



The Church Mouse

First Christian Church

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Monday–Thursday

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Worship Service

at 10:00 a.m. In-person
and virtually through our FB
page.

*Deadline for submissions for
the next newsletter is 6.17.24*

Be Still and Know

By Pastor Leslie Dalstra

Dan and I took our annual trip to Colorado last week, along with our son Harry, his girlfriend Alice, and our three dogs. I still remember the first time we visited the cabin 10 years ago. The peacefulness, the stillness, was a welcome change of pace from our busy lives in El Paso, Texas.

Every time I go there, I come up with mid-year resolutions for embodying changes that will feed my mind, spirit, and body. As I return home and to ministry, it is no surprise to me that the scriptures that we are focusing on invite us to remember that the world does not revolve around us and our efforts. Which does not mean that we have nothing to do, but it is vital to remember that God does the growing.

In the parables we find an invitation to be still, to know God, and to listen. To open ourselves up to growth and new insights.

Being still should not only come once a year when we are away from home, it needs to be a daily practice allows us to connect to the Divine. To quiet the noise and activities will bring us into deeper faithfulness and trust in God.

End of the Month Meal

We are so grateful for the donations of salads and desserts for our End of the Month Meals. It costs around \$125-150 to feed between 80 – 100 people for the entrée, drinks, and condiments each time we host the End of the Month meal. We only received enough to cover one of the six meals last year. We are grateful for an anonymous donor that covered the rest. Please consider putting money in the pot that is in Narthex so we can continue to fund this ministry. \$5 a month could make a huge difference!

Fort Madison's City Summer Concert Fund Raiser

We will be serving pre-packaged individual servings of ice cream, hot dogs, chips, pop, and lemonade at the City's Summer Concerts on July 4 & 14. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers. All proceeds will go to support our General Fund.

Fellowship Hosts, Deacons, Elders, and Worship Leaders

We are in need of more fellowship hosts, please check your calendar and sign up! We also have our sign-up forms for the rest of the year for our deacons, elders, and worship leaders. If you are interested in being a worship leader go ahead and sign up and Pastor Leslie can help you learn how to be a leader in this fulfilling way.

Happy Birthday!

7-6 Jean Hoffmeister

7-10 Jim Platt

7-11 Jordan Hubbs

7-17 Marvin Anderson

7-18 Arielle Willson

7-21 Dan Dalstra

7-29 Gary Kramer

7-31 Mel Holtkamp & Judy Beebe

Happy Anniversary!

7-26 Dan & Leslie Dalstra



Grandparents raising grandchildren

WE ARE LAUNCHING A NEW MINISTRY! GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 5TH FROM 6-7 P.M.

Save the Date & Spread the Word!

Art Camp for children finishing 4th—8th grade will be July 8-10 this summer, with our open house on July 11th. Registration is open and spots are filling up fast.



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May 2024 Budget

\$14,044.00 Monthly Budget Needs

\$ 9,859.00 Offerings received from April

\$6,057.00 Monthly income from investments & renters

+\$1,902.00 Surplus

Sunday's Scriptures

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost- June 23

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

Liturgist-Vicki Lair

Elder-Vicki Lair

Deacon-Pam Reuther

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost- June 30

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Liturgist-Diana Wilson

Elder-Diana Wilson

Deacon-Mike Hayes

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost-July 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

Liturgist-

Elder-

Deacon-Gerry Pohlpetter

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost-July 14

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Liturgist-Vicki Lair

Elder-Vicki Lair

Deacon-Amy Hayes

CHURCH CALENDAR

6.23 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

6.24 Monday

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting

6:00 Grandparents Support
Group

6.26 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Coffee with the Pastor

4:00 p.m. Roxy's Pantry

6.30 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. All Church Luau

7.1 Monday

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting

6:00 Grandparents Support
Group

7.3 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Coffee with the Pastor

7.4 Thursday

Happy Independence Day!

5:30 p.m. Central Park Fund
Raiser

7.7 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

7.8 Monday

10:00 a.m. Art Camp

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting

7.9 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Art Camp

7.10 Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Coffee with the Pastor

10:00 a.m. Art Camp

7.11 Thursday

5-6:30 p.m. Art Camp Open
House

7.14 Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

5:30 p.m. Central Park Fund
Raiser

7.15 Monday

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting

6:00 Grandparents Support
Group

Prayer Concerns Together we pray for ...

Current Concerns:

Juanita Anderson
F & F of Margaret Bruno
Ronald Cochran
Rovene Cochran
Sharon Egbert
Terri Hampton
Sue Kuper
Teresa Norris
Diane Mattix
Betty Medina
F & F of Laurie Mullins
F & F of Rick Platt
Shawna Rainbolt
F & F of Chuck Wilkens

Names in Current Concerns will be removed after a month unless the office is notified and asked to keep the individual on for a longer time period.

Long-Term

Concerns:

Barbara Altgibers
Dan Ammer
Jan Bindewald
Steve Bishop
Mark Bowman
John Chamness
Tracy Chamness
Barb Cobb
Melba Crago
Camdyn Cresswell
Wilbur Dalrymple
Tony Dixon
Daniel Drago
Toni Gaylord
Beverly Gobble
Randy Herbert
Jean Hoffmeister
Rosie Howard
Carolyn MacLearn
Carol Ann Mercer
Jaimes Mesecher
Randy Nielson
Olivia Nord

Beverly Oge
Melissa Platt
Cody Raines
Benita Roberts
Jerry Roberts
Mike Rung
Bill Seyb
Trisha Scott
Sharon Strunk
Don Sunden
Gale Swan
Shawna Williamson
Marie Wilson

Members of the Military

**Lord, in your
mercy, hear
our prayers.
Amen**

