



THE COMPASS:

Covenant Christian Church Newsletter

Greetings!

We are entering a very holy time in the church year. I hope you can join us for some of the special occasions to gather for worship, prayer, study and fellowship. See below for more on opportunities for kids, like the Easter Egg hunt on April 15, which is being held at St. Stephen's this year.

Also, see what we have planned for Good Friday and Easter weekend, including a community, ecumenical service outdoors at Living History Farms.

May the blessings of this holy season be yours in abundance!

Come, journey together . . .

Peace, Paul

Journey In . . . deepening our connections to each other.

Team Leaders: (2017) Jane Shane and Linda Small

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Judy Searcy
4/2

Sophia Wall
4/7

Deanna Young
4/9

David Twombly
4/11

Alexa Lyn Hoover
4/22

Michelle Yeoman
4/29

Olin & Jane Shane
4/4

Don Hiscox &
Karen Vroman
4/28

[Church Calendar
\(Google\)](#)
[Church Calendar
and Serving
Schedule\(PDF\)](#)

in our prayers

Jayde Hildebrand
Donna Wilcox
Connie Schindler

visitors

Kelly Gruenhaupt
Patty Herman

Financial Notes

March 5 \$4,403.00
March 12 \$4,260.00
March 19 \$1,561.79
March 26 \$ 955.00

Attendance

March 5 33
March 12 30
March 19 34
March 26 36

Office Hours

Monday:
office closed
Tuesday-Friday:
8:30 to Noon

Church Phone

515-276-3781

Fax

515-253-0174

Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (New Location!) We

will once again be joining the families of St. Stephen's Lutheran and Urbandale U.C.C. for an Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Easter, April 15. Meet at St.

Stephen's at 10:00 a.m. for the fun and fellowship of our annual Easter Egg hunt.



If you are able to donate candy, please leave it in the church office by April 12 so that it can be used to stuff the eggs.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 16

8:30 a.m. We'll gather for fellowship and breakfast on Easter Sunday, so join us for a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. before our Easter worship celebration which is at our normal time of 10:00 a.m.

Sign-Up!

2017 sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to host out-to-lunch and to provide flowers for worship.

Thank You

To Our Covenant Family, Pastor Paul, VeeAnn, Sue, Ron and Linda,
Thank you for your visits, for the lovely meals, the cards, thoughts and prayers.
Thank you all. We are truly blessed.

Connie & Bob S.

Update

Please make correction to Wanda Bane's address in the directory.
Wanda Bane

13617 Circa Crossing Drive
Lithuania, FL 33547

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christian.org

Like us on Facebook

Website
[www.covenant-
christian.org](http://www.covenant-christian.org)

www.uppermidwestcc.org



More Coloring Posters!

Children of all ages, including many "colorful adults" are invited to join in the coloring of our posters which portray the 13 stations of the cross as we make our way toward Easter this year.

Adult Sunday School

We've been gathering each Sunday at 8:45 for conversation, faith and fellowship. We use a variety of readings, video and podcasts to help us engage in topics of conversation for faith development. We are currently viewing several video clips of Richard Rohr and "The Divine Dance," a nice complement to our Wednesday evening study of the same. Hope to see you on **Sundays, at 8:45 a.m.**

Journey Out . . . sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

Outreach and Evangelism

Team Leader: (2017) VeeAnn Cartwright



Hand-made thank you's from our adopted family.

Supporting Our Family

Thanks to many of you who have helped us maintain a connection to the family we adopted at Christmas. We have offered many gifts, school supplies and essential clothing items to a very grateful family.

Easter Offering 2017
DISCIPLES MISSION FUND

April 9 & 16, 2017

Care, Inclusion & Justice for all Micah 6:9

Your gift to the Disciples Mission Fund
Easter Offering goes a long way.

Your gift of concern makes it possible for **National Benevolent Association** to call together people with common interests in health and social services projects from feeding the hungry to addressing mental health issues and more.

Because of you, there are educational supports for young families such as Children Worship and Wonder from Family & Children's Ministries in **Disciples Home Missions**.

With your gift, the **Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples** and **National Convocation** can each provide connection and conversation for their communities. Thank you.

And there is more!

Find out about these and more ministries supported by your Disciples Mission Fund congregational and individual giving or give on line at <http://disciplesmissionfund.org>

Welcome Statement

As God's grace is present in all creation, our welcome is extended to all spiritual seekers -- people of all races, all ethnic backgrounds, all generations, all physical and mental abilities, all economic conditions, all gender identities, all sexual orientations -- celebrating the diversity of our faith journeys. We affirm the faith, baptism and spiritual gifts of all and invite you to bless this church with your presence and service.

Journey Up . . . growing in our love of God.

Worship and Spiritual Growth

Team Leader: (2017)

Easter Sunrise Worship

6:30 a.m. Living History Farms

Easter Sunday, April 16 The Urbandale Churches are gathering for a community Easter Sunrise worship experience at Living History Farms on Easter Sunday, April 16. Meet at the chapel on the grounds of the Living History Farms for community worship. The worship service is ecumenical and will include music, lasting

til about 7:15 a.m.

Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. Bible Study continues to meet on Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m. This week we will finish a quick review of some of the more familiar Biblical prophets. Then we will move on to a Lenten study of "The Last Week" drawing on the work of Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Each week of Bible Study will review one of the days in the last week of Jesus' life and ministry.

March 30

Friday

Mark15:1-47

April 6

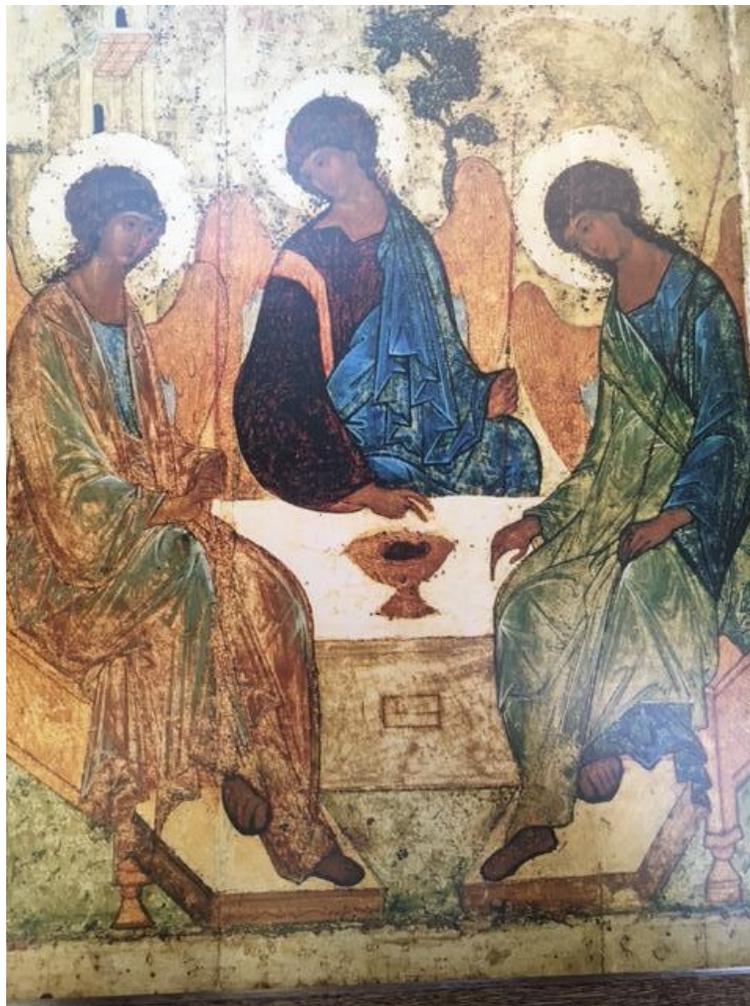
Saturday

In Creed, Story, In Hymn

April 13

Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-8



Rublev's Icon of the Trinity: come learn more about this ancient artwork.

The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation
Worship and Study Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Meal and Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

We'll plan to gather each week during Lent this year, for worship, study and fellowship. We'll be exploring the work of Richard Rohr who will help us experience the Trinity in it's fullest dimensions. This worship and study opportunity will include some visual arts and interactive experiences as we contemplate "The Divine Dance." Some copies of Richard Rohr's book will be available if you are interested in deeper study.

Kids Included!

Drue Cavanaugh has offered to lead programming for kids during the Lenten Wednesday Evenings, so Kids are invited to come join in the Lenten experience and faith exploration, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We'll all share a meal together at 6:30 p.m.

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| Wednesday, March 29 | <i>Meal provided by Tommie and Kristin Warwick</i> | An Expanded Understanding of Jesus and "The Christ" |
| Wednesday, April 5 | <i>Meal provided by Linda Small and Jane Shane</i> | Living in Flow |
| Wednesday, April 12 Holy Week | | The Holy Spirit |

Good Friday
April 14
Seven Sacred Pauses

You are invited to join us for seven sacred pauses throughout the day on Good Friday, April 14. We will gather for prayer and meditation on every even hour beginning and ending at 6. Each will feature a 20 minute silent meditation supported with scripture, poetry or other readings.

- 6:00 a.m.**
- 8:00 a.m.**
- 10:00 a.m.**
- Noon**
- 2:00 p.m.**
- 4:00 p.m.**
- 6:00 p.m.**

Serving Schedule Please see the serving schedule, and sign up for tasks for the month(s) ahead when you are able! The boards for April (and May!) are now up with lots of openings.

[April Calendar and Serving Schedule](#)

Journey Down . . . taking care of our physical plant

Team Leader: (2017)

From the Board

Next Board Meeting: April 2, 11:15 a.m.

The board will continue meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted, which now includes two months when the Board will meet on Sundays to allow for participation in our Lenten Wednesday evening programs.

2017 Board

Board Chair

Tom Small

Past Chair

Erin Hiscox

Chair-elect

Julie McClatchey

Secretary

Drue Cavanaugh

Financial Secretary

Don Hiscox

Secretary

Marsha Ratashak

Member at Large

Christine Young-Denny

Future Board Meetings for 2017

Second Wednesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.

April 2 (after worship, Sunday)

May 10

June 14

July (no meeting)

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13



Covenant Christian Church

2700 72nd St. • Urbandale IA 50322 • Worship 10 AM Sunday