



# Altoona Christian Church *THE WELCOME NEWS*

Rev. McKinna Daugherty

*"Touched by Christ to Care and Serve"*

July 2016



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**DEADLINE:**  
**Newsletter Articles**  
**due July 15th**

## Free Outdoor Family Movie Night

Saturday, June 25th at 8:30 p.m.



On Saturday, June 25th,  
ACC hosted a free outdoor  
family movie night!

It was a beautiful evening, and  
all enjoyed the FREE popcorn!

Thanks to everyone that helped  
put this together to make it a  
success!



Photos courtesy of Taylor Glass



# FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

Famed choral director, Robert Shaw, once said, "The making of music is the everlasting and inescapable act of creation. The life of music is reborn at every singing. It actually doesn't exist on paper, but in time and sound. At each singing it seeks a new life." Singing is such a necessary and important (and lovely!) part of our worship together. It binds us to our Creator in the way it calls us to create alongside God, and it blesses us with the opportunity to create something brand new each week even when we sing the old, old hymns.

It occurs to me that in addition to the Bible, there's only one other book we open each week in worship, and that is our hymnal. What a gift this book is, relating the scriptures and theology to us in memorable and beautiful ways!

In July and early August, we'll be exploring some of the beloved hymns of our hymnal. In planning this series I returned to some of the favorites you shared with me on note cards when I first began last spring.

July 3rd: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

July 10th: Hymn TBA, Jordan Bles, guest preacher

July 17th: Doxology (Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)

July 24th: Great is Thy Faithfulness/It Is Well, Tom Schirmer, guest preacher

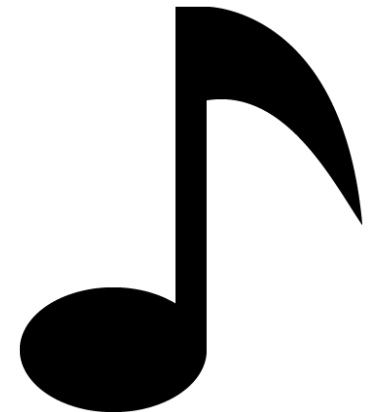
July 31st: Take My Life and Let it Be

August 7th: Just As I Am Without One Plea

I'm excited to make music with you this summer!

Peace,

Pastor McKinna



P.S. Don't forget that as you travel throughout this summer, you can still catch our sermons in audio form on our website each week!

**JULY 2, 2016 AT 10am**  
**Children's Bike Parade**  
*Celebrating our Independence Day in*  
**Altoona ~ EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

***Bring your bike, trike, big wheel, stroller, wagon and more. Decorate it in all the red white and blue splendor your imagination can come up with and join the parade in celebration.***

*Parents may ride or walk beside their children*



Parade route is 2.5 miles with refreshments & breaks.

SS John Paul Catholic Church will host a water and potty break.

Altoona Christian Church will host the 4 and under parade in their parking lot.

To Register: call [515-967-4382](tel:515-967-4382)  
Email: [Register@150Celebration.org](mailto:Register@150Celebration.org)  
Or online at: [www.150Celebration.org](http://www.150Celebration.org)

*4 years and under will parade at ACC Parking Lot  
5+ years will line up their bikes at Clay Elementary*

*Parade starts and ends at Clay Elementary*

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:  
ALTOONA CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND SS JOHN PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Visit our event on Facebook and share with ALL! <https://www.facebook.com/events/100220767072542/>

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**LIFE FLIGHT HELICOPTERS!**

**POLICE BIKE PATROL!**

**KIDS' TRAIN RIDES!**

**FREE ICE CREAM!**

**GAMES!**

**INFLATABLES!**

**SPIN ART!**

**BICYCLE RODEO!**

**AIR-CONDITIONED BINGO WITH PRIZES!**

**FACE PAINTING!**

**FREE BIKE HELMETS!  
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)**

**CRIME PREVENTION GIFTS!**

**FOOD, PRIZES & MORE!**

**Be sure to cut out the tickets below for FREE Ice Cream! Share with a friend!**



**POLICE . FIRE . COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
FREE COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 2016**

**ALTOONA CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
2890 1st Ave S ~ Altoona, Iowa**

*Parking available at City Elementary*  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

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## Outreach Ministries

CWS Blanket total was \$1,200.00.

We received \$979.00 from collection on May 22nd and 29th, and \$221.00 from the Outreach budget.



## Shoe Drive July 1-31<sup>st</sup>

*Waukee Christian Church's SHOE DRIVE helps impoverished people start and grow a business and reduces landfill waste.*

*Your shoes become their inventory!*

Any style, **wearable** condition shoes accepted.

**Reminder!!!**  
Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items for the **Food Pantry** on **July 17th**  
**Food needed this month:**  
**Canned Peas**



**Outreach Meeting**  
**Tuesday,**  
**July 5th**  
**at 6 p.m.**



### Two ways to donate:

1. Drop off your shoes in the receptacle in the narthex anytime in July.
2. Drop off your shoes in the box at Waukee Christian Church's front door.

### Simple Supper

On Monday, July 25th, we will serve a Simple Supper at Adventure Life Reformed Church.

Clients of the Caring Hands food pantry are invited to the meal. Cookies and dessert bars will be needed.

Look for the sign up sheet on the Outreach Table.

### Family Promise Update

During the week of June 12-19, Sts. John and Paul hosted families through Family Promise. This is the last time they will host for the next year. Sts. John and Paul is renovating and adding on to their facilities and will be unable to house families during this time. When the program resumes next year, it is hoped that several Altoona area churches will be able to assist. Family Promise provides shelter and food for short-term homeless families and allows the families to stay together.

ACC did their part last week by providing two evening meals, a breakfast, evening hosts and overnight hosting. Thanks to everyone who contributed time and food to this important cause.

## CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

June, 2016

### LOOKING AT LIFE WITH KINGDOM EYES

“Under the circumstances...” How often do you hear that phrase? Or speak it? No, as Christians, we do not have to live under our circumstances. One’s perception can affect our faith and how we respond. Truth is based on the Word of God, so let’s desire to see with Kingdom eyes. With God’s perception, Christians are able to live above and beyond the circumstances.

While vacationing, my credit card came up missing. The devil loves to invade one’s thoughts with a spirit of fear, disturb your peace, and bombard your focus on how, when, where, etc. After some phone calls and unable to sleep, it was time to turn to the scriptures, meditate, take notes, focus on Jesus and pray. Kingdom eyes led me to I Samuel 30:6 – “When city ransacked; wives and children captured; David encouraged himself in the Lord.” Exactly what I chose to do. An antidote that is sure to anchor peace and send fear and concerns on the run. Card was located the next morning.

Some examples of Kingdom eyes: Jochebed (mother of Moses), Queen Esther, Mary (mother of Jesus), blind Bartimaeus, and of course, David. Friends, it’s not about our current circumstances, rather seeing as God sees and always aware of His faithfulness.

Ruth O’Connor

Caring Hands Food Pantry

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In May of 2016, there were 246 families that came to the pantry for assistance – 450 adults and 305 children for a total of 755 individuals served, Six thousand, one hundred eleven pounds of food was given out, not including lots of fresh fruit & vegetables, meat, breads, pastry items, and personal items. Fareway Stores at Altoona and Pleasant Hill and Brick Street Market at Bondurant totaled 244 \$8.00 vouchers handed out for perishable items such as milk, butter and eggs, or special dietary foods. Rent assistance checks for \$450.00 and utility assistance checks for \$ 990.27 were written as well. **Food needed this month: Canned Peas**

A “Simple Supper” is provided for our food pantry clients the last Monday of each month from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Adventure-Life Church, and is provided by churches, organizations and families in the SEP area. The June 27th meal will be provided by the Kiwanis, and on July 25th the Altoona Christian Church will prepare the meal.

Statistics for the Clothes Hanger for May are: 141 families assisted – (262 adults and 205 children) totaling 467 individuals. Clothing items given totaled 2,165 and household items, 39.

On behalf of our clients we say a ”HUGE THANK YOU” to all of the individuals, churches, businesses, schools and organizations who are so very generous in donating food and finances to the pantry. It is all so much appreciated, and we pray your lives will be richly blessed.

THANK YOU FOR LOVING OTHERS

## **Refugee Family** *by Margaret Ludington*

In 1979 members of Altoona Christian Church took a leap of faith and accepted Gov. Robert Ray's challenge to make Iowa a haven for refugees of the recently ended war in Southeast Asia.

After 10 months of preparations and paperwork, the congregation welcomed the Ratsamy family formerly of Laos. The family spent time in a refugee camp in Thailand before arriving in the United States. The family included husband and wife Bounthong and Souvanny and their sons Somsack, Phouthasack, Bohnsack and Xayasack and daughter Deng and Bounthong's sister Bouasone.

John and Sarah Champion and their family and the late Ben and Alice Hall provided housing for the large family until permanent housing was arranged. Sarah Champion said the Ratsamys stayed with them for two weeks. Members donated furniture and other household items to furnish the family's new home.

Norma Stuart put her years as a teacher to work tutoring the family in English. She also helped with such things as learning to use American money.

"The father would sit at the table with me when I explained about the money. The women had to sit off to the side and watch," Norma said.

Georgia Woodward signed up the boys, all teenagers, for soccer. They proved to be good players.

"In no time at all people were cheering, 'Go Xayasack. Go Phouthasack,'" Woodward recalled.

Woodward, the Champions, the Halls and Doug and Norma Teuber were the committee leading the resettlement effort.

Church members found the Ratsamys to be hard working. The boys took jobs detasseling corn. The family raised their own food in a garden.

John Champion helped with the garden.

"One time I went to the garden and there was a lot of pigweed," John said. "Our son David went to eat with them and there was pigweed on the plate."

Sarah recalled a time when she was preparing food for a meal and threw away the tops of the green onions.

"The mother grabbed them out of the sink and chopped them up and put them in the food," Sarah said.

Woodward took them shopping at Hy-Vee.

"I began to realize how grossly affluent we are," Woodward said.

"They showed us how to stretch one chicken to feed eight people."

As the Ratsamys settled in and learned more English communications got better.

"Driving back from an English class in Des Moines on day the father kept looking through his book," Sarah said. "Finally he said, 'Our house has no bowls.'"

**Refugee Family**  
*by Margaret Ludington*  
*(continued)*

The American hosts had not provided rice bowls in the furnishings they supplied.

Eventually the Ratsamys made contact with Laotian friends in the Twin Cities and decided to move there. Ben and Alice Hall and Norma and Dave Stuart helped them move.

The Ratsamys opened an Asian grocery and later added one in San Diego, Calif. The children grew up to marry, attend college and work in the family business.

On a trip to Minnesota in 1993, Norma and Dave stopped to see the Ratsamys at their store. The Stuarts saw how well the family combined what they learned from their American hosts with their thrift and hard work.

“While we were there, the father drove up in a big, shiny Mercedes,” Norma said.

The Stuarts lost touch with the Ratsamys since that time.


Georgia said that the church received two donations of \$1,000 after the family moved to Minnesota.

Altoona Christian sponsored two more families, the Manivahns who settled permanently in Altoona and another family who stayed briefly in Des Moines before moving to Kansas City.

“That was a fun time,” John Champion said.

**The Church Office**  
  
**July 4th & July 28th**  
**Will Be Closed:**

the **Pastor** will be   
**July 1st (Camp)**  
**July 7th-14th**  
**(Continuing Education)**  
**& July 23rd-29th**  
**(Mission Trip)**

  
**Jody Purdie ~Admin**  
**(Vacation Day)**  
**July 28th**

**neighborhood**  
**ROCK**   
**JULY 8-17**  
*Creating life-giving community through block parties.*

**Coffee Hour** 

**Coffee with the Pastor**  
**Prairie Vista Village**  
**(Coffee Corner)**  
**2785 1st Ave. S., Altoona**  
**July 20th**  
**2:30-3:30 p.m.**  
**\*All are welcome!**





4<sup>th</sup> Madison Kerr

6<sup>th</sup> Denise Green

8<sup>th</sup> Christine (Chris) Williams

12<sup>th</sup> Kristen Patchin

15<sup>th</sup> Nick Shellenberg

20<sup>th</sup> Olivia Freeseemann, Ursula Miers

21<sup>st</sup> Amanda Seeliger, Brooke Seeliger,  
Faye Harding

22<sup>nd</sup> Paige Champion

25<sup>th</sup> Tony Glass

28<sup>th</sup> Jean Bowlby

31<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Doty



**Joys** ~ John Champion's birthday celebration with friends and family.

**Prayer Concerns** ~ Cain Pentek (seizures, new medication). Jane Ferguson (memory of fathers). Cheryl-Laird Humphrey (mediation appt.). Jan Hendrickson's daughter in an accident & thankful for EMT who was there to help. Lacasta Jungling (husband, Josh, is traveling). Women suffering from rape. Orlando, Florida (shooting). John Craggs-lesion on tongue/cancer (radiation). Linda Lighthall (patience in dealing w/family matters). Mike Nieters (brother, Mark, has cancer).

**Those with health/healing concerns** ~ Jan Hendrickson (surgery at Mayo). Inga Brown (surgery on elbow). Jamie Horton (continued recovery from surgery). Ken Pickering (health).

**Prayers for those grieving** ~ Jerry Aldrich's family (nephew, Ben and wife Carla-loss of daughter, Emma, to a seizure at 2 years, 9 mo.). Rev. Clint Wolf's family/friends (his death). We continue to pray for those serving our country. We pray for all refugees and migrants.



Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Please let the church office know so we can update our records!



**Monday  
through  
Thursday  
8am-1pm**



8<sup>th</sup> Laura & Larry Dillon, Mark & Laurie Kolstead

10<sup>th</sup> Len & Linda Shaw, Carol & Bob Sutton

12<sup>th</sup> James & Becca Kerr

20<sup>th</sup> Kim & Judy Wadding

24<sup>th</sup> Roger & Helen Mahnke

**Friday, July 1, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - camp)**

**Saturday, July 2, 2016**

**10am Children's Bicycle Parade**



**Sunday, July 3, 2016**

**Love Fund Offering**

8:15/10:15am Worship Services  
6pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting



**Monday, July 4, 2016**

**OFFICE CLOSED (Independence Day)**



**Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

9am TOPS   
6pm Outreach Meeting   
7pm Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, July 7, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

6:45pm Cub Scouts - Wolves  
7pm Mixed Blessings Quartet

**Friday, July 8, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

**Neighborhood Rock (July 8-17th)** 

**Saturday, July 9, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

**Sunday, July 10, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

8:15/10:15am Worship Services  
**Guest Preacher - Jordan Bles**

**Monday, July 11, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

6:30pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, July 12, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

9am TOPS   
7pm Narcotics Anonymous 

**Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

10am Altoona Nursing Home Service  
6:30pm Cub Scouts - Bears

**Thursday, July 14, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Continuing Education)**

7pm Mixed Blessings Quartet

**Sunday, July 17, 2016**

**Food Pantry Sunday**

8:15/10:15am Worship Services  
12pm Ministry Table



**Monday, July 18, 2016**

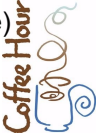
6:30pm Boy Scouts  
6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tigers)  
6:30pm TNIB Meeting

**Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

9am TOPS   
7pm Narcotics Anonymous 

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

2:30pm Coffee with the Pastor (Prairie Vista Village)  
6pm National Night Out Meeting  
6pm Property Meeting  
6:30pm Cub Scouts - Bears



**Thursday, July 21, 2016**

6:45pm Cub Scouts - Wolves  
7pm Mixed Blessings Quartet

**Saturday, July 23, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Mission Trip)**  
Youth Summer Mission Trip - Fort Collins, CO



**Sunday, July 24, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Mission Trip)**

Youth Summer Mission Trip - Fort Collins, CO  
8:15/10:15am Worship Services  
**Guest Preacher—Tom Schirmer**  
1pm Courtyard Estates  
6:30pm Cub Scouts - Parent & Planning Meeting



**Monday, July 25, 2016**



**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Mission Trip)**

Youth Summer Mission Trip - Fort Collins, CO  
6:30pm Boy Scouts  
6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tigers)  
7pm Board Meeting



**Tuesday, July 26, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Mission Trip)**

Youth Summer Mission Trip - Fort Collins, CO  
9am TOPS   
7pm Narcotics Anonymous 



**Wednesday, July 27, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Mission Trip)**

Youth Summer Mission Trip - Fort Collins, CO



**Thursday, July 28, 2016**

**OFFICE CLOSED (Jody PTO)**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Mission Trip)**

Youth Summer Mission Trip - Fort Collins, CO  
6:45pm Cub Scouts - Wolves  
7pm Mixed Blessings Quartet



**Friday, July 29, 2016**

**Pastor McKinna (out of office - Mission Trip)**

Youth Summer Mission Trip - Fort Collins, CO

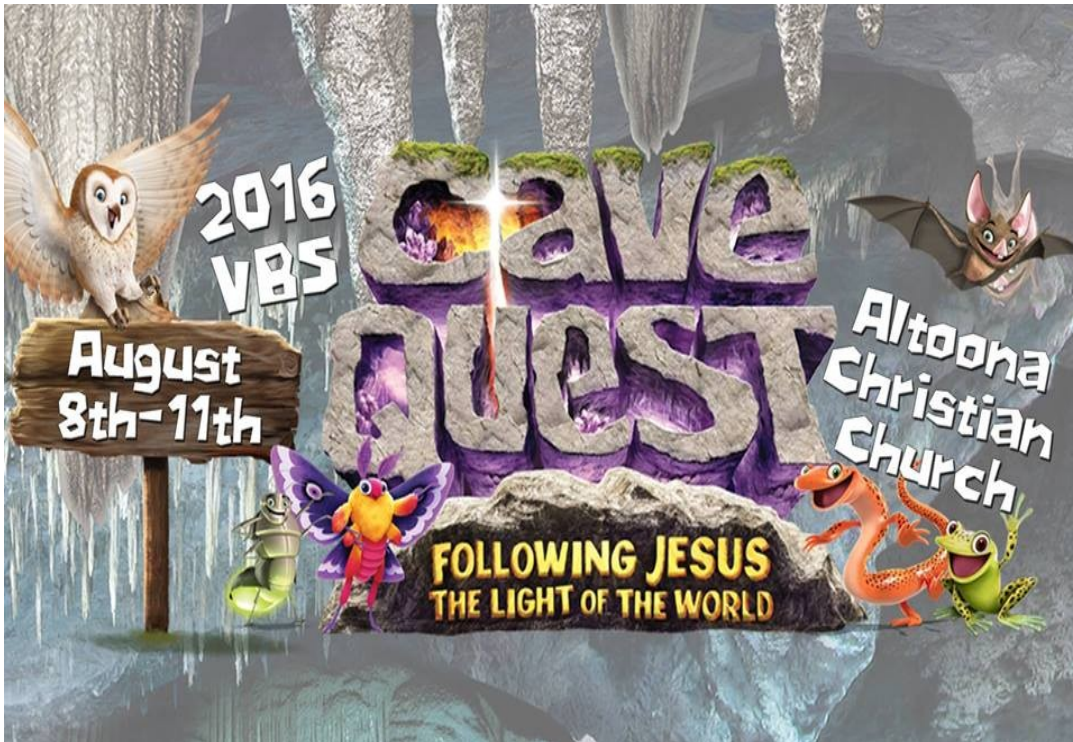


**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

8:15/10:15am Worship Services

# YOUTH GROUP

The youth will be traveling to Fort Collins, CO July 23-29 to experience the majesty of God's creation, learn about important efforts to preserve and care for creation, and learn about how environmental efforts enrich community life. We'll be hosted by Heart of the Rockies Christian Church. **Stock certificates are still available for \$25.**



# SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA

Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

### What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

**Come join us for 4 days of fun, friends, faith and fellowship!**

**Be sure to sign up and register by July 10th! You can find registration sheets located in the Narthex.**

**Visit our "Cave Quest Needs" wall in the Narthex at the Youth Table! Here you will find what donations we are needing for VBS and can sign up to donate!**

Downtown Disciples has reserved a block of tickets for the Iowa Cubs game on **Wednesday, July 20th.**

If any church members are interested in joining us for a day of baseball, please RSVP to [downtowndisciples@gmail.com](mailto:downtowndisciples@gmail.com).



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### Come see what TOPS is all about!

For more information contact:

**Sue Furland ~ (515) 783-3205**

**Carol Nieters ~ (515) 779-9851**

(Meets every Tuesday from 9-10:30 a.m.)

2890 1st Ave. S, Altoona (0698)

Visit the website at: [www.tops.org/TOPS/HowItWorks.aspx](http://www.tops.org/TOPS/HowItWorks.aspx)



**Scheduling** ~ Contact the Church Office by phone at (515) 967-4382/E-mail [altoonadcc@msn.com](mailto:altoonadcc@msn.com) to schedule meetings and building use.

**Hospital Stays** ~ Contact the Church Office at (515) 967-4382 or E-mail [altoonadcc@msn.com](mailto:altoonadcc@msn.com);

Pastor McKinna Daugherty by phone at (515) 329-4050/E-mail [revmckinna@gmail.com](mailto:revmckinna@gmail.com) for ministry care and needs.

**Communion** ~ Contact Tom Schirmer at (509) 550-9126/E-mail [rschirm52@gmail.com](mailto:rschirm52@gmail.com) for Elders to take communion to those who are homebound, in nursing homes, or hospitalized.

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### Church Staff and Volunteers

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Maddie Cahhal .....	(515) 967-3210
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## Altoona Christian Church

### Mission Statement:

We believe Christ has touched our hearts and spirits with God's love.

Therefore, we seek to care for and love each other, serving in Christ's name that God's Spirit may touch others through us.

### Goal for Ministry:

The goal for ministry of the Altoona Christian Church through the year is:

To seek people for Christ, especially children, youth and older adults through encouraging belief and service.

