



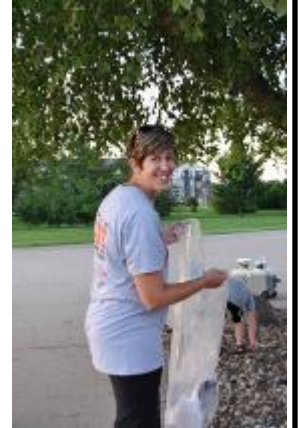
Altoona Christian Church *THE WELCOME NEWS*

Rev. McKinna Daugherty

"Touched by Christ to Care and Serve" September 2016



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- Stewardship Campaign!
- Fall Bible Study!
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Dear Friends,

September is a full month! We'll enjoy the beginning of Children & Youth Sunday School, Sunday evening Youth Group, and Bible Study the week of September 11th. We're also launching our annual stewardship campaign which will take place September 11th through October 2nd. This newsletter is full of helpful information about the many events going on in the life of the church!

We'll be promoting our stewardship campaign during worship each week, through a couple of letters in the mail, and two informative videos. Please take note of these communications and feel free to ask questions of anyone on the stewardship and finance committee (pictured below).

Here's what you need to know:

* Our theme is Go & Do the Same from the story of the Good Samaritan. When Jesus asked "Who was the neighbor to the distressed man on the road?" his listener responds, "The one who showed mercy." And Jesus instructs us to "go and do the same." Together we ask how can we show mercy and serve our neighbors? How can stewardship of our resources be an act of service and worship?

* We also know that this world needs more love and more grace, so we're going to be collecting our loose change and coins as a sign of our desire to Go & Be the Change we wish to see in the world around us! Check your pockets and couch cushions and bring your change to church every week!

* Your commitment to our stewardship campaign allows our church to plan exciting, fun, and meaningful ministries for the coming year. It means a beautiful and welcoming building in which community groups meet and children play and learn. It means pastoral, music, and nursery staff that serve the wonderful people in our church and beyond. It means fellowship, joy, and growth. Your gift matters.

So bring your loose change each week, prayerfully consider how you might Go & Do the Same, and save the date for a Commitment Sunday Potluck on October 2nd after second service!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor McKinna, Cheryl Laird-Humphrey, Chris Williams, Russ Wilkins, April Glass, and Becky Rosenberger



Altoona Christian Church
August 22, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes



Attendees: Scott Seeliger, John (JC) Horton, Russ Wilkins, Pastor McKinna Daugherty, Chris Williams, Len Shaw, Tom Schirmer, Jeanne Schirmer, Georgia Woodward, Judy Wadding, and David Peebler

JC called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Pastor McKinna opened the meeting with prayer.

Judy Wadding was present to talk about National Night Out. This year's event was very successful as we had over 40 volunteers from ACC help put the event on and there was a large turnout from the community. Certificates of appreciation have all been delivered to the local businesses that helped with contributions. Judy indicated that the Altoona Police Department did express interest in having us host again next year, and she wanted to see if that would be approved by the Board. The Board agreed by consensus that we should host again and the National Night Out Committee work with Outreach to develop a budget to help cover supplies for next year's event. JC noted that this new committee is the second ad hoc committee that has been formed this year that falls under Outreach – the other being That Night in Bethlehem. JC agreed to attend the next Outreach meeting to explain the reasoning and need for these two ad hoc committees to be placed under Outreach. Pastor McKinna wanted to formally express her deep gratitude for Judy's leadership in helping make the National Night Out a complete success.

Georgia Woodward was present to talk about the 150 Year Celebration. Georgia went over the preliminary schedule of events, having at least one event per month culminating on Dedication Sunday which is July 30th, 2017. Georgia also submitted a budget to the Board totaling \$5600. Discussion took place and noted that \$3000 of the proposed budget was for the commissioning of a hymn which had already been approved by the Board at the May 2016 meeting. After further discussion, by consensus, the Board approved an additional \$3000 for the 150 Year Celebration budget.

Chris Williams was present to talk about the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. Chris presented an example of the 2017 Proposed Budget for ACC because it would be part of the campaign communication to the Congregation. Discussion took place and Scott suggested that we go ahead and include the 2017 Proposed Budget and to include mentioning the 150 Year Celebration and the need for new carpeting, new sign along 1st Ave, and have the Property Committee identify a third most pressing need for capital improvements to the property – all of which will need additional funding above and beyond normal giving to ACC. By consensus, the Board approved the Stewardship Campaign to move forward.

Pastor McKinna submitted the Pastor's reports for both July and August and highlighted a few items to celebrate.

Board Reports

At Large: Len indicated nothing new to report. Scott asked to see if there had been any more feedback from a concern that Len mentioned at a previous meeting and Len indicated that he had not heard anything new.

Elders: Tom indicated that they had not met since last meeting. He also indicated that they are getting low on having prayer shawls available.

Financial Secretary: No report submitted

Treasurer: Russ provided a current report which the Board reviewed.

Memorial Fund: Chris indicated that Tyler Glass is finishing up his Eagle Scout project which the Memorial Fund helped finance. Once the final cost comes in, Chris will take a look to see how much monies are left to proceed in getting a new refrigerator for the kitchen.

Personnel: Jeanne submitted a report.

Vice Moderator: JC submitted report from Christian Nurture, but noted that he has not received reports from a few areas of the Ministry Council for some time now. Scott and/or JC will reach out to the areas to touch base and ensure they are still meeting regularly to help achieve the Mission of ACC.

Closing

Tom shared a closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.
Respectfully submitted, David Peebler - Board Secretary

The minutes from the monthly board meetings and the monthly financial statements are posted on the bulletin board next to the office in the Narthex. Please take time to read them. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, they may be directed to any board member.
Thank you!

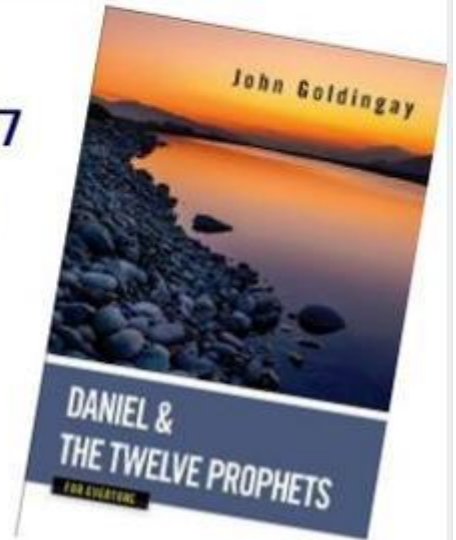
Fall Bible Study

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Not-So-Minor Prophets!

Thursdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
September 15 - November 17

Did you know that the collection of prophecies by Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, & Malachi are often called the "Minor Prophets?" They might be short, but they have some big ideas for us! The only book you need is a Bible. Your leaders, Wayne Patchin & Pastor McKinna will be using the Goldingay book (pictured right) to prepare the lessons.



Fall Stewardship



- September 11 - October 2
- "Go & Do the Same" as the good samaritan!
- "Go & Be the Change" by bringing your loose change on Sundays!
- Save the date for Commitment Sunday, Oct. 2nd with potluck luncheon!



Outreach Ministries



Last Call for Meal Packaging

It's not too late to join your friends from ACC for a fun morning packaging meals for Meals from the Heartland! It's easy and a small commitment of **your** time, added to **thousands** of others, equal **MILLIONS** of meals packaged! Sign up on sheet on the outreach table or call Mark Kolstead at 401-7516. A carpool from the church to Hy-Vee Hall will be available.

September 3rd from 10 a.m. to Noon.



Shoe Drive

Thanks to all who donated used shoes to the shoe drive in July. This was the 3rd Annual Drive coordinated by Waukee Christian Church. Our church donated several loads of shoes. When combined with others, it seems likely that they will reach this year's goal of 17,000 pairs. Shoes will be available to people in developing nations to begin microbusinesses.



Simple Supper

On Monday, July 25th, a Simple Supper was served at Adventure Life Reformed Church. ACC participates annually in this event, designed to assist clients of the Caring Hands food pantry. Sixty-two people were served a total of 88 sandwiches. Beans, chips and desserts were also served. Thanks to everyone in the congregation that donated cookies, and a special thanks to Jane Ferguson for cooking 25 pounds of ground beef.



Outreach Meeting

Our next outreach meeting will be held on September 6th at 6 p.m. in the Spirit Room.

Reminder!!!
Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items for the **Food Pantry** on **September 18th**
Food needed this month:
Macaroni & PNB





CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY NEWSLETTER August, 2016

PEARLS FOR HIS GLORY

Matthew 13:44-46 Kingdom of heaven likened to treasure and fine pearls. For most of my life, studies and teachings were about me seeking the treasure; desiring the field, looking for pearls. Placing great value and importance on God's Word. Now flip the coin over. Jesus is looking for treasure in a field – Israel. Exodus 19:5, Psalm 135:4 Buys it at great cost. He hides the treasure among the nations as not all Jews are yet redeemed. Some still 'hidden' unless eyes to see. Pearls are found in the ocean—the nations. Jesus finds and buys the pearl at great cost. This is the Church – you and me. The internet gives one a video how pearls are made. A beautiful analogy unfolds. As a pearl is formed, so are Christians. Yes, at a great price, Jesus gave His life to redeem and purchase us. I prefer the latter explanation. Not about my doing – toiling, effort and cost. Rather a focus on what Jesus has done for me and an ever constant reminder of God's great love for mankind. We are robed in righteousness with great beauty and luster – a precious gem of His grace.

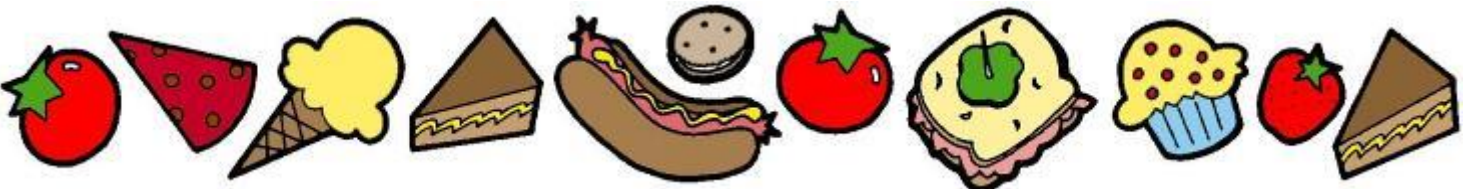
Ruth O'Connor—Caring Hands Food Pantry

July of 2016 found 267 families coming to the food pantry for assistance: 491 adults and 350 children, for a total of 841 persons served. Forty-one of these families came for the first time this year. Poundage of food given was 6,573 lbs., not counting the bread, pastry items and fruits and vegetables donated by some of the local stores. Two hundred sixty-three 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 be used for perishable items. Personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. are also given. Laundry detergent is given every other month. Rent assistance checks for \$ 1,517.98 and utility assistance checks for \$ 971.00 were written as well. From January through June of 2016, 517 different families have come to the pantry for assistance with food, personal items and/or financial help.

Food needed this month: Macaroni and Peanut Butter

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 August 29th Simple Supper will be provided by Christ the King Lutheran Church, and on September 26th, the Lions Club will prepare the meal. Statistics for the Clothes Hanger for July are: 150 families assisted – (301 adults and 227 children) totaling 528 individuals. Clothing items given totaled 2,486 and household items, 13. 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



Altoona Christian Church 150th News! “Christ in Gethsemane” – a painting

by Georgia Woodward

We pause to look upon the well-known picture of “Christ in Gethsemane” by Johann Heinrich Hofmann, which has been painted for us by George Racklemann, an artist with unusually fine talent. A portion of the money for the picture was given by the daughter and son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Will Iseminger, in whose memory this picture is dedicated. The ladies of the Rainbow Circle also made it possible for us to have this painting by raising the balance of the money. And had it not been for the generous spirit of Mr. Racklemann, we would not have this lovely painting in our sanctuary. It is indeed a masterpiece revealing the artistic skill and the sense of a love for the good and the beautiful which Mr. Racklemann represents.

The picture of “Christ in Gethsemane” by Hofmann is one of the most beautiful as well as one of the most widely known paintings in all the world. Perhaps no other single scene in the life of Christ has been more frequently copied than this one. This is true, no doubt, because of the fact that the artist has portrayed the “ideal” against the background of the “real” for us in a masterly way.

Earlier in the night, Jesus had left eight of the disciples at the entrance of the garden, taking with Him into its deeper recesses the three who, on more than one occasion, had entered into a deeper fellowship with Him. But in this, the hour of His deepest suffering, He has withdrawn from even these three and is facing the crisis “alone.”

Here, in one of the loneliest spots that could possibly be found, the artist portrays Jesus kneeling with outstretched, clasped hands before a barren rock, that glaringly hurls back the reflection of heavenly light. The upturned face of the Master in this midnight vigil is illuminated by a light that seems to come down from above. It is the only light in the picture save that which the artist has used as a halo about the head of Christ to suggest His spiritual struggle against the evil forces in the world. Here in this background Christ begins the agonizing process of man’s redemption from sin by bringing his will into complete harmony with that of His Heavenly Father’s.

The struggle of Jesus in Gethsemane was the endeavor to harmonize His personal human will with His Father’s will. It was to accept a course of events the good purpose of which he could not fathom; it was to avoid not the tortures of the cross but drinking the cup of failure bitterer than death. If he died, what would become of that sublime vision of a regenerated social order that apparently He alone had seen? What would become of His disciples who had hardly absorbed as yet the first principles of the Kingdom of Righteousness? From the distance of the Mount of Transfiguration a martyr’s death had seemed to have a place in the great scheme of things, but now when death was at hand the tragedy to His cause seemed irreparable. Death simply could not be! Yet the outcome of His struggle was a victory of faith over sight, a surrender of His entire personal interests and the interests of the Kingdom into the Father’s keeping. Henceforth He could face death or life with the calm consciousness which had been His in former days, “I do always the things that please Him.”

(picture interpretation by Cynthia Pearl Maus)

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Mr. George Racklemann was educated in art schools in Nuremberg and Munich Germany Bavaria. Since 1911, he has been active in mural and decorative paintings. At the present he is the artist in the window display department of Younker Bros. Department Store in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Racklemann is married and has one daughter and one son.

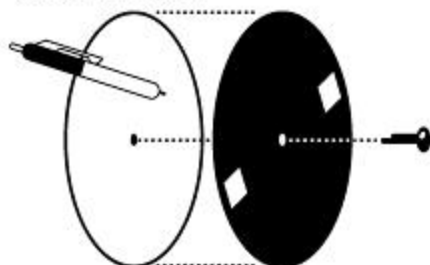
UPDATE:

In 1988, Mike Nieters had the painting reframed as a memorial to his father. Since 1988, the painting has hung in the Narthex of our present church. (Original writing/documentation of the “Christ in Gethsemane” painting was found in an April 10, 1955 church bulletin, at the time of the dedication of the painting).



PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.

Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

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>> "So do not __ __ __ __, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10, NIV <<

Answer: fear



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Gearing up!
SERT TEAM
Truck & Equipment

NNO 2016
FREE Food & Drinks!





September 2016

Monday, September 1st

Jody (out of office - PTO)

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

7pm Choir Practice

Saturday, September 3, 2016

10am Meals from the Heartland (Outreach)

Sunday, September 4 (Love Fund Offering)

8:15am Early Worship Service

10:15am Late Worship Service

6pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, September 5

OFFICE CLOSED (Labor Day)

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears)

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tigers)

Tuesday, September 6

9am TOPS

6pm Outreach Meeting

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 7

6:30pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting

Thursday, September 8

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

7pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 11

"Go & Do the Same" Stewardship Campaign Starts

8:15am Early Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School Starts!

10:15am Late Worship Service

11:30am Elders Meeting

5pm Youth Group Kick Off!

Monday, September 12

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 13

9am TOPS

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 14

10am Altoona Nursing Home Service

6:30pm Cub Scouts - Bears

Thursday, September 15

5:30pm ACC Bible Study Begins! (ACC Library)

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

6:45pm Cub Scouts - Wolves

7pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 18 (Food Pantry Sunday)

Special Mission Project- Joppa Outreach (6-12 grade)

8:15am Early Worship Service

8:15am Youth Chimes

10:15am Late Worship Service

Monday, September 19

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tigers)

6:30pm TNIB Meeting (ACC Library)

Tuesday, September 20

9am TOPS

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 21

2:30pm Coffee with the Pastor (PVV)

6pm Property Meeting

6:30pm Cub Scouts - Bears

Thursday, September 22

5:30pm ACC Bible Study (ACC Library)

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

6:45pm Cub Scouts - Wolves

7pm Choir Practice

Sunday, September 25

8:15am Early Worship Service

10:15am Late Worship Service

1pm Courtyard Estates

2:30pm Caring Hands Hunger Walk/Run 5K (Youth Group)

6:30pm Cub Scouts - Parent & Planning Meeting

Monday, September 26

Pastor McKinna (out of office - Bethany Fellows 9/26-9/30)

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tigers)

7pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 27

9am TOPS

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, September 29

5:30pm ACC Bible Study (ACC Library)

6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice

7pm Choir Practice





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- 6 Sharon Hunt, Madline Cahhal
- 9 Ken Pickering
- 10 Paul Hendrickson
- 12 James Kerr, Mike Tenckinck
- 13 Josh McLean
- 18 Larry Dillon
- 19 Judy Willey, Lisa Freeseemann
- 20 Robert Stuart
- 21 Durene Oakes
- 22 Erland Heinrich
- 23 Rebecca Kerr
- 24 Jim Pruismann
- 26 Trent Neff
- 29 Chris Wilkins, Scott Seeliger



Joys ~ Ron Rieckmann (God sighting for travel). Skip Hill (joy of eye sight). Tom & Wanda Newell (65 year anniversary). Denise Green (brother, Mark, home).

Prayer Concerns ~ Ken Pickering. June Johnston (sister, Esther, health). Lisa Freeseemann (friends in LA floods). Tim & Lonita McLean (grandparents in next phase). Faye Harding (memory care facility in Pella). Donner Dewdney (friend with advanced stage pancreatic cancer). Health of friends/family in general. Family crisis.

Those with health/healing concerns ~ McKinna Daugherty (health). John Craggs (healing). Tom Schirmer's cousin (health). Mike Nieters (brother Mark's health). Wanda Newell's sister (health).

Prayers for those grieving ~ Anna Hines (Pastor Gerald Nabor-Pleasant Hill pastor for 55 years died of cancer). Tom Schirmer's sister passed away. We continue to pray for those serving our country. We pray for all refugees and migrants.



Will Be Closed:

September 5th (Labor Day)



Monday through Thursday
8am-1pm



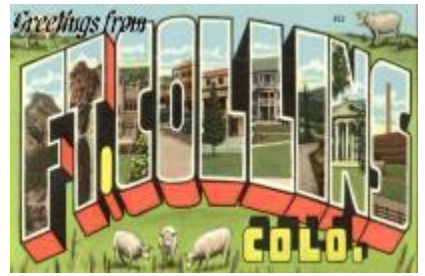
Are we missing information in our newsletter, contact the church office so we can get it updated for next month!



Jody Purdie (PTO) Sept. 1st



- 2nd John & Paulette Craggs, Tony & April Glass
- 3rd Charles & Kristina Steffes-Clayton
- 5th Jeff & Kristen Patchin
- 6th Roland & Carol Brown
- 20th Robert & June Stuart
- 24th Mike & Jodi Nelson
- 25th Scott & Jami Hamilton
- 27th Scott & Jean Anne Seeliger



Youth Mission Trip July 23-29th



thank you!

Many thanks to all those who donated supplies for VBS. Also a big THANK YOU to all of those who volunteered their time to make the week such a huge success! I APPRECIATE YOU!!!

Jazelle Norton





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Come see what TOPS is all about!

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Carol Nieters ~ (515) 779-9851

Meets each Tuesday from 9-10:30 a.m at the
Altoona Christian Church (0698)

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



Scheduling ~ Contact the Church Office by phone at (515) 967-4382/E-mail 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;
Pastor McKinna Daugherty by phone at (515) 329-4050/E-mail revmckinna@gmail.com for ministry care and needs.

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

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Nursery Attendant..... Becca Kerr

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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.

