

COVENANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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**Visitors**  
Angie Jones  
Chris Frantsvog  
Denise Harder  
Patty Herman

**Attendance**  
Sunday, Sept. 26      Worship 61  
Sunday, Oct. 3        Worship 41  
Sunday, Oct. 10      Worship 50  
Sunday, Oct. 17      Worship 75

**Financial Notes**  
Sept. 26, 2010  
Total Deposit    \$1,927.40  
Oct. 3, 2010  
Total Deposit    \$4,725.00  
Oct. 10, 2010  
Total Deposit    \$978.78

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**The next newsletter will be mailed on  
Wednesday November 17.  
Articles to be submitted by  
Monday, November 15.**



# the COMPASS

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

“Out of the Abundance of the Heart . . .” Luke 6:45

This has been a different sort of Stewardship Season. More talk of heart; less talk of money. In fact, a visitor left church yesterday and informed me, “That was the best stewardship sermon I’ve ever heard!” I suspect, because I didn’t once mention money or giving. What kind of stewardship sermon is that? (The best, according to one.)

I hope it doesn’t backfire on us. We all know that heart will not pay the bills like money will. However, what we are less inclined to believe, is that money will not move and inspire ministry like heart will. We clearly need both to be a healthy, functioning church in the world.

By now you should all have a pledge card and covenant form with which you may respond to this year’s needs. I hope that you will spend some prayerful time with both forms before responding. I also encourage you to pray the prayer of Ignatius found below. As I mentioned on Sunday, this is a prayer of trust and surrender. I am especially drawn to the last words, “*Your love and your grace are enough for me.*” Other translations add, “*with these I am rich enough and will desire nothing more.*” May God’s love and grace be enough for us all!

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding....my entire will.

Take all that I am and all that I possess.  
You have given all to me. Now, I return it to you.

Do with it according to your will.  
Your love and your grace are enough for me. Amen

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...journey up.

## Join Us October 24 Following Church Downstairs for Our Harvest Dinner!

At this time, we will celebrate our treasures which we plan to share with God and Covenant this coming year.

Our stewardship campaign **Where your treasure is there your heart will be also** over the past few weeks, has asked each of us to pray, reflect, and learn what is in our own hearts to carry out God's work in the world. We have received our Covenant forms and financial pledge cards. Please turn these in Sunday morning (October 24).

For the dinner, we are asking you to bring a dish (salad or dessert). Meat and rolls will be furnished.

### CHURCH ACTIVITY PHOTOS NEEDED

If you click on Covenant's website <http://www.covenant-christian.org/> and go to the *Events* page you will see a link entitled *Recent Photos*. The link will connect you with Covenant's Flickr page which allows us to share digital photos of recent and future church activities.

Please send digital photos of activities that you would like to share to [covenantchristianchurchphotos@gmail.com](mailto:covenantchristianchurchphotos@gmail.com). Provide a brief description of the activity and the date it occurred. Pictures may be submitted using CDs, DVD, and flash drives. Please place these in the Evangelism basket in the church office.

For confidentiality reasons no member or friends name will be included with photos.

### Covenant's September Donations....

#### To Children & Families of Iowa for Foster Care children & Domestic Violence victims

37 Household items including bedding, wash cloths, towels, & curtains  
109 Items for personal care

#### To Ronald McDonald House

11 ounces of can tabs



## November

### BIRTHDAYS

Kaylan Avaux	11/1	Helen Crew	11/2
Pat Murray	11/3	Christine Young-Denny	11/4
Esmè Young	11/5	Russ Lundy	11/6
Derek Roberts	11/7	Jerry Bane	11/10
Dee McCaleb	11/15	Bob Avaux	11/21
Calvin Young	11/22	Betty Lou Lundy	11/29
Joe Hildebrand	11/29		

### ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Rhonda Roach	11/2
Tom & Linda Small	11/27

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand  
Paul Ratahak  
Mary Rogers  
Don Benson  
Newell Hart

### Notes and News

- **Paul** will be out of the office from **November 18-25**, for continuing education and a family Thanksgiving.
- Please welcome **Julie Gibson** to our pulpit on **November 21**. Julie is a gifted Spiritual Director and Leader of churches in the Upper Midwest Region.
- Pledge cards and covenant forms are available and should be turned in during worship on **October 24**, or to the church office before and after that date.
- Please note, our Wednesday evening activities including SPLASH and Choir will not be meeting on **Wednesday, November 24 because of Thanksgiving Break**.

...journey out.

### Interfaith Hospitality Network says "Thank You!"

We received a thank you letter from Jim Cain, director of IHN, for our \$250.00 donation. That amount was 10% of the profits from our June garage sale.

Jim's letter says, "Your congregation's gift enables us to provide safe shelter and support to our guest families as they strive to secure stable housing and income. Your generous gift is an investment in the lives of the families we serve."

We hosted homeless families at Urbandale United Church of Christ September 19 – 26. Thank you to all who helped make this week a success.

### Making a Difference with Thanksgiving Offering

The education we choose reflects who we want to become. More and more, students who want to make a difference in the world are choosing Disciples higher educational institutions.

The Thanksgiving special offering helps support 21 Disciples higher education institutions and the 26,000 students who chose a Disciples education. Thanksgiving offering envelopes will be in Covenant's bulletins on November 21 and 28.

### Red Barrel Sack Saturday Results

Following are excerpts from a thank you letter we received for participating in Red Barrel Sack Saturday on October 9. We solicited food donations from shoppers at HyVee on Jordan Creek in West Des Moines. Special thanks to these Covenant youth who volunteered that day: **Grant and Scott Lair, Kortney Strait, and Greg Roach.**

*Thank you Covenant Christian Church.*

**Your results of 77 sacks (totaling 46 food items), plus 256 individual items was by far the most successful store of all of this year's events. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done! This food will make a difference to those who are in need of food in our community. Thanks to all who were part of your efforts.**  
*Cindy Morton, Food Pantry Red Barrel Coordinator*

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