



Altoona Christian Church *THE WELCOME NEWS*

"Touched by Christ to Care and Serve"

Rev. McKinna Daugherty

March 2017

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Youth group members worked together Sunday, February 19th to assemble 20 casseroles for the Salvation Army Outreach Project. The kids teamed up with members of the congregation who took the assembled casseroles home to bake for us. In order for the kids to get a feel for the importance of these casseroles to the homeless community in the Des Moines Metro, we then baked two casseroles and shared them for dinner. The kids really enjoyed working together for such a great cause!

Come & See Invitation

During the season of Easter we are asking every member to invite someone to "Come & See" about ACC!

We're challenging every member to attend one informational session about this project:

Sunday, March 19 at 9:15 or 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. ONLINE

Wednesday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to altoonadccemsn.com OR 515-967-4382 and check your mailbox for more info soon!

MORE THAN ENOUGH

Lent at Altoona Christian Church
Sundays 8:15 & 10:15 a.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 1 - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday, March 5 - 10:15 a.m.

Holy Week Offerings:

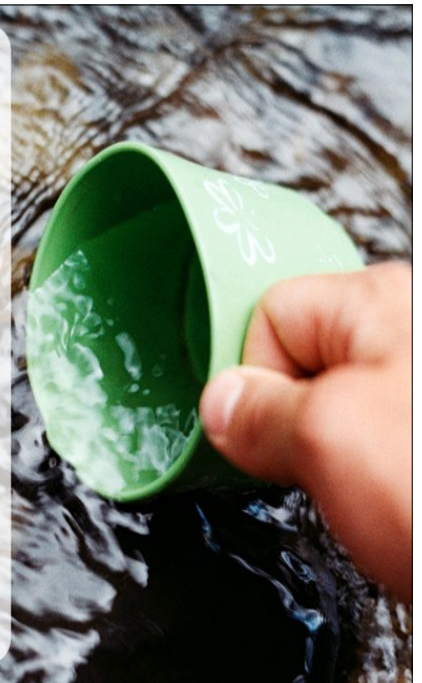
Palm Sunday, April 9

Maundy Thursday at Runnells CC, April 13

Good Friday at Altoona CC, April 14

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil 7am-7pm

Easter Sunday, April 16





Dear Friends,

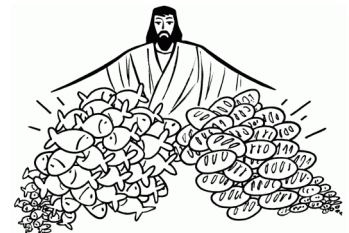
As we enter the season of Lent, it's customary to mark this time with a specific practice or sacrifice. Perhaps you will give up sweets, or take on a daily prayer walk. For myself, I'm committing to imagine that God really is more than enough for me. This is a matter of faith- to give up the security of money, locked doors, and back up plans...to give up fear of another person and embrace them in a love not my own...to give up the idea that if I do just one more thing, then I will make people happy.

What if God really is enough? To provide me bread for today, energy for my work, and a place to lay my head at night? What if God really is enough to feed a hungry world and make peace on earth? What if, through God's pouring into us, you and I have what it takes to make our world a better place? And what if it begins with a more radical trust and faith in God than ever before? What if we discover that God gives us **more than enough** if only we will open up to receive it?

On Sundays during Lent, we'll be talking about ways in which we can deepen our trust in God by discovering that God is **more than enough** for us. Our youth will open Lent with a feast on God's word and the miracles that result when we give God just two fish and five loaves of bread, and we'll keep exploring this theme throughout the season. Will you join me?

Faithfully yours,

Pastor McKinna



Life and Faith Group

Ever just need a place to process everything that is going on in your life and in the world? Ever wonder how your faith plays into it all? Well, *bi-weekly, starting March 19th from 5:30 to 6:45 pm*, a new group will be forming to do just these things. We will gather to get to know one another and wrestle with anything from current events to struggles common in our personal lives as people living in a very busy and achievement oriented society. We will follow the schedule of the Sunday night Youth Group and will assess at the time those groups end whether to continue, take a break or give thanks for our time together and end. Hope to see you there...Amy Spangler-Dunning

ACC 150th News

Submitted by: Linda Lighthall

We are pleased to announce our commissioning hymn is complete!

The choir will be teaching the hymn to the congregation after Easter, but we want you to have the words now.

The Welcome of Love—Text by Julianne & Ben Allaway

For the 150th Anniversary of Altoona Christian Church, Altoona, Iowa,

The Rev. McKinna Daugherty, Senior Minister

God's love—the love we strive to share with others, the love that draws people in, Radical love—emanates
Welcome. The Welcome of Love is open-armed and unconditional, indiscriminate.
Picture Jesus' outstretched arms, ready for embrace.

Beginnings, the Body takes shape

Reaching out from the mud and the clay

Up the banks from the washing away

Fresh in the Spirit-fire of our day

Living the welcome of love!

O'er the banks where the harvest is on,

Load the table and round it a song!

Neighbors and strangers, soon to be one,

Sharing the welcome of love.

Come, sing the eternal song,

Simple, resounding, serene.

Hear love as it rings out strong

'Til each and all are free.

Building the Church and Ministries and Tradition of Welcome

Founded out of our common dreams

Grounded, gathered in gospel teams,

Christ the foundation, we are the beams

Building the welcome of love.

Clothing, feeding the Christ in the lost,

Hosting stranger, not counting the cost

Friends 'cross the body, fam'ly to all,

Growing the welcome of love.

Come, sing the eternal song,

Glowing, expectant, alive.

Bells ring as we journey on,

Bold in the Spirit, revive!

Seeing the future with Spirit, Creativity, Inclusion

Deep the roots and tall the tree

Youthful branches, a heart for the green,

Hearts for engaging the new and the dream

Knowing the welcome of love.

Generations, the many that grew

'Round each other, rekindle, renew

Fam'ly and neighbor, stranger, come too

Follow the welcome of love!

Come, sing the eternal song,

Boundless, transforming and kind.

Come, welcome the holy within

Open to all we may find.

Generations, the many that grew

'Round each other, rekindle, renew

Fam'ly and neighbor, stranger, come too

Sing out your song! Ring out your welcome!

Live out the welcome of love!

AMOS Community Organizing: On February 26 & 27, faith leaders from many traditions will gather at the conference center in Newton to learn about how faith communities can be a part of real change in our communities. AMOS believes in the inherent dignity of each person, and the iron rule affirms this dignity, believing in every person's ability to act. AMOS seeks to channel individual action into a responsible and powerfully-organized force for the common good. Through face-to-face, one-on-one meetings, AMOS members build relationships with members of their communities. In the process, they cut through divisions such as race, religion, and socioeconomic status, and discover the passions and concerns that unite us all. Pastor McKinna is attending, along with many other Disciples of Christ clergy.

WELCOME
New Members
 Mike & Cheryl Omundson

In February ACC hosted a "Cluster" meeting for the area Disciple clergy. We welcomed about 25 clergy and shared our favorite or most memorable Lenten disciplines, sermons, or services. Thank you to Jane Ferguson for helping with hospitality for this group. ACC also hosted a Caring Hands Board Meeting, which rotates around the churches who participate in Caring Hands. Thank you to the Outreach Committee for providing hospitality and a meal for this!

**Connie Derby Dicks, Retirement Celebration
 March 4th, from Noon-2 p.m. at the
 Christian Conference Center in Newton**

Connie has served as the Administrative Coordinator for Ministries for the Regional Office and has been absolutely indispensable in her role. If you have worked with Connie or want to congratulate her, please join in the celebration for her at the Conference Center, send a note to christianconferencecenter@gmail.com, a card to CCC Attention: Amber Elliott 5064 Lincoln St. Newton, IA 50208, or make a monetary gift in Connie's honor at <https://docgeneralassembly.webconnex.com/cddloveoffering>



**Daylight Savings Time
 Sunday, March 12th**

2017 Easter Lily Dedications



Circle one: In Memory Of OR In Honor Of

NAME: _____

FROM: _____

PAID BY: Check# _____ Cash _____

QUANTITY: _____ (each lily plant is \$10)

Orders can be placed starting now until **Sunday, April 9th**. Please return form to church office with payment.



Ash
Wednesday

March 1, 2017
7:00 p.m.

For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Genesis 3:19



New & Prospective
Member Classes

2nd Sunday of each month
ACC Library
March 12th @ 9:15 a.m.
(TOPIC: History of ACC)

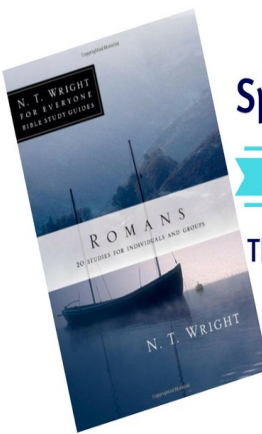


BAPTISM

Are you interested in being baptized? Is your child ready to be baptized? If your child was baptized as a baby, would s/he like to be confirmed? If so, please email Pastor McKinna! Traditionally, baptism is preceded by some class sessions, and then takes place on Easter. Email or call soon as class planning depends on the size of the class!

Pastor McKinna ~ (515) 329-4050

In 2017, Stephanie Hosier and Pastor McKinna will be leading new and prospective member classes the 2nd Sunday of every month. Class topics will be on a 3-month rotation. Next class will be **March 12 at 9:15 am**, and will focus on the history and beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). If you are a new or prospective member, or a long-time member who just wants to learn more, please join us!



Spring Bible Study
on the
Letter to the Romans

Thursdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
February 2nd - April 6th

*book not required, but if you want to order one please speak to Pastor McKinna



MINISTRY
TABLE
2017

MARCH 25TH

9am-Noon

For all committee team leaders, and representatives from board, elders, and deacons.



We want your
Recipes

Deadline
March 5

ACC 150th Cookbook

The cookbook recipe due date will be later in the spring to allow people more time to find their favorite family recipe and submit them for this book. We are anticipating that they will be great gifts for Mother's Day. Grab a recipe form in the Narthex, fill out, and drop off in the box on the Mission table!

Feeding the Hungry

In February, ACC provided casseroles to the Salvation Army to feed the hungry. Thank you, ACC for stepping up! Together, 100 egg casseroles were donated to the Salvation Army! One act of love at a time, we share the love of God as made known through Jesus Christ!



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Support Caring Hands while shopping Smile Amazon!

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Get Started today!



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Church World Service

Outreach Opportunity in March

You can be the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Assemble hygiene kit(s), [bring to church between March 1 - 26](#) for families and communities throughout the world.

*Put in mission bin - next to the mission table in back of church.
Thank you for pitching in, and sharing God's love in this tangible way.*

Hygiene Kit Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb (removed from the package)
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper (removed from the package)
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard sized Band-Aids

Instructions

- ~ Fit items inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag.
(bags and lists available on Mission Table)
- ~ Remove the excess air from the bag.
- ~ Provide \$2 to cover processing fee for the kit.
(Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. CWS will include a tube of extended expiration date toothpaste in each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.)

Value: \$15 Processing fee: \$2 per kit Return by March 26

*Support one or more of the on-going ways to support God's work in the world through outreach. (Leave at Mission Table at back of church).
Choose one or more, and step up as God so burdens your heart.*

Thank you for sharing God's love in one or more of these ways.



- † Donating **non-perishable food** for Caring Hands, feed the hungry
- † Donating **pop-tabs** and support Ronald McDonald House
- † Donating **gently used children's books** to support care in traumatic times for children at Polk County jail
- † Donating **clean, used plastic grocery bags** to support the work of Salvation Army
- † Donating **yarn** for Kniffy Knitters crafting warmth, creating fellowship

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT - BE A JESUS GUY/GAL

February - month noted for expressions of love. "Be mine", the cards display. A selfish tone, don't you think? Way too many hurts and disappointments in relationships. Song lyrics full of it. Broken families. Young people's experiences of failures and mistakes produces guilt. Do not love themselves; are certain no one can love them. Depression, bullying, suicide. 2 Timothy 3:1 - Very rash descriptions of last days - "proud, boastful, conceited, unforgiving, lovers of self, money, pleasures rather than God." I'm part of a ladies group that exchanges Valentines - a fun party spirit meant for smiles, cheer, good will, caring. A different approach this year. My cards will express love and name of Jesus. Are you a church going Christian? Let's take Him outside the walls of the church. Hearts are empty. Too many entertaining and speaking a spirit of fear. Like sheep without a Shepherd. Better expressions of love? "Jesus loves you and me. I can love you BECAUSE Jesus first loved me. I John 4:19. The Father's arms are open wide to embrace you. Luke 15:20. Praying for you." In Judges 4 & 5, Deborah dared to be different. Experienced victory for herself and country. Time for Jesus people to arise and shine. Isaiah 60:1-3 Stand up and stand out! ~ Ruth O'Connor

 In January of 2017, 267 families were served at the food pantry, 483 adults & 297 children for a total of 780 persons. There was 6,314 pounds of food given, not counting the bread, cookies, cakes, fruits/vegetables donated by some of the local stores. Vouchers for \$8.00 were handed out to 267 families to be used at the Fareway Stores at Altoona or Pleasant Hill or the Brick Street Market at Bondurant. These are to be used for perishable items like milk, butter, eggs, etc. that we cannot keep at the pantry. Personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, soap & shampoo, etc. are also given and not weighed.

Food/items needed this month: pork & beans, chili beans, personal hygiene items, bar soap

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. On Monday, February 27th, Joe & Leann Riding will be providing the supper for our food pantry clients with the Runnells Christian Church serving in March. Larry O'Connor recently retired from the food pantry after serving many years. A time of recognition was held for him at the Simple Supper on January 30th. Statistics for the Clothes Hanger for January are: 113 families assisted (222 adults and 147 children) totaling 369 individuals. Clothing items given totaled 2,223 and household items, 65.

*New hours at the pantry and clothing hangar are 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Monday & Wednesday, Saturday hours stay the same (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.) *The Clothes Hanger is in need of volunteers to sort the clothes that come in (1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.) *"Our Daily Bread" Ministry begins Tuesday, February 14, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, the Clothes Hanger, "Our Daily Bread", or if you have questions, please call Mary O'Brien at 321-8519. On behalf of our clients we say "THANK YOU" to all of the individuals, churches, businesses, schools and organizations who are so very generous in donating food, clothing and finances to the Caring Hands Outreach. We pray your lives will be richly blessed.

THANK YOU FOR LOVING OTHERS



**KNITTING
FELLOWSHIP &
NEW KNITTER'S CLASS**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH
1 - 3 PM
 (ACC FELLOWSHIP HALL)



Join us at the
 Coffee Corner
 in Prairie Vista
 Village!

Wednesday, March 15th
 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Invite a friend!

All are welcome!



Women's Tea

APRIL 9, 2017
 3-5 P.M.
 ACC FELLOWSHIP HALL



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4th Connie Hampe, 6th Irene Dewey,
 7th Bryn Gabriella Weidner,
 8th Bill Pinegar, 9th Jenny Moats,
 11th Payton Weidner & Dan Weidner,
 16th Ron Rieckmann, 17th Jim Todd &
 Mallory Nelson, 20th Jason Kerr,
 21st Lacasta Jungling & Susan Rixe,
 24th June Barron & Robert Sutton,
 27th Danielle Molayal, 28th Joe Hosier
 & Dana Elrod, 29th Merrilyn Kness &
 Kim Hulen, 30th Lori Wignall,
 31st David Miers.



4th Mike & Becky Tenckinck



Newsletter NEEDS

Please send your article submissions to the office by the **15th of each month** by email (text and any photos). If submitted *after deadline*, it will go in the following months newsletter. Thanks for your understanding!
 ~ Newsletter Editor

Thoughts and Prayers

Joys ~ Jeff Patchin (brother's family visiting, Doug, Jennifer, Drew).
 Linda Lighthall (commemorative hymn-150th anniversary, completed).
 Paulette Craggs (John Craggs steadily improving).

Prayer Concerns ~ Linda Lighthall (son).
 Jamie Horton (Brian, brother-in-law, tumors).

Those with health/healing concerns ~
 Cheryl Laird-Humphrey (health).
 Margaret Ludington (recovery from surgery).
 Maddie & John Brown (health).
 Charles Cooper (prayers for granddaughter, Suzanne; her husband, Scott, diagnosed brain tumor; and 3-yr-old daughter).
 Judi DeMoss (friend, Patti, with terminal lung cancer; cousin with brain cancer).
 Kristen Patchin (friend whose cancer has returned).

Jamie Horton (Ronnie, coworker, health; prayers for his wife, Jackie).
 Anna Hines (sister, Sue, health).
 Carol & Mike Nieters (Mark Nieters, cancer treatments).
 Wanda Newell (sister-in-law, Karla, health).

Prayers for those grieving ~
 Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning (father passed away).

We continue to pray for those serving our country.
 We pray for all refugees & migrants. We pray for all elected officials to be guided with wisdom and grace.

Reminder!!!

Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry on **March 19th**. Food/items needed this month: **pork & beans, chili beans, personal hygiene items, bar soap**



March 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Wed Mar 1, 2017 7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thu Mar 2, 2017

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
7pm Choir Practice

Sun Mar 5, 2017 *First Sunday in Lent / Love Fund Offering*
Deadline for ACC 150th Recipe Cookbook

8:15am Early Service
10:15am Youth Sunday Late Service
6pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Mon Mar 6, 2017

6:30pm Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts (Tiger Den & Wolves)

Tue Mar 7, 2017

9am TOPS
6pm Outreach Meeting (Spirit Room)
6:30pm Cub Scouts (Webs 1 & Bears)
7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Mar 8, 2017

10am Altoona Nursing Home Service

Thu Mar 9, 2017

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
7pm Choir Practice

Sat Mar 11, 2017

1pm-3pm Beginning Round Loom Knitting Class (F. Hall)

Sun Mar 12, 2017

No Youth Group (SE Polk Spring Break—3/12-3/18)
8:15am/10:15am Worship Services
9:15am New & Prospective Member Class (ACC Library)

Mon Mar 13, 2017

6:30pm Boy Scouts / Cub Scout Pack Meeting
7pm Elder Meeting (Spirit Room)

Tue Mar 14, 2017

9am TOPS
6:30pm Cub Scouts (Webs 1)
7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Mar 15, 2017 *Newsletter Deadline!!*

2:30pm Coffee with the Pastor (PVV)
6pm Property Meeting

Thu Mar 16, 2017

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
7pm Choir Practice

Sun Mar 19, 2017 *Food Pantry Sunday*

8:15am/10:15am Worship Service s
9:15 & 11:30am Come & See Info. Session
11:30am Worship Committee Meeting
5pm Youth Group 7 / 5:30-6:45pm Life and Faith Group

Mon Mar 20, 2017 *First Day of Spring!*

6:30pm Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts (Tiger Den & Wolves)

Tue Mar 21, 2017

9am TOPS
6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears & Webs 1)
7pm Narcotics Anonymous
7pm Come & See Info. Session (Online)

Wed Mar 22, 2017

2:30pm Come & See Info. Session

Thu Mar 23, 2017

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
7pm Choir Practice

Sat Mar 25, 2017

9am-Noon Ministry Table

Sun Mar 26, 2017 *Easter Lilly orders begin*

8:15am/10:15am Worship Services
1pm Courtyard Estates
5pm Youth Group 8
6:30pm Cub Scouts - Parent & Planning Meeting

Mon Mar 27, 2017

6:30pm Boy Scouts / 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Wolves)
7pm Board Meeting

Tue Mar 28, 2017

9am TOPS
6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears)
7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thu Mar 30, 2017

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
7pm Choir Practice

SUMMER CAMP 2017

Register Here!

http://media.wix.com/ugd/afed25_1e107807c1994670b13b5aa8c1a4699b.pdf

Use Coupon Code: LATER (to receive 1/2 off tuition by paying Altoona Christian Church by check before *April 23rd*).

Camp Dates 2017

Elementary Age

Pee Wee July 5-7

Junior #2 June 11 - 16

Junior #3 June 18 - 23

Junior #4 July 9 - 14

Junior #5 August 6 - 11

Middle/High School

Chi Rho #7 June 11 - 16

Chi Rho #8 June 18 - 23

Chi Rho #9 June 25 - 30

Chi Rho #10 July 16 - 21

Cabin Chi Rho August 6 - 11

CYF #15 June 25 - 30

CYF #16 July 16 - 21

CYF #17 July 30 - Aug 4

ADAM Camp July 23 - 28

Adventure Camp July 30 - Aug 2

Intergenerational

Grand Camp June 16 - 17 or July 14-15

Family Camp August 18-20

Adults

Senior Adult Retreat June 26 - 28

Camp Dates

Intergenerational Camps

Family Camp (All Ages)

August 18th - 20th

Grand Camp (Ages 4 through Grade 1)

June Session: June 16th and 17th

July Session: July 14th and 15th

Middle School

(Grades 6-8)

Rustic Chi Rho Camp

Camp #7 June 11th - 16th

Camp #8 June 18th - 23rd

Camp #9 June 25th - 30th

Camp #10 July 16th - 21st

Cabin Chi Rho Camp

August 6th - 11th

Chi Rho ADAM Camp

July 23rd - 28th

(NEW) Adventure Camp

July 30th - August 2nd

Elementary Age

Pee Wee Camp (Grade 2)

July 5th - 7th

Junior Camp (Grades 3-5)

Camp #2 June 11th - 16th

Camp #3 June 18th - 23rd

Camp #4 July 9th - 14th

Camp #5 August 6th - 11th

High School

(Grades 9-12)

CYF ADAM Camp

July 23rd - 28th

(NEW) Adventure Camp

July 30th - August 2nd

CYF Camp

Camp #15 June 25th - 30th

Camp #16 July 16th - 21st

Camp #17 July 30th - Aug 4

Contact

Connie Derby Dicks
cddumw@gmail.com

Call

T: 515-255-3168

Visit

5064 Lincoln Street
Newton, IA 50208

Visit www.uppermidwestcc.org for more info.

All grades indicate grade to be completed in the 2016-2017 school year.



Camps for Elementary Age

Pee Wee Camp - Completed 2nd Grade

Starts 10:00 am July 5 Ends 1:00 pm July 7

Pee Wee Camp is a 3 day, 2 night introductory experience in Christian Camping for boys and girls who have completed the second grade. It is a fast paced, high-energy, fun-filled few days on Holy Ground. Campers will begin to explore their faith in a safe and supportive environment. **Cost \$110**

Directors: Beth Campbell and Linda Hunsaker

Junior Camp - Completed 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade

Starts Sunday 3:00 PM Ends Friday 11:00 AM

Starting in 3rd grade, you can attend this week-long camp held in our cabins. Every day campers will experience time to swim in the pool, participate in group games, spend time with their small group or cabin group and worship around the campfire. Campers will be encouraged to see God in nature, in others and in themselves. By midweek campers will be forming friendships that often last throughout the year.

Cost \$220

Directors: Camp 2 - Diana Frieberg and Barb McKenzie, Camp 3 - Steph Ellwanger and Will Brown, Camp 4 - Tony and Lisa Thurston, Camp 5 - Megan Orman and Sarah Simmons

Camps for Middle Schoolers

(Completed 6th, 7th, and 8th grades)

Rustic Chi Rho Camp

Starts Sunday 3:00 PM, Ends Friday 11:00 AM

This camp is a weeklong Semi-Rustic experience that produces opportunities for relationships with God and other people. While living in huts, you will quickly form bonds that last a lifetime. As a village, you will learn to cook over a campfire, play in the pool, cooperate through teamwork and discover the leader that lives in you. In this exciting outdoor environment, you and your new friends will experience the accepting and loving touch of God that can be felt sitting around a campfire at Chi Rho Camp. **Cost \$220**

Directors: Camp 7 - Owen Cayton and Marti Stanley, Camp 8 - Peter Mitchell and Alison Nicoll, Camp 9 - Josh Baumberger and Robyn Bles, Camp 10 - Jeanine Fernandez and Jessica Augustine

Cabin Chi Rho Camp

Starts Sunday 3:00 PM, Ends 11:00 AM

This is a weeklong camp held on our cabin side with meals prepared for you in the dining hall. It blends casual play time and high energy "power praise" worship sessions. You will experience God through prayer and contemporary Christian worship. If you like casual time with friends, plenty of time to play in the pool, and faith filled moments that will help you find a relationship with other youth and with God, this camp is the one for you. **Cost \$220**

Directors: John Claussen and Jennie Koenig

A.D.A.M. Camp

For middle school and high school youth

Starts Sunday 3:00 PM, Ends Friday 11:00 AM

The youth who attend A.D.A.M. Camp (Art Drama and Music) enjoy a week of practicing different artforms. Campers learn how they can share their love for God through their art. This camp has a cap of 30 youth so get your registrations in early! **Cost \$220**

Director: Deb Murphy and Brian Nixon

SUMMER CAMP 2017



Intergenerational Camps

Grand Camp

(Ages 4-Grade 1 with a grandparent)

Starts Friday 3:00 PM, Ends Saturday 11:00 AM

Grand Camp is a one night experience for grandparents and grandkids. You'll start the day with swimming, have a great cook out and s'mores, and end the day with campfire worship. **Cost \$50 per person**

Directors: June Session - Connie Derby Dicks and Sherry Allen, July Session - Bob and Carol Mayfield

Family Camp

(All ages)

Starts Friday 7:00 PM, Ends Sunday 11:00 AM

Family Camp is designed to be a weekend of rest, relaxation, and retreat for busy families. You'll be able to get a break from your packed schedules and take time apart together. This camp is held the weekend before many schools return for the fall semester. End the summer with a weekend away together.

Cost: \$30 per person (maximum of \$110 per family)

Directors: Corey and Natalie Eastman



Adventure Camp

For middle school and high school youth

Starts Sunday 3:00 PM, Ends Friday 11:00 AM

Adventure Camp will be a totally different adventure every year. This summer, the adventure will be on Lake Red Rock. Campers will learn to water ski and wake board. This camp has a cap of 40 youth so get your registrations in early. **Cost \$150**

Director: Peter Mitchell

CYF Camp

(Completed 9th - 12th Grade)

Starts Sunday 3:00 PM, Ends 11:00 AM

A week-long experience on the "Holy Ground" of the Christian Conference Center with other high school age youth. Through study, casual conversation, life changing worship and incredible recreation time, campers should expect to be challenged and nurtured in their faith journey. This is a camp that provides many opportunities to make new friends and capture a "deep-down" feeling of wonderment and purpose. A week at CYF conference may well stick with you your whole life long. **Cost \$220**

Directors: Camp 15 - Randy Ehrhardt and Bill Spangler-Dunning, Camp 16 - Cathie Courtois and Noel Brown, Camp 17 - Sue Thompson and Tom Webster

Senior Adult Retreat

55+ years and older

Starts 2:00 PM Ends 11:00 AM

This camp is for those 55+ who love to spend time retreating, worshipping and doing mission on Holy Ground.

This time will be spent getting to know others from around the Upper Midwest Region who love The Christian Conference Center.

Cost \$110

Directors: Jerry and Linda Wolf



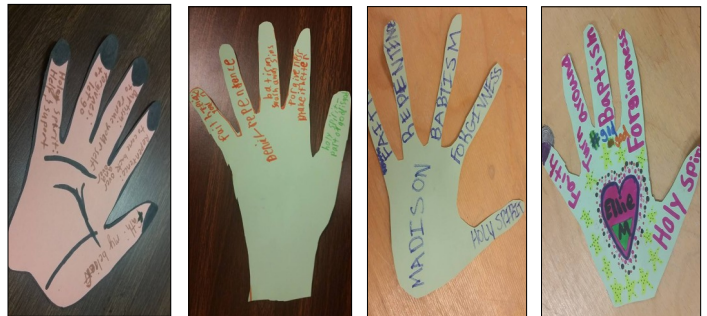
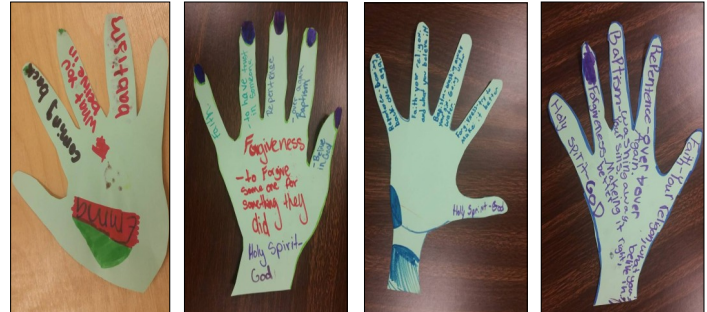
Don't forget to sign up for summer camp!
Registration deadline is: **May 1st!**

ACC will pay **HALF**
of your registration fee!!
Please register & pay by **April 23rd!**

Christian Conference Center
5064 Lincoln St, Newton, IA 50208
Phone: 641-792-1266
(see previous 2 pages for registration)



**March 12th-18th
No Youth Group**



Youth Group Sunday Dinner

The Youth Group is in need of dinners for our meetings these nights at 5 pm:
March 19th & 26th/April 9th & 23rd

**Sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office to help!
More info? contact Susan Rixe**

Disciples founder Walter Scott used to teach about Christianity using the 'five-finger exercise' in which each finger represented a core practice or belief of Christianity. They were faith, repentance, baptism, forgiveness and Holy Spirit. At Youth Group we talked about each word and defined it for ourselves. We also asked ourselves how we would teach about Christianity to others? What would our 'five-finger exercise' be?

THE SALVATION ARMY 
BREAKFAST CASSEROLES



Youth Group helping to make egg casseroles for the Salvation Army.
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ALTOONA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Come see what TOPS is all about!

For more information contact:

Eileen Strawn ~ (515) 210-4026



Meets each Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

at the Altoona Christian Church (0698)

Visit the website at: www.tops.org/TOPS/HowItWorks.aspx

Cancellations ~ Check WHO, KCCI, or call the church (515) 967-4382, in the event of inclement weather. If Southeast Polk Schools are closed, the office will also be closed.

Scheduling ~ Contact the church office by phone at: (515) 967-4382 or e-mail altoonadcc@msn.com to schedule meetings and building use.

Hospital Stays & Communion ~ Contact the church office at:

(515) 967-4382 or e-mail altoonadcc@msn.com; Pastor McKinna Daugherty at: (515) 329-4050 or e-mail revmckinna@gmail.com for ministry care and needs.

Rev. McKinna Daugherty's Contact Information:

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Church Staff and Volunteers

- Pastor McKinna Daugherty
- Office Coordinator Jody Purdie
- Choir Director..... Barb Hulen
- Volunteer Bell & Chime Choir Director Paulette Craggs
- Electronic Keyboardist/Organist..... Ron Rieckmann
- Wedding Coordinator..... Stephanie Hosier
- Custodians Dave and Kristy Leinen
- Newsletter Editor..... Jody Purdie
- Nursery Attendant..... Becca Kerr

2017 Elder Contact Information

- Wayne Patchin (coordinator)..... (563) 650-4464
- Mary Heinrich (515) 238-0451
- Stephanie Hosier..... (515) 967-5961
- Linda Lighthall (515) 967-7368
- Becky Rosenberger..... (515) 967-7568
- Scott Seeliger..... (515) 967-6630
- Denise Green (515) 370-2872



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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.

