

COVENANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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**Financial Notes**

June 24, 2012  
Total Deposit \$2,643.25  
July 1, 2012  
Total Deposit \$4,039.50  
July 8, 2012  
Total Deposit \$1,871.00  
July 15, 2012  
Total Deposit \$3,737.37

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*The next newsletter will be mailed on  
Wednesday, August 15.  
Articles to be submitted by  
Monday, August 13.*

**Attendance**

Sunday, June 24 Worship 51  
Sunday, July 1 Worship 49  
Sunday, July 8 Worship 59  
Sunday, July 15 Worship 63



# the COMPASS

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

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covenant  
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10:00 a.m.



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**July 29: Charter Revisited**

We will hear from some of our charter members about the original vision!

**August 5: By-Laws Revised**

The congregation will receive the proposed by-laws (revised)

**August 12: By-Laws Reviewed  
9:00-9:40 a.m. (sanctuary)**

Q and A session before worship reviewing the new by-laws and their implications.

**August 19: Roots Reclaimed!  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
(including lunch)**

An exciting time of worship, dreaming, fellowship, voting to approve the by-laws and agreeing to covenant toward a new way of being church.

Standing at the Crossroads...quite a place to be! These words (above, from Jeremiah) are always across the top of our newsletter. But, never have they been more compelling than now.

Covenant Christian Church has a unique opportunity to *stand at the crossroads, and look*. What will we see? What will we dare to be? As we look to the ancient paths, we seek a future way to become the church our grandchildren will hopefully call home.

The Implementation Team is ready to present some bold steps into this ancient future path. Some of it involves logistical changes such as revising the by-laws. Others are deeper changes in attitude, perspective and vision. Please review the timeline of events proposed (at the left) and plan to participate as best you are able.

These are challenging and exciting times!

Peace, Paul Witmer

We embrace the spiritual journey seeking to grow in our love of God,  
 deepening our connection to each other and  
 sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

... journey up. . . seeking God.

### Vacation Bible School

July 23-27

### "No Friend Like Jesus"

5-7:30 p.m. each night, beginning with supper for all! (Meeting at Urbandale UCC, except for the last night) Join us especially on the last night for Community **Potluck at Covenant, Friday, July 27 @5:00**. Look forward to having the kids from both churches share their songs in worship (also at both churches) on July 29!

### Recovering our Roots: A Revival A Day of Vision and Covenant! August 19, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

What does a 21st century revival look like? Well, if you're Covenant Christian Church, it will begin in the morning with a celebration that looks a lot like worship with a shared meal that involves breaking bread together (communion). There will also be a shared meal (lunch). There'll likely be some preaching, not of the fire and brimstone variety, but stirring and stimulating none the less!

There will be some sharing of vision for the future, and some remembering of our roots as we reclaim the original vision that began this church in the Peppermint Lounge so many years ago!

There will be opportunity to share stories around the table, weigh in on important matters, and "sign on the dotted line" as we commit to serving the church and community through a covenanting process. Please don't miss this historic day in the life of your church!

... journey out. . . sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

### Save the Date - Meals for the Heartland

Save the date for Meals for the Heartland Annual Hunger Fight at Hy-Vee Hall from August 29th - September 1st. Covenant would like to send at least one team to help package meals. Stay tuned to the newsletter and weekly bulletin as more details about the possible dates and times for Covenant team participation become available. Please contact Dana Schock at 334-5647 with any questions, or if you are interested in participating!

Meals from the Heartland is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 organization composed of volunteers who package meals for delivery to starving people around the world as well as right here in Central Iowa and elsewhere in the United States. Their mission statement states, "Empowering people to save the starving." Since 2008, Meals from the Heartland has provided more than 22 million meals to the hungry in Iowa and around the world.

... journey in. . . deepening our connection to each other

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Jayde Hildebrand  
 Paul Ratashak  
 Shirlee Holmes  
 Cleo McDonald  
 Russ Lundy

### Notes and News

- Thank you for your prayers and calls during the past weeks. - **Shirley Lyst** and **Eddie Lyst**.
- The **Book Club** will meet **Thursday, Aug. 9, at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Corner Café**. The book to be discussed is The Other Side of the Bridge by Mary Lawson.
- We welcome **Stephen Haney** to share our pulpit on **Sunday, August 26**. Stephen is the founding pastor of the new church start in Rochester, MN.
- **Bike Night** continues through August, gathering at church at 6:30 on **August 9 and 23**.

### CFUM Supper Club

Covenant will be serving supper for Children and Family Urban Ministries on Friday, August 3rd. Opportunities to bake a chicken casserole for the meal or serve the meal are still available. A sign up sheet will route during worship on the 22nd. We anticipate serving over 100 adults and children. For those that sign up to bake the casserole, ingredients and the casserole dish can be picked up immediately following worship on Sunday, July 29th.

### School for Congregational Learning Saturday, August 25th "Tools . . . in the Footsteps of the Carpenter"

The School for Congregational Learning is a great opportunity to gather with other Disciples for worship, workshops and fellowship. It all happens at WDM Christian Church. For registration materials and more information, please visit [w.uppermidwestcc.org](http://w.uppermidwestcc.org).



### August

#### BIRTHDAYS

Al Cross	8/7	Zeke Roberts	8/12
Jennifer Rusk	8/12	Dillon Warwick	8/13
Leslie Dunbar	8/16	Ben Pauley	8/17
Miles Hoover	8/22	Tom Small	8/22
Gene Denny	8/24	Hannah Witmer	8/29
Shirley Lyst	8/30	Angie Witmer	8/31

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Brad & Tammy Lair	8/1
Chris & Lori McCurdy	8/1
Gene & Christine Young-Denny	8/15
Doug & Barb Minear	8/15
Jason & Morgan Hoover	8/18
Edgar & Sharyl Smith	8/25