



Altoona Christian Church *THE WELCOME NEWS*

Rev. McKinna Daugherty

"Touched by Christ to Care and Serve"

October 2016



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Please send your article submissions to the office by the 15th of each month by email (text and any photos). Thanks!
~ Newsletter Editor



On September 3rd twenty people representing Altoona Christian Church made the trek to Hy-Vee Hall for the annual Meals From the Heartland fight against hunger. Our team was made up of people ranging in age from 5 years old to over 80. We packaged over 5,000 meals in under two hours! For the three-day event in Des Moines 4,258,224 meals for hungry people here in Iowa and around the world were packaged. Meals From the Heartland has estimated each participant packages \$50 worth of meal ingredients during a two hour shift. ACC has contributed a donation of \$100 to complement the volunteer efforts.





Dear Friends,

As we conclude our stewardship campaign and celebrate our amazing 150 year history, I'm feeling especially inspired to look toward our future. One practice that many churches in this future-dreaming and planning stage engage in is writing a "future-story." A "future-story" is like a newspaper article that members of the church imagine might be written about their congregation five to ten years in the future. It's not a planning document, nor is it a list of goals. It's a story about experiences and events that we have faith will happen.

For example, First Christian Church in Ames, Iowa wrote in their future-story that their overly large, very old building had become a community resource center. Now, a few years later, their future-story is a reality. They have a number of community partners who utilize their space and building and members of the community know the church to be a safe and welcoming space.

All this makes me wonder...what's the future-story YOU would like to write for Altoona Christian Church? We began to explore these questions in our Listening Gatherings earlier this year.

Here's my take on a "future-story" for ACC, set in 2020. Will you help me fill in the blanks? You can tear yours out and put it in the offering plate, or you can start from scratch and write your own!

Over the last five years, the Altoona community has continued to grow. With so many new faces in town, Altoona Christian Church asked, "How can we best love our neighbor?" Over 150 years old, the church is accustomed to change and is more committed than ever to be a light for Christ in their neighborhood. That's why every _____ they host a big _____ and invite everyone to join. At this event, all are welcome from young to old, and there is truly something for everyone. In addition, the church is the site of _____ classes, support groups for _____, and a counseling center for those living with various mental illnesses. They've partnered with Caring Hands Outreach to create _____. They're especially committed to the children of the community and proclaim that children are always welcome in church. To that end, they've added _____ and _____ to their regular Sunday worship services. The Youth Group is a place where kids can grow into their faith by asking questions, experiencing _____. When folks leave on Sunday mornings they say they feel _____ and that they've learned about what their faith has to do with making the world a better place. Long time members report that they love seeing the innovative ideas that seem to spring up every week. Through small group ministries, members say they feel empowered to _____ in their lives. And for the first time, the church is taking an adult mission trip to _____! People moving to Altoona will definitely find a home at Altoona Christian Church.

Peace,

Pastor McKinna

Old Fashioned Barn Dance

Sunday, Oct. 30

2:00 PM—6:00PM

Featuring THE BARN OWL BAND

Pie Auction, Basket Dinner

Trunk or Treat & Trick or Treating

ALL WELCOME-Free Admission

Altoona Christian Church

2890 1st Avenue South, Altoona



Save the Dates

To Register: Call 515-255-3168 (Regional Office)
or online at uppermidwestcc.org

- 09/17/16 "Orphans' Cry" Free Concert put on by Woodlawn Christian Church to raise money for orphans, Lake City, IA
- 09/18/16 Regional Operations Council, Online 8:00-9:00 PM
- 09/23-26/16 Disciples Women's Fall Retreat, Koronis Retreat Cntr, Paynesville, MN
- 09/29-10/1 "Paperless Songleading" workshop, Ben Allaway, Everyone invited, link to register on Regional website uppermidwestcc.org—filling up fast!
- 10/18/16 Clergy Boundary Training, Highland Park CC, Des Moines
- 10/28/16 Clergy Boundary Training, FCC Minneapolis, Springhouse Ministry Center
- 11/11-12/16 "Mental Illness and the Faith Community's Response" Sarah Griffith Lund, FCC Minneapolis, Springhouse Ministry Center Register on Regional website uppermidwestcc.org
- 11/18-20/16 Chi Rho Retreat (grades 6-8) Christian Conference Center Register through your church office or online
- 12/9-10/16 Commissioned Ministry Education Retreat, Christian Conference Center, Newton, everyone welcome, register on Regional website uppermidwestcc.org

FINDING JONAH

By Tiff Williams
Associate Regional Minister

Finding Jonah

Chi Rho Retreat 2016

(Grades 6-8)

\$30 Per Person

November 18-20, 2016



Join us for our fall Chi Rho Retreat! Don't wait an entire year to come back to camp. Retreats are a great way to meet youth from other summer camps and kids from all over the region. If you've never been to camp before, retreats are a great introduction. We will worship, play, pray, eat s'mores, sing around a campfire, explore our camp, and have fun together on Holy Ground. Our theme will be "Finding Jonah" and we'll learn what it would have been like to be with Jonah on his trip. Registration is now open online! Check out www.uppermidwestcc.org for more details.

Save the Dates for the Jr & CYF Retreats:

Junior Retreat (Grades 3-5)

Theme: Finding Jonah

February 10-12, 2017

CYF Midwinter (Grades 9-12)

Theme to be determined by UMWYC

February 24-26, 2017



RETHINK POVERTY.

Community Action Poverty Simulation®

SPEND A SIMULATED MONTH in the poverty experienced by our community's individuals and families. This interactive event promotes poverty awareness, increases understanding and inspires local change. The simulation is based on Community Action clients and their daily realities. **This is not a game.**

Event Details

Where Lutheran Church of the Cross, Altoona

When Thursday, November 3, 2016
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Register www.centerforsocialministry.org

Hosted By

Questions? Contact:
Center for Social Ministry
centerforsocialministry@gmail.com
515-782-3054

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Next Outreach
Meeting
October 4th
6 p.m.

Reminder!!!

Please bring your donations of
non-perishable food items for
the **Food Pantry** on
October 16th

Food needed this month:
Cream of Mushroom
& Chicken Soup



Save the date!

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be collected the week of November 14-21. More information will be available as we get closer to the date. But for those of you that like to get your Christmas shopping done early, it's not too early to begin!



Since the severe flooding in Southeast Louisiana, Week of Compassion has been providing support to flood survivors through First Christian Church, Baton Rouge. Rev. Dr. Chisham recently shared a reflection and appeal on the Week of Compassion website. An excerpt follows but the entire message can be found at: <http://www.weekofcompassion.org/our-impact/>.

The storm pausing over about a dozen parishes in Louisiana dumped an estimated 7 trillion gallons of water. That's substantially more water than fell during Hurricane Katrina. Much of the rainfall was concentrated Northeast of Baton Rouge; Watson, a city in Livingston Parish, received over 31 inches of water in 15 hours. The flat terrain of south Louisiana doesn't receive much assistance from gravity to move that mass of water quickly, so as the small streams and rivers swelled with the massive influx of runoff, the water backed up into neighborhoods that had never seen floods before. An estimated 60,000 homes were flooded. First Christian Church's building remained dry, but 27 homes of families from First Christian Church ended up with water in them. Some took on a few inches, many took on 2-4 feet, and most had no flood insurance because they were not in a flood zone.

In the days following the flood it was a race to get back to homes to throw out ruined furnishings and tear out flooring and affected drywall. The heat and humidity remained high, creating the perfect petri dish to grow mold, so homes needed to be quickly gutted and interiors dried out before a plague of toxic fungus took over. With the help of church members, family and community members, most of our congregants were able to bring the demolition phase to a close this past week.

First Christian Church has been actively responding to needs of those flooded out. We've helped one another and friends and neighbors "muck out" their homes. We've opened a small depot stocked with airbeds, pillows, electric fans and cleanup supplies. We've partnered with a neighboring church, St. Paul Lutheran church, to provide meals to the community. And we've opened a staff shelter for Red Cross workers who have traveled to Baton Rouge to help with relief efforts. Donated money has been used to answer immediate needs such as purchasing items for the depot like electric fans and food for the community meal. Week of Compassion has been a strong partner, sending direct grants to evacuees and flood victims. But it's the task of long term rebuilding for which we really need to help our congregation and community. Here at First Christian Church, we look forward to helping our family and community rebuild and "re-nest" their homes. The work we do is a call and confirmation of our Disciples identity statement - "we are a people of wholeness in a fragmented world." **ACC has sent \$500.00 to Week of Compassion and earmarked for Baton Rouge flood recovery through the outreach team budget.** If you wish to make an additional contribution you send it directly to Week of Compassion through the mail or online.

CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER

October, 2016



FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

I had the opportunity to attend a senior citizens gathering. A friend approached me and commented about my always looking young. I answered, “Why not? God’s word says my youth is renewed like the eagles.” (Isaiah 40:31) and in Psalm 91:16 we are promised a satisfying long life.” With resignation, she walked away muttering something about knowing Bible verses.

When the Israelites left Egypt, Psalm 105:37 tells us “there was not a feeble person amongst them”. No stumbling or faltering. Contrary to the movie, grandpas and grandmas did not need wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. God’s grace and favor reigned all the way to Mt. Sinai, up until Exodus 19 when they boasted of their own strength and ability to do all God commanded.

I frequently hear: “It’s no fun getting old. I’m losing my mind. She/he drives me crazy. I’m scared to death. My feet are killing me.” Does God’s Word enforce that kind of thinking this side of the cross? Proverbs 18:21 says, “our words can bring death or life”. There is power in speaking out the scriptures. In Christ’s finished work, we are redeemed from every curse. Even so-called generational curses were destroyed. Why not make Jesus a source for every need, even a youthful mind and body fueled from a youthful spirit. Right believing leads to right living.

Ruth O’Connor

Caring Hands Food Pantry

August of 2016 was a record month for this year as 314 families came to the food pantry for assistance: 578 adults and 438 children, for a total of 1,016 persons served. Fifty-six of these families came for the first time this year. A record of 7,980 lbs. of food was given, not counting the bread, pastry items and fruits and vegetables donated by some of the local stores. Lots of tomatoes were shared from local gardeners, as well as cucumbers, squash, potatoes, peppers, green beans, carrots and cabbage. Vouchers for \$8.00 were handed out to be used at the Fareway Stores at Altoona or Pleasant Hill or the Brick Street Market at Bondurant, to 308 families. These are used for perishable items that we cannot keep at the pantry. Personal items such as diapers, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc. are also given. Laundry detergent is given every other month. Rent assistance checks for \$ 900.00 and utility assistance checks for \$ 754.55 were written.

Food needed this month: Cream of Mushroom & Cream of Chicken Soup

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 September 26th, HyVee will serve the supper and on October 31, Kim Beyers will provide the meal.

Statistics for the Clothes Hanger for August are: 162 families assisted – (316 adults and 257 children) totaling 573 individuals. Clothing items given totaled 2,891 and household items, 91.

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



ACC 150th News

Our Musicians



We are so fortunate to have Paulette, Barb, and Ron at ACC.
They are so generous with their time and talents.

Here are their stories:

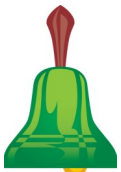


PAULETTE CRAGGS—I was born in Modesto, CA while my Dad was in the Navy. I grew up in Columbia, TN(40 miles south of Grand Ole Opry in Nashville) surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many cousins and attending the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I began piano lessons in 4th grade and studied piano for 5 years learning many things, one of which was how to read and play hymns (which has served me well). One of my fondest memories of playing hymns was sitting at the piano with my Dad singing hymns and gospel songs.

At the age of 10, I began playing for Sunday school and Sunday evening worship. My organ lessons began when I was in 9th grade and I became full time organist and choir accompanist for my home church my sophomore year in high school. The choir director was also a private vocal instructor and I learn a great deal about accompanying while playing for her students. I also used my accompanying skills for the high school choir in my junior/senior years. I began my study of organ with the minister of music at the Baptist church in Columbia and because of his influence I received my Bachelor of Music Education with emphasis in organ from Murray State University in Murray KY.

It was at Murray that I met my husband, John, and I taught for 2 years in KY. while he finished his degree in Agriculture. He graduated in 1969 and our beautiful daughter, Lorilee, was born in 1970. We moved to Altoona in 1971 and that fall I began a 37 year career teaching elementary music at SEP, retiring in 2006. The summer of 1971 we began attending services at the old ACC building where we were welcomed with friendly warmth and caring.

I began subbing for the organist when needed and in the early 1980's we took a "leap of faith" and ordered 3 octaves of Schulmerich handbells. We began our bell ringing experience with 12 dedicated folks, each ringing only 2 bells (!!?). We also had a junior high bell choir that met as part of their youth group. From that starting point we have added a 4th octave of bells and 4 octaves of handchimes—with some folks now ringing 4 in hand and bass ringers sometimes covering 5-8 bells!!!! I also am very privileged to work with 5 very talented high school students who began playing chimes and now have advanced to handbells. Some of the instruments that they play outside of church are: guitar, string bass, violin, trumpet, saxophone, bassoon, and piano, plus being involved in vocal music at school!! I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to work with them.



We moved into this building in 1988 and I became full time organist/handbell director. As the needs of our congregation progressed so did the need for more musicians. In addition to myself, Barb Hulen and Ron Reickmann also serve as worship service musicians—what an honor to work alongside of these fine and talented musicians. In addition to organ, Ron also leads us in worship with his saxophone; and Barb and I enjoy sharing piano/organ duets for worship. I also enjoy the privilege of accompanying the choir on Thursday evening and worship on Sunday morning.

I was raised in a church where music was a very important part of the worship experience and I think one of the reasons I "landed" here was from that very first summer in 1971 I could see that music also played a VERY important role in worship at ACC. Music can speak for us and to us when words fail as we walk through the joys and sorrows of life. I am deeply indebted to ACC for being a congregation where I can share what God has given me.





BARB HULEN—I was born and raised in Geneva, Nebraska. I have been around music all of my life. My mom taught music at the Youth Development Center in Geneva, gave piano lessons in our home and taught organ at the church. I sang in high school choruses, small groups, and did solos at music contests. I sang in the youth, junior, and senior choir at church until I graduated from high school. I auditioned for the Young Nebraskans my senior year (over 300 students from around the state tried out and only 40 were chosen). I was selected as one of the participants and we traveled to Europe singing in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and France.



I attended the University of Nebraska and graduated in 1976. I majored in Elementary Education and minored in music. I took private voice lessons for two years at the university.

I got married in 1977 and after teaching in Nebraska for 3 years (2 years in Lincoln, 1 year in Omaha), my husband Denny got transferred to Iowa the summer of 1979. I started teaching at Four Mile Elementary the fall of 1979. We rented a house over by Wakonda Country Club until we moved to Altoona on New Year's Eve, 1979. We have lived in the same house ever since.



How I became Choir Director at ACC—When your choir director notified the church she was moving in late 1990, Paulette Craggs came to me and asked if I was interested in directing the choir. I was hesitant because I told her I had no training in this area and I didn't feel confident doing it. She kept bugging me about it (she is very persistent) and I finally agreed to do it. I started in January of 1991 and I am still here 25 years later.

How long I have taught piano—My father passed away in January of 1985, and that summer my mother told me I should consider teaching piano. Once again I didn't feel qualified and did not own a piano. She graciously told me she would give me the piano I learned on if I wanted to give it a try. We hauled the piano from Geneva, Nebraska to Iowa and I began giving lessons that fall. To this day I am still hard at it after 30 years.

Quartet—I am not good on dates, but I think the Mixed Blessings Quartet started July 2004, so we have been in existence for about 12 years.

Importance of music at ACC—I feel the anthems the choir sings at ACC is a very integral part of the worship service. The words of each anthem is another way to carry the message of the Lord to the congregation through song. I feel if a member or guest is not totally moved by the words of the scripture or sermon, hopefully, they will walk away with something they gained from the words of the anthem. I feel this is also true of the music provided by the organists, keyboardist, and the bells.

Selection of music for the choir—I spend a lot of time every summer selecting music for each upcoming choir season. I belong to 2 different choral clubs so I have a lot of anthems that come in during the year, over 150 every year. I then sit and listen to every one of them with the CD's that come with the music. I focus real hard on the text and the melody and write notes on each piece of music. I also look at the vocal ranges of each choir part and the difficulty of the anthem to be sure it is suitable for our choir. I then go back and look at prior anthems the choir has sung and plug them into dates on my monthly planner and then fill empty dates with new anthems. I try to select 7 or 8 new anthems each year to try to keep current with new church music.

Thoughts about the devotion of long-time choir members—I feel so blessed to work with this group of devoted choir members. They try their hardest to be at every practice and at church on the Sundays we sing. If they are not able to be present they are good about letting me know. When we are at practice they work very hard for me and make beautiful music, and share that music during the church service. There are members in the choir that have sung for a lot longer than I have been directing the choir and to them I they should be given special recognition. Talk about devotion! The choir is like a second family to me. We have fun, joke around a lot, show compassion to each other, and care for one another. I feel very blessed to be the leader of this wonderful group of people!





RON RIECKMANN—I began playing organ for church in 1956 when I was 16 years old. My home church in northwest Iowa, near Sioux City, needed an organist. I said that I would but not until I had taken some organ lessons. I had 7 years of piano background. After 4 months of organ lessons I began to play for services in October of 1956, 60 years ago. I was very fortunate that our country church had a pipe organ. I played there on through the rest of high school and college. During college I studied organ for 2 more years and also became choir director at church. I continued as an organist/choir director there on through my first 9 years of teaching school. Then in 1971, I took an Instrumental Music Teaching position in North Central Iowa. I started playing for the church we joined as soon as we moved there and I also directed the choir at that church later on. Three different times during those years from 1971-2001, I played for 2 churches simultaneously because different service times allowed that to work.



When I retired from teaching in 2001, we moved to Des Moines. I thought my music ministry was probably over but God had a different plan and I started playing piano and saxophone at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Then in 2008, this organist position at ACC became available and I am indeed blessed to be here. God is good!

Special privileges I've had as an organist include the hundreds of weddings I've played for, as well as the funerals of both of my parents and my father-in-law/mother-in-law, and most of my aunts and uncles and their spouses. I have also played for the 75th, 100th, and 125th anniversaries of my home church, as well as being invited to be the organist for the centennial services of 2 other churches I had served.

***In the November newsletter, we will share the stories of past musicians.**

Here are some comments from choir members about what it means to them to sing in the choir:

Sarah Champion

Since 1955 (minus 1959-66) = 50 years of choir. The choir is like my second family—all good friends.

Jay Rosenberger

I have been a member of the Altoona Christian Church choir for about 30 years. I have also been a member of the Cornerstone Quartet & the Mixed Blessings Quartet. I hope that in a small way I can help to bring the Lord's message to the people.

Linda Lighthall

I have sung in choir at ACC for about 30 years, broken by a few years away. When I returned, I had doubts about singing again because of losing hearing in one year. Barb said come sing, and with her and the choir's help, I am singing again! Music is such an important part of worship for me. It is God's language, ineffable, beautiful, soul-felt and soul filling. To sing in choir, to play handbells—I am truly blessed and filled with God's spirit.

John Champion

I don't remember exactly when I started singing in the choir. My dad and uncle Doyle were members from a long time ago and I sat by my dad in the tenor section with him and Gordon Gill. When I asked Norma, she said it was probably when I was in 8th grade or a freshman; that would have been around 1950. I grew up singing with my family and my church family. I remember the opening exercise for Sunday School We sang from an old blue book, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" was one of my favorites. So growing up in the church and choir was like being with an extended family with the Hardings, Burgets, Gills, and all of the other families.

Scott Stuart

Music in worship is a beautiful and unifying way to honor God. Each song is a "sacrifice of praise" that I pray will be pleasing to Him. Singing with all our heart and all our mind sets sacred words and ideas inside of us to carry throughout the day, the week, and the years.

Georgia Woodward

For me, being a part of the choir and the bell choir at ACC has been a very wonderful experience. For over 35 years, I have been able to be with friends who want to share their music with the congregation. We have 2 leaders, Barb and Paulette, who hold us to high standards. They choose music which challenge us. I thank them both for putting up with a marginal alto and a somewhat successful C & D bell ringer.



October 2016						
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Sat Oct 1, 2016

Meredith Cooper/Kyle Klatt Wedding

Sun Oct 2, 2016

Potluck Luncheon (Go and Do the Same)

No Youth Group!

8:15am Early Worship Service

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Late Worship Service

6pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Mon Oct 3, 2016

10am Cub Scouts (Tiger Den)

10am Life Line Screening (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Wolves)

Tue Oct 4, 2016

9am TOPS

6pm Outreach Meeting

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears)

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Oct 5, 2016

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Webs 1)

Thu Oct 6, 2016

5:30pm ACC Bible Study

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

7pm Choir Practice

Sun Oct 9, 2016 (Love Fund Offering)

Pastor Appreciation Day/Planning for Youth Sunday

Elder Meeting (after 2nd service)

8:15am Early Worship Service

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Late Worship Service

Mon Oct 10, 2016

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting

(Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary)

Tue Oct 11, 2016

9am TOPS

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Oct 12, 2016

10am Altoona Nursing Home Service

Thu Oct 13, 2016

5:30pm ACC Bible Study

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

7pm Choir Practice

Sun Oct 16, 2016

Youth Sunday (Pizza & Flyer-ing after church)

8:15am Early Worship Service

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Late Worship Service

Mon Oct 17, 2016

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tiger Den)

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Wolves)

6:30pm TNIB Meeting

Tue Oct 18, 2016

9am TOPS

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears)

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Oct 19, 2016

6pm Property Meeting

Thu Oct 20, 2016

5:30pm ACC Bible Study

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

7pm Choir Practice

Sun Oct 23, 2016 (Food Pantry Sunday)

8:15am Early Worship Service

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Late Worship Service

6:30pm Cub Scouts - Parent & Planning Meeting

Mon Oct 24, 2016

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Wolves)

7pm Board Meeting

Tue Oct 25, 2016

9am TOPS

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears)

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Oct 26, 2016

2:30pm Coffee with the Pastor (Prairie Vista Village)

Thu Oct 27, 2016

5:30pm ACC Bible Study

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

7pm Choir Practice

Sun Oct 30, 2016

8:15am Early Worship Service

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Late Worship Service

2-6 pm Barn Dance (Fellowship Hall if inclement weather)

Mon Oct 31, 2016

6:30pm Boy Scouts



- 3rd Irene Henderson
- 4th Patti Maschmeier, Laura Dillon
- 6th Scott Glass
- 9th Blaine Moats, Linda Shaw
- 14th Tyler, Taylor, and Madison Glass
- 16th Sue Furland
- 17th Bill Sander
- 18th Linda Pinegar
- 19th Jeff Patchin
- 20th Tim McLean
- 21st Laurie Kolstead
- 23rd Madeleine Brown
- 24th Angela Doty
- 27th Margaret Ludington, April Glass
- 28th Bob Gulling



Joys ~ Scott & Jami Hamilton (17 yr anniversary). Carol Genovese (home from surgery). Margaret and Jim Ludington home from California. Roy Stuart (celebrated 90th birthday). Florence Hill (happy for visit). Being at church together.

Prayer Concerns ~ Ken Pickering (recovering from surgery). Sarah Champion (cousin). Wanda Newell (prayers for people flooded). Bill Spangler-Dunning (International conference). Wendy Todd (EMT – helping in floods).

Those with health/healing concerns ~ Carol Sutton (Carolyn cancer, sister eye problems). Judi DeMoss (cousin with brain cancer). June Barron (prayers for daughter, Gretchen). Debra Glynn (family health issues). Cheryl Laird-Humphrey (friend's health). Jim & Wendy Todd (surgery & health). Carol Nieters (Mark Nieters cancer treatments; Florence Hill, health). Jane Ferguson (friend, health issues). Wanda Newell (sister's health).

Prayers for those grieving ~ Tom Schirmer (2 uncles passed away). Kathi Shaffer (brother passed away from cancer). We continue to pray for those serving our country. We pray for all refugees and migrants.

WELCOME
New Members

Wendy Todd
Jim Todd

Fall Stewardship



Commitment Sunday
Oct. 2nd
Potluck Luncheon

PASTOR APPRECIATION

TRAINER TEACHER
preacher **Thank You, Pastor** encourager
leader example

Pastor Appreciation Day!
October 9th



- 2nd Dorothy & Jim Rose
- 5th Bob & Jody Purdie (20 yrs.)
- 7th Judy & Thomas Willey
- 8th Erik & Jolene Eriksen
- 9th Bruce & Lisa Freeseemann
- 10th David & Tammy Peebler
- 18th Larry & Jane Ferguson
- 23rd Erland & Mary Heinrich
- 30th Doug & Tracey Casey



Join us at the Coffee Corner in Prairie Vista Village!

Wednesday, October 26th
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Invite a friend!
All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

NO YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2ND

Youth group is now in full swing! If you have a 3rd grader up through 12th grade who would like to join us, we meet Sunday evenings from 5-7 pm in the Fellowship hall. Our first night is always a night for meeting new friends, this year getting familiar with a new schedule layout, and also writing our youth group covenant. While the older kids participated in "Deep Talk" with Pastor McKinna and Bill Spangler-Dunning, the younger kids had the opportunity to come up with this year's covenant, and then create an art piece for display. The rules they came up with for this year are (in no particular order): _____>

1. The Golden Rule: treat others as you would want to be treated
2. Respect others
3. Include everyone
4. Ask for permission
5. Be kind
6. No blaming
7. Help each other
8. Be cool!
9. Raise your hand
10. Have fun!
11. Forgive
12. Listen
13. No teasing
14. Be positive
15. Acceptance



**Youth Sunday—October 16th (both services).
Pizza party & flyer-ing the neighborhood!**

Our younger youth made cupcakes for our dessert at Youth Group., then we heard the story of David and Goliath, and we also had another art project. We asked the kids to draw a picture of what they thought God looked like. The neat part about this project was that we not only got a literal picture of God, but we also had a couple of kids do something different. One youth drew God, but then explained that when she colored features such as hair, eyes, skin color, etc, she decided to color him in the image of all of his people. If you see in the picture, his skin is black and brown, his hair is red, one eye is blue, the other green, and he's wearing purple eye shadow. Another youth drew Jesus as a baby, and as a Lego character. Next we asked the kids to draw how Jesus makes us feel. The kids were separated at different tables, but they all came back with the same word...HAPPY!



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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.

