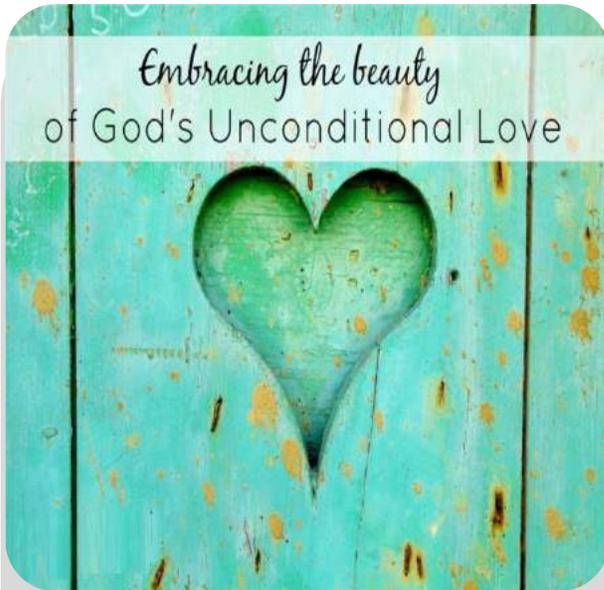


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Save the Date

- 06/01/19 - Flea Market - don't miss it!!
- 06/02/19 - Church Outside the Walls at Spurgeon Manor at 10 am.
- 06/16/19 - Last Day of Sunday School
Teacher Appreciation
Father's Day



Strait from the Pastor

On May 22nd, four days before my daughter's birthday, my son became a father to his son. Into this world was born Holden James Wilder Strait. I was secretly hoping for a Loren III but some namesake dynasties must come to an end. It was never my choice to make. It was only mine to participate in. Not the naming, just the being present, and that was more than enough for me. To watch as my son moved from room to room throughout the journey; to listen to my son as he sparingly provided words to what he was going through within his own emotions; to treasure my son as he and his girlfriend entered in to this moment where hopes and dreams, realities and responsibilities, collide; to allow my heart to embrace the joy in him, in her, in them, was a reminder that each has their moment and this was theirs. My heart is full enough with carrying the abundance of being present. I didn't have to tell them how they should do it. I didn't have to measure their experience by my experiences. I could just be present and love them and cherish what was unfolding. Then again, I did get to hold Sir Holden, and of course, cry like only a proud grandpa can do, and give thanks.

In my latest round of reading I've been spending time with books written by those who have found the church less than a joyful presence. Books like *Leatherbound Terrorism* by Chris Kratzer, *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz, *Not Your White Jesus* by Sheri Faye Rosendahl, *A Lens of Love* by Johathan L. Watson, *Searching For Sunday* by the late Rachel Held Evans, and my current book, *Unafraid* by Benjamin Corey, all speak of the experiences of those who sought the love of God and the gift of community only to find the kind of presence that measured, expected, demanded, condemned, denied, and expelled. They found presence that was less about embracing and loving and more about terms and conditions applied. What I find beautiful about each book is their deep diving into the depths of understanding the love of Jesus made real in human life and the life of the church as well as their bold exploration of what it means to wrestle with, and live out, that one word the church, and believers, often mute, grace.

Tell me how God is present in your life. Tell me when your eyes have seen, when your ears have heard, when your heart has experienced, that unconditional love of God given to you for no other reason than this is who and what God is. Tell me where you have experienced that grace given to you. Tell me how that presence speaks to the depth of your soul. Oh, dear church, how is it with your soul? Tell me how you found a way to lay aside that which measures and breaks hearts and lives to be a presence of God's grace, God's unconditional love. Tell me these things and speak them to one another because the world around us needs us to be clear on what God's love and spirit spilling over them. As we ponder and define our sense of mission and the values we hold on to, what becomes the truth that radiates holy presence among us and through us? What kind of presence do you believe God is calling us to be?

So, I sent a text this morning asking how everyone was doing in the hopes of a window that would open and say, "get yourself up here grandpa!" Instead I got the word that said, "we are tired." So, I'll let them set the agenda and discern what is the right thing for them as they enter into the second day of being "family." I suppose I could work to impose myself and what I think should or shouldn't be, but the truth is that would have nothing to do with them and everything to do with me. And that is certainly no way to be present.

Grace and Peace,
Loren

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 06/05 Sarah Infante
- 06/13 Tammy Hardersen
- 06/15 David Grandgenett
- 06/19 Robert Wright
- 06/26 Eli Infante

Happy Anniversary

- 06/02 Janelle & Ryan Taylor
- 06/11 Sue & Ric MacRae
- 06/25 Marlene & George Risinger
- 06/29 Nancy & Marvin Cross

Noisy Offering

June 9th



Disciples of Christ Identity Statement

"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."

SHOE DRIVE



HAPPENING NOW!!

Stepping Up our Ministry

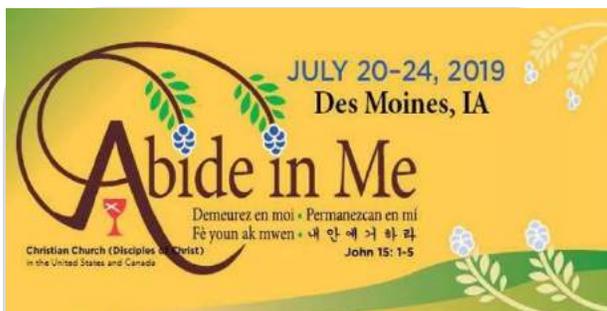
Shoe Drive! Waukee Christian Church is collecting shoes through June 30th to send overseas to developing nations. Remember, this mission reduces waste in our nation's landfill while also helping people become financially stable and self-supporting. This year, with your help, we hope to break our record of 8575 pairs of shoes! What a difference this makes in the lives of people who have far less than we have been blessed with.

Clean your closets... tell your neighbors... hang a poster... set out a box... do whatever you can to help out. Please recruit your neighbors and the businesses you patronize.

We will accept ANY size and ANY style. All that is required is that there is a sole and a mate. It would be helpful to have shoelaces tied together or rubber bands around each pair, but if you can't do that, don't worry - we can do that. This is a great way to be in ministry.

May God bless our efforts!





Our Upper Midwest hosts want us to have a grand time in Des Moines. Look at some of the fun activities they have planned!

- Yoga on the Riverfront
- Bike Rides
- Farmers Market Meet Up
- East Village Scavenger Hunt
- Butter Chalice
- Brew Tour
- World Food Prize Hall of Laureates Tour
- Salisbury House Tour
- Labyrinth Park
- Discover the D-LINE
- Tour the Iowa State Capitol
- Rent a Des Moines' BCycle
- Take an Art Stroll

You can register today by clicking on the button below or going to <https://ga.disciples.org/registration/>

[Start your registration](#)

2019 All Congregational Gathering and Reception for Bill Spangler-Dunning

After 20 years of service in ministry to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest, Bill Spangler-Dunning will be moving. Join us for a gathering of our congregations and an opportunity to express our gratitude for his service with us as Disciples Together.

**Forte Banquet and Conference Center
615 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309**

**Sunday, July 21, 2019
Come and Go Reception
4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Formal Program at 4:30 p.m.**



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

	February	March	April
Receipts	\$ 2,454.67	\$ 18,066.46	\$ 11,844.95
Expenses	\$ 10,500.24	\$ 14,370.01	\$ 10,084.00
Difference	(\$ 8,045.57)	\$ 3,696.45	\$ 1,760.95
Money available for expenses	\$24,555.23	\$28,251.68	\$30,012.63

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MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

Start Thinking About Mission, Outreach and Involvement

During a conversation among the Support Team as they discussed a couple more chapters of *Real Good Church* it became apparent that one of the great opportunities for WCC is for us to return to and engage with our community. We cannot sit and wait out here in the middle of the fields for the community to come to us. We are called to go to them. To be present where the needs and opportunities are found. That being said, we are looking for one or two or three of you among our WCC family who have a deep belief that we need to be involved and present in the Waukee Community. There are parades, there are community events, there are organizations and municipal activities, there are schools and many other things out there waiting for us to be a part of. If this moves your heart and enlivens your spirit, then please speak with Pastor Loren.

In addition, it becomes clear that we have two vitally important mission partners in the life of Waukee Christian, the **Waukee Area Christian Services** ministry by which those in times of need find compassion and kindness. Currently Pastor Julie and Sue MacRae are active volunteers with this ministry. Soon, Pastor Loren will be replacing Sue on the Board since her term has expired and getting involved too. In addition, we have formed a relationship with **Many Hands** in Grimes. Many Hands provides many of the shoes we need for our annual Shoe Drive and in return we would like to foster greater involvement with their ministry to the people of Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world. It is time for WCC to make these two ministries a vital part of our outreach and connection to the community in which we live. If you feel passionate about such ministries WCC is looking for someone, or someones, to help us nurture these relationships and to become engaged partners in these ministries beyond our building. If you see this as a part of what you could offer your church family then please speak with Pastor Loren.



Julie Cornelius is our Visiting Pastor.

Please let her know if you are hospitalized or would like her to make a visit. Her phone contact is 515 370-3144.



Thanks to all who generously attended or supported the 3rd annual WACS Creating Connections Gala. The goal of \$50,000 was reached and the funds will be used for ongoing support of the many services that are available at the food pantry, the free clinic, and the garden throughout the year.

There are several volunteer openings in all areas. Please visit the website (waukeechristianservices.org) to see what's available.

-Waukee Area Christian Services

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On Sunday, May 26th, Waukee Christian Church celebrated the baptism of Pat Consolyer! Pat is pictured here with her husband, Bill. Welcome to both of you!



Lisa Hiatt continues to implement the landscaping plans! The round flower bed has been planted with numerous new plants. It may look a little sparse right now, but in 2 or 3 years, it should be overflowing with beautiful flowers!



WAUKEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FLEA MARKET/CRAFT & GARAGE SALE

29043 T Ave
between Waukee and Adel on
Hickman Rd.

Saturday June 1
10:00 am to 4:00 pm



- Food Truck with Homemade Tenderloins, Funnel Cakes, Corn Dogs, Chicken Strips, Cheeseballs, Fresh Squeezed Lemonade,
- KETTLE CORN
- CARMEL CORN
- Daisy Girl Crafts
- Flip Flops
- Barn Board Stuff
- USBORNE BOOKS
- Headbands
- Antiques
- Jams
- Jellies
- Crafts
- Mary Kay
- Norwex
- Scentsy
- Pampered Chef
- String Art
- Vintage Jewelry
- Silverware Teakettle Chimes & Jewelry
- VoxxLife / Wearable Neuro Technology
- WordArt Projects (about Autism and other special needs) as well as Embroidery and Custom Embroidery Items can be ordered, all from Doodles, Details, & Designs.
- Wood Signs
- Handmade Décor
- Vic Cosmetics
- Wood Furniture
- Garage Sale Items
- Blankets
- Mary & Martha
- Antiques
- Paparazzi
- Candles
- Bath Bombs
- Body Butter
- Potato Bags
- Thirty One Bags
- Garden Flower Décor
- Clay Pots
- Color Street Nail Strips
- Young Living Essential Oils
- Premier Designs Jewelry
- LuLaRoe Clothing
- Tie Dye T-shirts
- Handmade Jewelry
- Laundry Soap
- Scrapbooking
- Microwave Bowl Buddies
- Resin Coaster and Tiles
- Whirly Twirly Girlz Boutique
- Vintage Handmade Items
- Flea Market Flowers
- Canvas Dots
- Tastefully Simple Foods
- Quilting
- Wreaths Floating Tea Cups

DON'T MISS IT!!

All donations to our church table at the flea market on June 1, 2019, must be delivered before 7:45 that morning (June 1st). Also, if an item doesn't sell, the person donating that item must pick it up at 2:00 pm when we break down the table. Each item must be priced by the person donating that item. Please no donations prior to that morning.

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Serving On Sunday

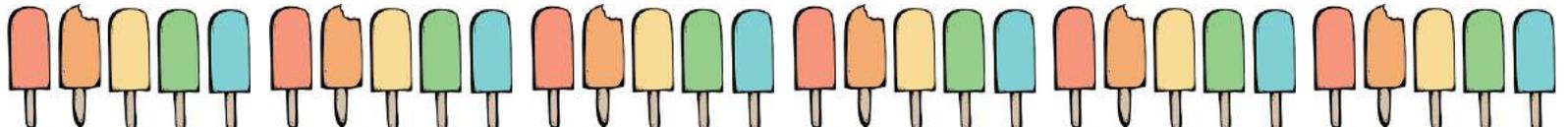
June Serving Schedule

June	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Church Outside the Walls	Mary Lou Harris	Lee Foltz	Jan De Jong	Karen Neese
A/V		Jason Keller	Suzanne Koch	Matt Hansen	Dave Grandgenett
Greeter		Sue MacRae	Mary Lou Harris	Marc De Jong	Marilyn Dowell
Youth Greeter		Colten Silverthorn	Gavin Reeck	Easton/Beckett Showalter	Kayson Taylor
Candle Lighter		Kayson Taylor	Sadie Infante	Colten Silverthorn	Sadie Silverthorn
Children's Moment		George Risinger	Kathy Dean	Pastor Loren	Shari Burgus
Reader		Kathy Dean	Sue MacRae	Tammy Hardersen	Linda Foltz
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer		Christy Snover	Tammy Hardersen	Linda Wilcox	Holly Showalter
Offering & Communion Servers		Linda Foltz	Cathy Conklin	Suzanne Koch	Tammy Hardersen
Communion Invitation		Lee Foltz	Jan De Jong	Marc De Jong	Ron Hardersen
Communion Prayer		Cathy Conklin	Linda Foltz	Holly Showalter	Linda Wilcox
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)		Youth Fellowship	Karen Neese	Mary Lou Harris	Linda O'Hair
Child Care Attendant		Brooke Howsare	Zoey Koch	Tasha Schnell	Brooke Howsare
Monthly Tasks					
Food Pantry Delivery	Lanita Cavanaugh		Lock up after church	Chuck Teas	

July Serving Schedule

July	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
Communion Prep & Clean-up	Suzanne Koch	Jan De Jong	Mary Lou Harris	Linda Foltz
A/V	Matt Hansen	Jason Keller	Ryan Taylor	Suzanne Koch
Greeter	Lee Foltz	Tammy Hardersen	Karen Neese	Linda Wilcox
Youth Greeter	Gavin Reeck	Sadie Infante	Sadie Silverthorn	Colten Silverthorn
Candle Lighter	Sadie Infante	Lincoln Lamb	Gavin Reeck	Theo Lamb
Children's Moment	Shari Burgus	George Risinger	Kathy Dean	Pastor Loren
Reader	Lee Foltz	Mike Showalter	Jan De Jong	Sue MacRae
Call to Offering & Offering Prayer	Suzanne Koch	Christy Snover	Lee Foltz	Cathy Conklin
Offering & Communion Servers	David Grandgenett	Tammy Hardersen	Shari Burgus	Linda Foltz
Communion Invitation	Linda Foltz	Marc De Jong	Linda Wilcox	Jan De Jong
Communion Prayer	Linda Wilcox	Christy Snover	Linda Foltz	Holly Showalter
Fellowship (please remember to take out trash)	Naomi Brumfield	Youth Fellowship	Shari Burgus	Mary Lou Harris
Child Care Attendant	Zoey Koch	Tasha Schnell	Brooke Howsare	Zoey Koch
Monthly Tasks				
Food Pantry Delivery	Sue MacRae		Lock up after church	Ron Hardersen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  flea market 10 am - 4 pm
2 Church Outside The Walls At Spurgeon Manor In Dallas Center at 10 am	3	4 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	5	6 Trash	7 Recycle	8
9 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship <i>Noisy Offering today!</i> Ministry Team Mtg. after fellowship	10	11 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	12	13 Trash	14	15
16 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Last day of Sunday School Teacher Appreciation	17	18 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m. <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red;"> Newsletter Articles Due </div>	19	20 Trash	21 Recycle	22
23 10 am Worship	24 	25 Knit Wits 9:30 a.m.	26	27 Trash	28	29
30 10 am Worship						

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Waukee, Iowa 50263



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee

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Visiting Pastor: Pastor Julie Cornelius
Admin. Assistant: Lanita Cavanaugh

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~Living Faith on the Edge of Waukee ~



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Growing spiritually through the renewing of our minds.

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