part
does its work.
ephesians 4:16

dates to Remember

- Jan 1st New Years' Office Closed
- Jan 5th Elders' Meeting 5:30 pm
- Jan 6th Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 5-9 pm
- Jan 8th WOW 7:00 pm
- Jan 12th Informational Meeting re: Holy Land Trip 5:00 pm
Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Jan 13-24 Pastor Sue out of the office



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Wish List

Youth Sunday School needs a few items!!
Can you help by donating?

- “Prizes” or small gifts for boys to put in the Marketplace
- Long-sleeved shirts for painting smocks
- Bible Flashcards
- Camcorder and stand
- Scrapbooking punches, stamps, stickers
- Children’s Nativity Set
- Elementary-aged board games
- 2 Computers (used)
- Veggie Tale videos

Your gift is appreciated!

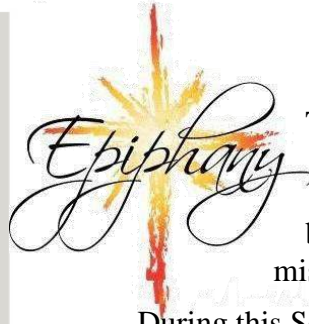


There will be a WORM Workday on Jan. 25th at 9:00 am to “spruce up” the classrooms. Supplies will be needed such as paint in primary colors or earth tones, painting supplies (brushes, etc.) and of course, your willing hands!



It’s that time of year. In cases of emergency, the Board Chair and the Minister will decide action that is in the best interest of the members and friends of Waukee Christian Church.

If worship is cancelled, a One Call Now message will be sent to your phone. Make sure the office has your current phone information so you can be up to date!



Epiphany Missions



The season of Epiphany begins with the adoration of the Magi – the coming of the nations to the manger of the Christ Child. Because Christ’s birth celebrates the light of God to ALL people, mission is an important theme for Epiphany.

During this Season, we lift up Week of Compassion, our opportunity to be the body of Christ for those suffering due to natural disasters.

On January 26th, we will answer the Call to Discipleship closer to home. We will have a shortened worship service and then take up the work of Christ in Fellowship Hall by making homemade laundry soap for the Waukee Food Pantry. This will be good “clean” fun!!

Making laundry soap is fast, easy, and inexpensive. It protects the environment by keeping chemicals out of the water system – and it also saves money. The Waukee Food Pantry will give out our soap to needy families in February.

To make the soap, we will need a few items (there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall).

Here’s what is needed: Fels Naptha laundry bars; 20 Mule Team Borax; Arm & Hammer Super Washing Soda, clean Cool Whip containers; measuring cups, and food processors or graters.

Please sign up! And come prepared to make a difference.



WCC is scheduled to serve at the Pizza Ranch in Waukee on Monday, January 6th from 5 pm – 9 pm. People are needed to bus tables - and the best part is we get to keep all the tips AND 10% of the sales for the event. If you would like to help, contact Joyce Breckenridge (978-4936) - and be sure to mark your calendars to eat at Pizza Ranch on January 6th!



Church Membership

If you have been trying on Waukee Christian Church for a while and it feels like a great fit, you are invited to join us on this journey of faith. Simply let Pastor Sue know, and she will make the arrangements.

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Upcoming Lectionary

January

- 5th (Epiphany Sunday) Matthew 2: 1-12
God's Guiding Spirit
- 12th Matthew 3: 13-17
God's Favoring Spirit
- 19th John 1: 29-42
God's Inviting Spirit
- 26th Matthew 4: 12-23
God's Liberating Spirit

February

- 2nd Matthew 5: 1-12
God's Spirit of Humility
- 9th Matthew 5: 13-16 (-20)
God's Illuminating Spirit
- 16th Matthew 5: 23-26
God's Forgiving Spirit
- 23rd Matthew 5: 38-48
God's Loving Spirit

March

- 2nd Matthew 17: 1-9
Fulfillment of the Spirit - Transcendence



2014 Mission Trip

In 2014, Waukee Christian Church will be sending a team of volunteers to a Disciples Home Mission Station at Joplin, MO.

There will be an informational meeting on Feb. 2nd following church. Bring a brown bag lunch and together, we'll learn more about how we can be a part of this restorative movement. What can you do? Lots of things! You can support our fundraising efforts to cover the cost of the trip. You can volunteer to be a part of the Mission Team. And you can pray that God uses this church in healing the world. Blessings on our worshipful work.

The proceeds from the Pizza Ranch Tip Night Fundraiser will be applied to this trip.

Thanks to ...

Thank You!

- Choir, Director Vicki Teas, and Organist Ruth Sindt for providing music during Advent
- Everyone who supported the CWF/WOW Bake Sale. Proceeds will be used to provide funeral dinners
- WORM Sunday School Planning Team – be on the watch for updated classrooms
- Those retiring from congregational leadership (Board Chair, Shari Burgus; Elder Chair, Linda Wilcox; Elders Jan Jensen, Bethalene Finestead, Karen Neese; Recording Secretary, Marlene Risinger, and Financial Recording Secretary, Matt Hansen). Our congregation is stronger because of your service.
- Worship Team for the banner inventory and Advent decorating
- Marlene Risinger and Lisa Hiatt for your care of our outdoor planters
- Sunday School Teachers
- Congregation for your generous contributions to the Furnace Fund and to our local Food Pantry

Thank You to Our Christian Church Friends!

Friends are great, but Church friends who “remember” you during sickness & hospital stays are very special! There is a “warm feeling” in our hearts knowing we are being prayed for! Thank you for caring! Your phone calls, your many get well cards, your prayers and Pastor Sue’s call meant so much to us. May “God’s Hand” rest on “Each One” of your shoulders and bring blessings for you and your families this holiday season and always.

In Christian Love,
Lois & Orville Bannister



Thanks to all our church members and friends who have generously supported the Waukee Area Christian Services ministry with gifts, money, food, time, delivery, and prayers. Your contributions throughout the year and especially during this holiday season help to share God’s message of love in a very real way.

~Sue MacRae

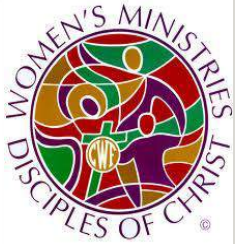


Please remember to return your puzzle piece to the office. We would like to gift the puzzle picture of our church to the youth Sunday school.

Also remember that newsletter articles for the February 2014 issue are due by February 19th.

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CWF will NOT be meeting in January but will resume on Feb. 5th at 9AM at the church.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

Monthly Communion Is Available

The Elders take communion once a month to those who are homebound, in nursing facilities or hospitalized.

If you would like to receive communion, please contact [Cimberly Hansen](#), Elder Chair at 515-276-3145.



CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education)

As the final step of the Ordination process, Pastor Sue has been accepted into the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Unity Point Health Des Moines (Methodist Hospital downtown). CPE is a four month intensive practicum, January – May, that provides an immersion in crises, grief, behavioral health and chemical dependency. CPE is a 400 hour program that sets the stage for profound learning and personal growth.

As a participant, Pastor Sue is required to serve one day per week in the seminar (Monday), conduct weekly “rounds,” and provide on-call pastoral care one night per week. On those nights, Pastor Sue will be sleeping at the hospital. This will be an extremely busy time for our minister as she finishes her Ordination requirements and she appreciates your prayers and patience. Board Chair, George Risinger, and Elder Chair, Cimberly Hansen, are available for non-emergencies. Ron Hardersen handles property issues. And our Secretary, Lanita Cavanaugh is available Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WOW!

The Women of Waukee will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 8th. Vicki Teas will serve as the hostess. All women interested in deepening their faith, service, and fellowship are welcome!



Knit Wits meet at the church every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. They make many beautiful items and welcome anyone to join their fun group.

Cash donations or donations of 3-4 skeins of yarn of one color are also needed.



Smile! Plans are underway to print an updated Church Directory. We will be using the Church Windows software to compile the directory. Please let the office know of any change in address or contact information.



Your giving is important to the future ministry of God's church in this place. Please give generously and with a cheerful heart.

	September	October	November
Receipts	\$ 9,657.00	\$ 11,950.00	\$ 12,085.69
Expenses	9,930.00	10,591.00	10,090.35
	\$ (273.00)	\$ 1,359.00	\$ 1,995.34
Money available for expenses	\$ 3,952.04	\$ 4,912.75	\$ 6,743.10

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Disciples 101

During a December sermon, Pastor Sue talked about the importance of our roots. But do you know the roots of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Whether you're a life-long Disciple or a new visitor... we can all use a little brushing-up on our faith family tree.

In February, we will offer a *Disciples 101* class, a brief history of all things Chalice. We will cover things like our denominations birth in the Great Awakening, the Stone-Campbell Movement, how our sacraments differ from other denominations, and our local congregation's missions and ministry.

Details to follow in the February newsletter.



Between The Covers book club meets on the last Monday of the month at 6 pm to discuss the book of the month and enjoy table fellowship. If you can join us, great! The January book is "The Noticer" by Andy Andrews (fiction/self-help).



Have you ever wondered what it was like to sail on the Sea of Galilee? Would you like to walk the Via Dolorosa, or take communion outside the Garden Tomb? Here are the Top 10 reasons to visit the Holy Land:

1. Build a closer relationship with God
2. Make the Bible personal
3. Renew your spirit
4. Develop deep Christian bonds with other travelers
5. Be involved in an intense Christian Education Experience
6. Increase your confidence in sharing the Gospel Story with others
7. Create a unique shared experience of the Holy Spirit
8. Enrich your life
9. Develop a more Christ-like understanding of other cultures and religions
10. Be a representative for Christ in a foreign land

Pastor Sue & Jerry were blessed to visit the Holy Land in 2008, and are planning to lead a group there in 2015, going through Educational Opportunities, a quality Christian travel program since 1974. You will be safe and the cost is a bargain - \$2,798. That price is all inclusive:

- First Class Hotels
- Guided Sightseeing
- International Airfare from NY
- Entrance & Program Fees
- Lecture Series
- Buffet Breakfast & Dinner daily
- Taxes & Gratuities

An informational meeting will be held on **January 12th at 5:00 p.m.**, just prior to the Board meeting. Please let Pastor Sue know if you are interested and cannot attend the January meeting.



Please let the church office know about hospitalization, surgeries, etc. The Privacy Act (HIPAA) limits the notification we get from health care facilities. The church number is 515-987-4937 and Pastor Sue can be reached at 515-577-4543.



The quarterly serving schedules are available. Please let the office know if you have questions or would like to volunteer to serve God's church.

Date	Communion Prep	Audio Visual	Greeter	Youth Greeter	Candle Lighter	Children's Moment	Reader Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Scripture	Communion Invitation	Elders Call to Offering, Offering Prayer, Communion Prayer	Offering & Communion Servers	Fellowship Time	Nursery Attendant	Food Pantry Delivery	Visiting Elders
JANUARY														
5th	Marlene Risinger	Jerry Woods	Tammy Hardersen	Cassie Hansen	Tammy Hardersen	George Risinger	Lorrie Grandgenett	Shari Burgus	Jan Jensen Karen Neese	Pat/Jack Carpe	Suzanne Koch	Kelsey Baker	Marlene Risinger	Jan Jensen Karen Neese
12th	Dolores Betzold	Jason Keller	Ron Hardersen	Zoey Koch	Zoey Koch	Sue Woods	Ron Hardersen	Shari Burgus	Duane Sindt Jerry Woods	George Risinger Suzanne Koch	Vivian Wilson Kathryn Llewellyn	Cassie Hansen		
19th	Pat/Jack Carpe	Cassie Hansen	Velda Morris	Cassie Hansen	Jason Keller	George Risinger	Tammy Hardersen	Sue Woods	Linda Wilcox Cimberly Hansen	Cimberly & Cassie Hansen	Cimberly Hansen	Kelsey Baker		
26th	Lorrie Grandgenett	Matt Hansen	Cimberly Hansen	Zoey Koch	Tammy Hardersen	Sue Woods	Karen Neese	Sue Woods	Wayne/Joyce Breckenridge	Jason Keller Shari Burgus	Dolores Brown Dolores Betzold	Cassie Hansen		
FEBRUARY														
2nd	Pat/Jack Carpe	Jerry Woods	George Risinger	Cassie Hansen	Zoey Koch	George Risinger	Suzanne Koch	Shari Burgus	Karen Neese Jan Jensen	George Risinger Suzanne Koch	Shari Burgus	Kelsey Baker	Beckie Myers	Wayne & Joyce Breckenridge
9th	Dave Grandgenett	Jason Keller	Suzanne Koch	Zoey Koch	Jason Keller	Sue Woods	George Risinger	Shari Burgus	Cathy Conklin Duane Sindt	Beckie Myers Jason Keller	Pat/Jack Carpe	Cassie Hansen		
16th	Beckie Myers	Cassie Hansen	Pat Carpe	Cassie Hansen	Tammy Hardersen	George Risinger	Linda Foltz	Sue Woods	Cimberly Hansen Linda Wilcox	Cimberly & Cassie Hansen	Lorrie Grandgenett	Kelsey Baker		
23rd	Dolores Betzold	Matt Hansen	Jack Carpe	Zoey Koch	Zoey Koch	Sue Woods	Shari Burgus	Sue Woods	Wayne/Joyce Breckenridge	Dave/Lorrie Grandgenett	Marlene Risinger	Cassie Hansen		
MARCH														
2nd	Marlene Risinger	Jerry Woods	Dave Grandgenett	Cassie Hansen	Jason Keller	George Risinger	Lorrie Grandgenett	Shari Burgus	Jan Jensen Karen Neese	Jason Keller Shari Burgus	Lois Bannister Velda Morris	Kelsey Baker	Marlene Risinger	Linda Wilcox Cimberly Hansen
9th	Lorrie Grandgenett	Jason Keller	Shari Burgus	Zoey Koch	Tammy Hardersen	Sue Woods	Ron Hardersen	Shari Burgus	Jerry Woods Duane Sindt	Ron/Tammy Hardersen	Naomi Brumfield	Cassie Hansen		
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JANUARY 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		9:30 am Knit Wits	1  OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 	4
5 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 5:30 pm Elders	6 Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 5-9 pm	7 9:30 am Knit Wits 6:30 pm Choir	8 7:00 pm WOW	9	10	11 
12 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 5:00 pm Holy Land Trip Informational Mtg. 6:30 pm Board Mtg.	13 Pastor Sue gone	14 9:30 am Knit Wits	15	16 	17	18
19 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pastor Sue gone	20 	21 9:30 am Knit Wits	22	23	24	25  WORM Work Day 9:00 am
26 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	27  Between the Covers Book Club Mtg.	28 9:30 am Knit Wits	29	30	31	

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