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# Caller



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WEST DES MOINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

## OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO: *Where Will Our Faith Take Us?*

**F**all is back in swing, and with it all of the regularly scheduled programming you and your family engage in. Our lives take us to so many different places every week: work, school, ball fields, the grocery store, church, and eventually – even if only to lay our heads down at night – home. It turns out, our faith travels with us to all these places we go. As followers of Jesus, we are called in and sent out to be Christ’s hands and feet in every place.

Join us **Sunday, September 8**, as we kick off Fall programming with a new worship series, “**Oh, the Places We’ll Go.**” Together as church, we will explore all the places our faith takes us. We'll resume our regular Sunday morning schedule with **Worship at 8:30 a.m., Church School for all ages at 9:30 am, and Worship at 10:30 am.**

Then, *return to the church later Sunday afternoon* for a fun evening of food, music, and Olympic games starting at **4:30 pm.**



***We hope you'll join us on this exciting Sunday in the life of our church!***

## Fall Mission Opportunity

The organization we helped in Van Buren, MO back in the spring of 2018 has reached out to us for more assistance. They are down to repairing/rebuilding two final homes and are hoping to get those finished ASAP.

Work may include painting, plumbing, electrical, flooring, sheetrock, trim work, cabinet/door installation, and building a ramp or two. We plan to head out on **Sunday, October 6** after worship and return on Friday, October 11. Cost per person: \$125. *To be a part of this crew, register at the kiosk by September 15.*

## Adult Fall Retreat

Join us in at the Christian Conference Center in Newton, IA **October 4-5** and participate in our next spiritual retreat. The retreat will take place in the *new* Chi-Rho cabin, the WDMCC mission team helped build last spring. **Activities start at 7 p.m. Friday night**, including a special “Well” service, campfire, and S’mores. You may bring your own tent or camper, or use beds in the cabin. If you can’t make it Friday night, join us Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and sessions focusing on spiritual development. Cost: \$20/person. Please register your intent to participate by signing up at the kiosk or emailing the office by **Sunday, September 29.**

### MENU

- Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs*
- Chips*
- Watermelon*
- Ice Cream Sundaes*
- Beverages*

### FALL SERMON SERIES

Sept. 8 (Kickoff Sun.)	<i>The Way of the Lord</i>	Exodus 13:17-22
Sept. 15	<i>Putting Faith to Work</i>	Colossians 3:12-17, 23
Sept. 22 (Bible Sun.)	<i>Christian Homework</i>	Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Sept. 29 (Reconciliation Sun.)	<i>Forgotten &amp; Desecrated Places</i>	Isaiah 58:6-12
Oct. 6 (World Comm. Sun.)	<i>Into the Neighborhood</i>	John 1:6-14
Oct. 13 (Week of Ministry)	<i>God Rested... So Should We</i>	Exodus 20:8-11



## Church School Classes *For All Ages* Begin September 8 at 9:30 a.m.

**GOOD FELLOWSHIP** This multi-generational Bible study class led by Pastor Alice Bolen is open to all adults and meets in the Library in the Fellowship Hall Bldg. This fall, the class will be studying the Gospel of Luke.

**Y.E.S. (Young Energetic Seniors)** This class brings together scriptures, current events, and the life of faith in a discussion-style format led by Ron Townsend and other members. The Fall series is entitled “*Unafraid*”, an interactive course utilizing positive attitudes from Christ-centered scripture. The primary reference guide will be Adam Hamilton’s book, *Unafraid*. All seniors are welcome each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall Bldg-room 303.

**CONNECTIONS** This discussion class led by Dr. Randy Ehrhardt and members looks at current topics and/or issues from a faith and scriptural perspective. Especially in times like these, it is important to connect with a community of faith for support, encouragement, conversation, education, and prayer. Join us this Fall in the Gym Bldg-room 113 as we discuss how our daily practices can animate our faith.

**CROSSROADS** As professionals or folks just starting out in life, we’re all seeking ways to live our faith beyond the church pew. But with how busy our lives get, it can be difficult to commit to being in Church School each Sunday morning. This class of parents and young adults is built on casual conversation with a flexibility for people to come and go as they’re able. Starting this Fall, Crossroads will meet in The Gathering (Sanctuary bldg.) during the Church School hour (9:30 – 10:15 am) for a time of fellowship and discussion. Weekly discussion topics range from the latest movie and our daily routines to Bible stories and how our faith intersects with current events. We hope you’ll join us!

**YOUTH CLASSES** Chi-Rho and CYF classes provide opportunities for youth to engage scripture and some of the difficult questions about what it means to be Disciples of Christ in the 21st century.

- **Chi-Rho** (*Greek letters XP, meaning “Jesus Christ”*) This class of 6-8th graders taught by Michele Ramsey meets in the Fellowship Hall Bldg-room 312.
- **CYF** (*Christian Youth Fellowship*) This group of 9-12th graders taught by Shelly Nelson meets in the Youth Room in the lower level of the Sanctuary Bldg.

**See page 4 for information on Children's Church School classes.**



Friendly greeters are needed ½ hour prior to each service. All you need is a friendly smile and handshake to make all who enter feel welcome! Contact Joy in the office (joy@wdmcc.org).

## Church School Offering

You can help children and youth attend Church Camp. Even if you can’t volunteer your time at camp, there is still a way you can help!

Offering from children, youth and adult Church School classes provides scholarship funds to help children & youth from our church spend a week of summer at the regional camp near Newton.



*Thank you for being God’s hands and feet through Church School offering.*

## Disciples Dining around Des Moines

WDMCC has two monthly going-out-to-eat ministries. Enjoy great food and fun fellowship! All ages are welcome (working or retired couples & singles). Let Martha know if you’d like to be put on an email reminder list (martha@wdmcc.org).

**MUNCHING WITH MARTHA** is a monthly **LUNCH** get-together. Join us **Tuesday, September 17 @ 11:30** at *The Other Place* (12401 University in Clive). To carpool, note on signup sheet and meet at the church by 11:00. Sign up by the previous Sunday at the kiosk or email martha@wdmcc.org.

**GAME DAY** will follow back at the church at **1 p.m.** for those who wish to join in the fun! Just head to the Fellowship Hall bldg. room 302 for fellowship, dessert and games. More on page 9.



**DELISH** is a monthly **DINNER**. Join this fun group for dinner at *Firebirds Wood Fired Grill* (440 S. 68th. St. in WDM) at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24**. Sign up by the previous Sunday at the kiosk or email martha@wdmcc.org.



Craft and Create meets on **Thursdays at 9 a.m.** in the Gym Building – Rm 111.

This group has fun while helping others. The focus is mission and church projects, along with fun crafts.

Some of the various mission projects include fleece blankets, hats and scarves for the annual collection, items for a Romanian orphanage, luncheon table decor, and gifts for volunteers.

Handmade colorful cotton dish cloths and multi-purpose nylon net scrubbers are sold year-round in the office.

We have projects for those of any level of craft experience or none! Supplies are furnished, and ideas welcomed.

Let Martha (martha@wdmcc.org) know if you'd like to be added to a reminder email list.

## Sign Up Now For Fall Co-ed Volleyball

WDMCC's semi-competitive coed volleyball league (*age 16 & up*) **begins Monday, October 14 and ends November 18.** Sign up at the kiosk in The Gathering or call the office by September 29. Games start at **7 p.m.** in the gym. New teams



will be drawn each week, and an individual champ will be crowned at the end of the season. This is a great way to play volleyball with various players and meet new people. Even if you can't commit for the whole season, sign up and join us for recreation and fellowship!

**If you need childcare to participate, please let the office know 24 hours in advance.**

## Amana Trip Open To All

The Y.E.S. group invites all church members and friends to join them for a fun trip to the *Amana Colonies* on **Wednesday, October 9.** Lunch is planned at the *Ox Yoke Inn* where we will be seated in smaller groups throughout the restaurant, **beginning at 11:30 a.m.** (order from menu; meal costs NOT included in trip pricing).

After lunch, we'll attend the 2 p.m. matinee of "*Mama Mia*" at The Old Creamery Theater. Prepare for this classic musical to sweep you away with infectious music, an uplifting story, and dazzling dance numbers! Ticket price will be no more than \$30/person, depending on the size of the group, plus a small gas fee for transportation. We'll be taking the church bus and as many cars as needed, leaving WDMCC around 9 a.m. Watch for more details coming soon.



## What is SCRIP?

SCRIP fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). SCRIP is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. *It's really that simple!* Great Lakes Scrip Center offers more than 700 of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, hotels, restaurants, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work! All proceeds go toward the church mortgage.

SCRIP orders are taken on the 2nd Sunday of each month (**September 8**). The cards will be in by September 22. Feel free to contact Stephanie at the kiosk or in the office with any questions.



time to  
**UPDATE**



New house? New phone number? New e-mail address? Let us know so we can stay in touch. Also, if you're a snowbird and would like us to send your mail directly, let us know that address. Thanks for your help in keeping our records current!

## Children At Church

WDMCC loves and nourishes children. Check out these various children's opportunities.

### A. SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Nursery:** a mini-lesson or craft for 3 year olds.

**Church School for ages 4-4th grade** gather together in room #122 (*Gym building*) for a time of singing, celebration and collecting offering, followed by learning centers: Bible Story, Craft, Game or Activity and Food & Science. Each Bible story is explored for 5 weeks. Presenting God's Word to children in the various learning centers keeps it fun and interesting.

**Fifth grade Membership Class Church School** meets in room #124 (*Gym building*). Each Sunday is filled with fun, exciting ways to look at faithful topics impacting today's youth.

One Sunday a month, the children will share a song in the worship service(s). On that day, time will be devoted to music so the children can practice and learn the song they will share.

Weekly offering collected goes to children and youth church camp scholarships.

**B. CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER** This worship service is for ages 3–2nd grade. Following the children's sermon in the 10:30 worship service, the children are escorted by an adult to the Children Worship & Wonder room in the gym building. Just like Big Church, their worship service has music, Bible story, prayer time, 'feast' and offering. Weekly offering collected goes to children & youth Church Camp Scholarships. *This specially designed children's worship service is relatable and relevant.*

Parents may pick up their children following the close of the worship service in room #123 (*Gym building*).

**C. FRIENDS IN FAITH** is an after-school program for children in K-5th grade. Our goal, with your prayers and guidance from God, is to nurture spiritual minds, hearts and consciences in a Christian environment while learning Bible truths. Meeting weekly on **Wednesdays from 4-5:30 p.m.**, kids spend time connecting with church friends and growing in faith by playing games, enjoying snacks, doing crafts, engaging in Bible stories, and participating in local mission projects and field trips. The Membership Class (5th graders) will meet with Pastor Randy on Wednesdays in preparation for and anticipation of baptism in the Spring of 2020. **NOTE:** In place of Wednesday Children's Choir, choir practice will now take place once a month during the Church School hour on Sundays the kids sing in worship (**Sept. 22 and Oct. 13**).

Starting **Wednesday, September 18**, drop off your child at the Gym bldg. at **4 p.m.** and pick them up in The Gathering (*Sanctuary bldg.*) at **5:30 p.m.** If you need a ride or are available to give a ride, indicate that on the Friends In Faith registration form and we'll try our best to help you coordinate. Forms are available at the kiosk, online at wdmcc.org, or in the office. If you have any questions on any of these exciting opportunities, contact Martha McDanel (martha@wdmcc.org) or Angie Porath (angelaporath@gmail.com).

## Membership Class 2020

All children entering 5th grade (*and any unbaptized youth*) are invited to join this pastor-led class held on **Wednesdays** from **4-5:30 p.m.** in room #124 (*Gym bldg*) beginning **September 18**. During the year, discussion will focus on faith, hope, prayer, baptism, communion, and the beliefs of the Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*). Included will be special guest speakers, community service projects, amazing field trips and lots of fun activities. Each class member will also be assigned an elder as their mentor.

Church School Membership Class meets each Sunday from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in room #124 (*gym bldg*). The class explores exciting ways to look at faithful topics which impact today's youth.

For more information, contact Dr. Randy Ehrhardt (randy@wdmcc.org). *Do you have a 5th grade child, but haven't received an informational letter from the church?* Please contact the office.

## Other Important Info: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Bibles presented to 4 year olds in their Church School class (9:30 a.m.)
- Bibles presented to 2nd graders during 10:30 a.m. worship



All WDMCC members are welcome to attend these **7 p.m. Tuesday** meetings.

- September 17
- November 19
- January 21
- March 24
- May 19

## Music News

If you've ever thought about being part of the music programming at WDMCC, now is the perfect time to get plugged in! We are grateful to our past music director, John Cook, for laying the groundwork for a strong tradition of praising God in song. As we look into the future of the music ministry at WDMCC, we're looking to build on that tradition in new and exciting ways.



Adult Choir starts again for the season on **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Music Room (behind the Sanctuary), and singers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. We will meet each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to learn and rehearse music to share at the 10:30 a.m. worship service each Sunday. It's a time for growing as musicians while getting to know fellow choir members and tuning our voices to lead the congregation in praise. In addition to Wednesday night rehearsals, the choir rehearses each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Music Room for a final run-through of the anthem. If you can't make every rehearsal, don't let that stop you from joining in whenever you're able.

This fall, the Adult Choir will sing a mixture of contemporary praise music, spirituals, and well-known, classic anthems. The choir will also play a vital role in this year's Advent theme: "The Songs of Advent." We hope you'll join us in this fun, meaningful way of offering our gifts to God. If you need childcare or would like more information, contact Pastor Luke ([luke@wdmcc.org](mailto:luke@wdmcc.org)).

## Calling All Instrumental Musicians & Bell Ringers!

Do you play an instrument? Great! Consider joining our Christmas ensemble!

Do you want to play bells? Great! Join our Bell Ensemble!

The Bell Ensemble will begin rehearsing soon; the Instrumental Ensemble will play later this fall. If you are interested in either opportunity, contact Becky Chaloupecky ([becky@wdmcc.org](mailto:becky@wdmcc.org)). For the Instrumental Ensemble, we invite anyone from 9th grade through adult to participate.

## Outdoor Movie Night

A great crowd came out for this August 3 event to enjoy a beautiful summer evening, hosted by the Church Growth committee. Thanks to all our volunteers and a special thanks to Perry Baker for calling BINGO!



 **Pumpkin Patch Comes to WDMCC**  
*Who doesn't love Fall in Iowa?! Cool evenings, colorful trees, apple cider and pumpkin spice everything! This **October 17-31**, WDMCC will be opening a pumpkin patch as a fundraiser for Youth Group mission projects, and we will need your help to staff the patch. As was the Summer Lunch program, this fun two-week event will be an *all-hands-on-deck* collaboration requiring many volunteers. We'll need help setting up the patch, staffing daytime and evening shifts, baking fall goodies and preparing fall drinks to be sold with the pumpkins, etc. Indicate your interest in helping by contacting the office, and we'll be in touch with you about how to get on the schedule. Please consider giving some time to help at the WDMCC Pumpkin Patch! It'll be a fun way to spend time together while raising money for a good cause!*



*"It's A Setup" (team 1)*



*Congrats to our WDMCC sand volleyball teams, who brought home t-shirts and a trophy for their 1st & 2nd place finishes in the WDM Parks & Rec League this season!*

*"Volley Llamas" (team 2)*



## YOUTH GROUP

### Mark Your Calendars!

- **September 1** Labor Day/  
no activities
- **September 8**  
**All-Church Kickoff**  
8:30 and 10:30 Worship  
Services, Church School,  
afternoon activities and dinner
- **September 15** Chi Rho/CYF
- **September 22** Ministry Teams
- **September 29** *Geisler Farms\**

\* **Sunday, September 29**, the Youth Group is taking a field trip to *Geisler Farms* for some Fall-themed fun! With a corn maze, bounce-barn, slides, and fire pits to keep us entertained, it'll be a fun night of fellowship! **Please note:** We'll leave church at the normal time (5:00 p.m.), but return an hour later than usual (8:00 p.m.). We'll grill out at the farm, so come hungry!



## Fall Donation Opportunities

*Personal Care Drive for the Women's Shelter at Children & Families of Iowa.*

**Most needed:** bath towels and washcloths, deodorant, bar soap & soap boxes, hairbrushes, combs, razors combined shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toothbrush holders.

Place donations in The Gathering collection box on **Sundays: September 29 and October 6.**



*Clothing Drive for WDM Human Services Clothing Closet*

New or gently used fall/winter clothing is needed. Bring donations to the **Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 6 ONLY, before the 10:30 service.**

## It Takes A Church To Raise A Child: *Lend A Helping Hand*

**It couldn't be easier to be a part of the excitement!**

Bible stories have already been selected—complete with center ideas and materials for the weekly activities.

Time sharing opportunities include:

### Center Leaders:

*Prepare and direct the same activity 3 Sundays of each 5 week Bible Story rotation. Lesson plans provided. Prepare once – share 3 times! No late Saturday night planning! Centers include: Craft, Bible Story, Food & Science, and Mission/Activity.*

### Class Guides:

*Have you ever considered being a Church School Class Guide? Do you like: Working with children? Sharing stories? Being silly? Being a friend? Being helpful? A Church School Guide is very rewarding and requires little commitment.*

*As a Class Guide, you would greet children, take attendance, offer a familiar face and keep children focused and supervised during Church School. You supervise the children as they move to and from the centers*

*each week and assist the Leader by helping the children with the center activity. Volunteer for one rotation, once a month, or the entire year – whatever fits your schedule and love for the children!*

Won't you prayerfully consider being a Church School 'angel' ?

To volunteer, contact Martha McDanel at the church; [martha@wdmcc.org](mailto:martha@wdmcc.org) or Angie Porath at [angelaporath@gmail.com](mailto:angelaporath@gmail.com).

*at left: Youth traveled to Decorah, IA for a weekend (Aug. 16-18) of camping, canoeing, and wet fun!*



## Mark Your Calendars!

- Sept 8** Kick-off Sunday (see page 1)
- Sept 12** Worship @ The Well (6:30p)
- Sept 15** Food Pantry Sunday
- Sept 17** Munching W/ Martha (11:30a)
- Sept 18** Game Day for all (1p)
- Sept 18** Friends in Faith begins (4p)
- Sept 18** Lifeline Screening
- Sept 19** Worship @ The Well (6:30p)
- Sept 24** DELISH (6p)
- Sept 26** Worship @ The Well (6:30p)
- Sept 29** Personal Care Drive
- Oct 3** Worship @ The Well (6:30p)
- Oct 4-5** Adult Spiritual Retreat (5p)
- Oct 6** Personal Care and Fall/Winter Clothing Drive
- Oct 6** ISU Singers Concert (4p)
- Oct 6-11** Mission Trip (*Missouri*)
- Oct 9** Y.E.S. Trip to Amana
- Oct 10** Worship @ The Well 6:30p)
- Oct 13** SCRIP orders taken
- Oct 14** Volleyball league starts
- Oct 15** Munching W/ Martha (11:30a)
- Oct 15** Game Day for all (1p)
- Oct 17-31** WDMCC Pumpkin Patch
- Oct 20** Heritage Sunday and Food Pantry Sunday
- Oct 22** DELISH (6p)
- Oct 24** Worship @ The Well 6:30p)
- Oct 27** Trunk or Treat (2:30p)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

10th Annual  
**Trunk or Treat**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**  
**2:30 - 4:00 PM**

Wear your costumes to this **FREE** and **FUN** (not frightening) **Halloween event!**

**LOTS OF DECORATED VEHICLE TRUNKS & TREATS, BOUNCE HOUSE, MINI-HAYRACK RIDE, GAMES, TWISTED BALLOONS and more!**

## SMALL GROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES, AND ADULT MINISTRIES

*Small groups are a great way to get connected to other people and build lasting relationships at WDMCC! New members are always welcome!*

**ADULT CHOIR resumes Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Music Room behind the Sanctuary. See page 5. For more info, contact Choir Director Luke (luke@wdmcc.org).

**CONNECTIONS Church School Class resumes September 8.** See page 2. This discussion class looks at current issues from a faith and scriptural perspective and is led by Dr. Randy Ehrhardt and other class members.

**Craft and CREATE meets Thursdays at 9 a.m. in gym bldg. #112.** See page 3. This group is for all who like to have fun while helping others. The focus is mission projects along with crafting and creating. You're welcome to join in having crafting experience or none at all! Supplies are furnished; ideas are welcomed. To be included on an email list, contact Martha in the office. *Helping others is good for the soul!*

**CROSSROADS Church School Class resumes September 8.** See page 2. This member-led class is for parents and young adults seeking ways to live their faith beyond the church pew. Whether you have kids at home, or still feel like a kid yourself, we can all learn and laugh with one another as we figure out how to bring our faith to life in our busy, everyday lives.

**DELISH!** For all ages (*working or retired couples & singles*) wanting to dine with fellow Disciples will meet at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24 at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill** in WDM. See page 2.

**GAME DAY** meets monthly on the **3rd Tuesday (September 18) at 1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall bldg rm 302. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments and play a variety of fun games (*Cribbage, Skip-Bo and more*).

**GOOD FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY resumes September 8.** This multi-generational Bible study class meets on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** (library). Led by Pastor Alice Bolen. All adults are welcome!

**HELPING HANDS** This volunteer group meets on **Mondays at 8 a.m.** in the kitchen to do light housekeeping and enjoy fellowship.

**MEN'S CURRENT ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP** meets **Mondays at 7 a.m.** at **Panera Bread** (4150 Westown Pkwy Ste 202). Contact: Cliff Rood @ 537-0598 or Jim Kratz @ 865-7505. All men are welcome!

**MUNCHING WITH MARTHA** This monthly lunch group is fun for all! On **Tuesday, September 17 at 11:30 a.m.**, they will meet at **The Other Place** on University in WDM. See page 2.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** meets on **Thursday, September 5 at 7 p.m.** (library). Jan Stump will review *Lucky Boy* by Shanathi Sekaran. Questions? Call Jan at 440-1293.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** meets on the **1st Friday** each month. On **September 6 at 9 a.m.**, meet at **Perk Up** (2700 University—WDM). All women are welcome! Contact: Phyllis Clark (225-2181).

**YES (Young Energetic Seniors) Sunday Church School class resumes September 8.** They also meet for social/mission events (see page 3), and breakfast on the **1st Saturday** of each month (**Sept. 7**) @ **7:45 a.m.** at Hy-Vee (N.E. corner I-35 & Mills Civic). Contacts: Karen/Ron Townsend (225-0464).

## Join Us In Thanking...

- ...Adam Porath for volunteering on the youth canoe trip.
- ...Summer yard and church garden volunteers: Tom Alex, Steve Doty, Jim Kirkpatrick, John Roloff, Ron Townsend, and Gary Weyer.
- ...to all the volunteers who helped with the WDM children free lunch program.
- ...to the Church Growth committee and volunteers who helped with the all-church brunch.
- ...to everyone who donated school supplies for the WDM Human Services collection.
- ...outdoor movie night volunteers: Perry Baker, Janet Goldsmith, Terry McDanel, Chore Corps, and the Church Growth Committee.
- ...our weekly or monthly volunteers: Care Connection, Chore Corps, Helping Hands, office help, and plant care.
- ...weekly worship service volunteers: bus drivers, deacons, elders, greeters, ushers and sound techs.

*Consider volunteering a little of your time. The rewards are heavenly!*

## School Supply Drive Was A Big Success

The Social Concerns Committee extends a big thank you for donating generously to the drive for WDM (K-12) students. Donations included: \$435, 348 pencils, 3 pencil boxes, 4 erasers, 3 pencil sharpeners, 38 pens, 44 boxes of crayons, 20 markers, 32 boxes of colored pencils, 27 rulers, 12 highlighters, 22 bottles of glue, 28 glue sticks, 16 pairs of scissors, 13 packages of paper, 54 notebooks, 41 folders, 1 package of graph paper, 4 boxes of Kleenex, 4-3-ring binders, 6 packages of index cards, 2 lunch bags, and 13 backpacks, and were donated. *Thanks for your generosity in helping students succeed!*

— John & Vivian Terry, Social Concerns Committee Co-Chairs

## Bus Ministry Seeks Volunteers

WDMCC's church bus is an important ministry, providing rides to and from worship services on Sunday mornings. Our list of dedicated drivers is short, and we can always use more volunteers.

Drivers must have a Commercial Drivers License (CDL); CDL study manuals are available in the church office.

If you can help with this important ministry, please call the office today!

## WDMCC Garden Benefits DMARC Food Pantry



## Purchase Global Greens Produce

Beginning Farmer Anezia is in The Gathering on **Sundays mornings** for your summer produce shopping. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue our support for *Global Greens Farm* through *Lutheran Services in Iowa*.

thank you

*Some portions of this newsletter have been deleted to protect the privacy of our congregation.*



CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

From the desk of Pastor Michelle Harris-Gloyer

July 2019  
Dear West Des Moines Christian Church,  
THANK YOU for lending us air mattresses as we stayed nearby for General Assembly!

Thank you Gillis/Flanik  
Thank You!  
- Daniel

thank you!  
- Jamie Chap

We could actually sleep well on a church floor throughout GA! Amazing & wonderful!  
-Thank you! Michelle Harris-Gloyer

Thank you!  
- Ryan Johnson  
and Coley Jovi

Thank you so much!  
- Jamie Chap

Thank you for your hospitality  
- Patricia Espinoza

Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Shami Espinoza

So grateful!  
- Can God bless your ministry! - Pastor Matt

With deep gratitude,  
The Pacific Southwest Region Youth Delegation

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SOUND TECHS

GREETERS



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### A Convenient Way to Pay the Church (PushPay)

With the kickoff of Fall programming just around the corner, there will soon be countless ways to get involved in the life of the church. And whether you're buying WDMCC t-shirts, making a monetary donation to the food pantry, or paying a registration fee for an upcoming event, part of our life together as community sometimes requires the exchange of money. Through PushPay, the church provides a convenient way for you to pay the church. Simply go to wdmcc.org and navigate to the "Give" tab. We encourage you to use this user-friendly service.

### Thanks For Your Support!

Statements of Giving will be mailed in early September. Please take a moment to review your statement and contact Claudette Sederburg, Financial Secretary, with any questions or corrections. Claudette can be reached by calling the church or by email (claudette@wdmcc.org). We continue to be humbled by our members' faithful support of the ministries of West Des Moines Christian Church.



**OPERATING INCOME**  
Received year to date as of August 18, 2019...\$500,501.86  
Expected year to date as of August 18, 2019...\$529,257.17

### Food Pantry Sundays

**When:** Every 3rd Sunday of the month!



**Give Cash:** Money donated buys more food, which is purchased at wholesale prices.  
**Give Food:** Most-needed items: **100% Juice** (tomato, orange, or vegetable in a can or plastic bottle); **Fruit** (canned in water or 100% juice); **Vegetables** (tomatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, or sweet potatoes, canned with no salt added); **Beans** (dry or canned in water); **Fresh Fruits & Vegetables** (potatoes/sweet potatoes, bananas, apples, carrots, grapes, oranges, tomatoes, melons, broccoli, or bell peppers); **Peanut Butter**; **Meat** (tuna or chicken canned in water); **Whole-Grain Pasta/Egg Noodles**; **Brown Rice** (regular or instant); **Vegetable Soup** (low-sodium); **Whole Grain Crackers** (wheat saltines); **Spaghetti Sauce**; **Cereal** (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added, whole grain brands, granola, or shredded wheat); **Fresh Whole Grain Bread Items**; **UHT Milk** (shelf-stable, low-fat in aseptic packaging, no canned milk); **Infant/Baby Formula**; **Diapers/Baby Wipes**; **Personal Products** (shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, or deodorant).

*Please donate well in advance of expiration date and prime ripeness.*

**Give Bags:** Paper and plastic are needed by DMARC Food Pantry.

**SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
(through September 1) ONE 10:00 Worship Service

**SEPTEMBER 1**

*Just Who Do You Think You Are?*  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Dr. Randy Ehrhardt

**FALL KICKOFF** **WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTING SEPTEMBER 8**  
8:30 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP 9:30 Church School (All Ages)

**KICKOFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

*The Way of The Lord*  
Exodus 13:17-22

Dr. Randy Ehrhardt

**SEPTEMBER 15**

*Putting Faith To Work*  
Colossians 3:12-17, 23

Pastor Mark Ehrhardt

**SEPTEMBER 22**

*Christian Homework*  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Dr. Randy Ehrhardt

**RECONCILIATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

*Forgotten & Desecrated Places*  
Isaiah 58:6-12

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