

COVENANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
2700 72nd Street  
Urbandale, IA 50322

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**Visitors**  
John C. Dornhauser  
Aaron Harpold  
Steve Beckley  
Gretchen Olson  
Patty Herman

**Attendance**  
Sunday, Jan. 23      Worship 50  
Sunday, Jan. 30      Worship 60  
Sunday, Feb. 6        Worship 62  
Sunday, Feb. 13      Worship 54

**Financial Notes**  
Jan. 16, 2011  
Total Deposit      \$939.81  
Jan. 23, 2011  
Total Deposit      \$1,064.04  
Jan. 30, 2011  
Total Deposit      \$1,901.35  
Feb. 6, 2011  
Total Deposit      \$5,931.00  
Feb. 13, 2011  
Total Deposit      \$1,887.00

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**The next newsletter will be mailed on  
Wednesday, March 16.  
Articles to be submitted by  
Monday, March 14.**



# the COMPASS

“Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths.” Jeremiah 6:16

## **Disciples Together**

*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.  
As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table  
as God has welcomed us.*

Do you recognize the Disciples of Christ identity statement above? As Disciples of Christ, our call to build community is as strong as our call to the table. Our Vision, “*To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice,*” (Micah 6:8) and our Mission, “*To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth,"*” (Acts 1:8) also speak about creating community, building relationships, developing our spiritual life, and moving beyond the doorsteps of our church building.

This Lenten Season, we have an opportunity do just that. Covenant and College Avenue Christian Churches will meet together at the fellowship table to build relationships, develop our prayer life, and discern God's call for the church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> with a Service of Ashes, (6:00 p.m. at College Ave) and then weekly at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings during Lent, we will come together to **share** in a Soup Supper, **explore** contemporary issues from a Jesus-perspective, **learn** new ways to talk to God, and **discern** how God might be calling our congregations to be Disciples Together. The Season will conclude with a time of remembering on Maundy Thursday (7:00 p.m. at Covenant).

Join us for fun, faith, and fellowship.

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...journey up.

## "Faith Sound" Sunday, March 6

On Sunday March 6th, Covenant will host "Faith Sound", a select group of Christian youth singers from Harlan, Iowa. The group will conduct the entire worship service starting at 10 a.m. and will accept a free will offering. To further show our Covenant hospitality, we will host a pot luck lunch following worship. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please mark your calendars to come hear this amazing group of young people!

### Lenten Services

You are invited to journey through Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will join College Avenue Christian Church for a Sunday evening soup supper and service. We will go back and forth each Sunday so you may want to keep this schedule and refer to it each week.

March 9 – Ash Wednesday – Pancake Supper – College Avenue Christian Church (6:00 p.m.)

March 13 - Lenten Service & Soup Supper – Covenant Christian Church (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

March 20 – Lenten Service & Soup Supper – College Avenue Christian Church (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

March 27 – Lenten Service & Soup Supper - Covenant Christian Church (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

April 3 – Lenten Service & Soup Supper – College Avenue Christian Church (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

April 10 – Lenten Service & Soup Supper – College Avenue Christian Church (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

April 17 – Lenten Service & Soup Supper - Covenant Christian Church (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

April 21 – Maundy Thursday Service – Covenant Christian Church (7:00 p.m.)

College Avenue Christian Church is located at  
4440 College Ave. in Des Moines.

...journey in.

### LAG

Tuesday, February 22  
7:00 p.m.

Lone Star Steakhouse  
1801 22nd St., WDM

Discussion Topic - Do Words Matter?  
Childcare at Covenant

### FELLOWSHIP

A big \$800 Thank You to Al Cross for serving as such a fine auctioneer at the January 30 bakery auction. Thanks, too, to all who contributed baked goods and/or purchased them!



### March

#### BIRTHDAYS

Gretchen Pope	3/3	Sue Stookey	3/7
Jo Hardcastle	3/11	Don McCaleb	3/12
Stuart Isaacson	3/15	Ray Heckert	3/17
Donna Adamson	3/21	Reese Isaacson	3/26
Greg Warwick	3/30		

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Ray & Helen Heckert 3/20

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand  
Paul Ratashak  
Don Benson  
Newell Hart

### NOTES & NEWS

- **March 27-April 3** is the next time we're scheduled to help host and serve homeless families at Urbandale UCC. Help is needed to convert Sunday School classrooms to family bedrooms, prepare and serve evening meals, drive the IHN van, and stay as overnight hosts during the week. Contact Donna Rusk to volunteer. Email: [h.rusk@mchsi.com](mailto:h.rusk@mchsi.com); phone: 277-7574.
- Welcome **Jeannette Brodersen** as our guest preacher on Sunday, March 13.

...journey out.

### EVANGELISM

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Almost 60% of new members of evangelistic churches get there first because a person invited them or because they know someone in the church.

Generally, the newer the Christian, the more important the relationships with people as they discover it is God they are looking for. Whether children or adults, most of us first learn about God's love through other people.

*Source Unbinding are the Gospel-Real Life Evangelism by Martha Grace Reese*

*Please invite someone to church.*

### **Week of Compassion Special Offering February 20-27 Sharing Brings Joy!**

For over 65 years, Disciples across North America have shared their resources with a hurting world through Week of Compassion. God's love moves through us to extend help and blessing to hurting lives. We share our hard-earned resources through Week of Compassion to help

- build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty;
- bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after often violent circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable;
- nurture stronger futures and self sufficiency through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods.

Sharing invites God more fully into our lives. As we reach out in love, we open the way for God to reach more deeply into us. Sharing joyfully transform us as we help transform the world. Covenant will collect Week of Compassion special offering February 20 & 27.

**Week of Compassion: sharing resources, changing lives, bringing joy! Participate in the sharing February 20 and 27.**

**Need transportation for worship or other church activities? Please call the church office at 276-3781.**