



# Norwalk Christian News

Norwalk Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) March 1, 2016

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**Don't Forget to move your  
clocks ahead one hour.**

**Daylight savings time begins  
March 13.**

## Holy Week Schedule

**March 20 - Palm Sunday**

**March 24 - Maundy Thursday**

- **Service at NCC 7:00 pm**

**March 25 - Good Friday**

- **Service at Norwalk UMC - 7:00 pm**

**March 27 - Easter Sunday**

- **Sunrise Service 6:30 am at Kate Raun's**
- **Egg Hunt 9:00 am**
- **Easter Worship 10:00 am**





## Pastor Travis' Thoughts

Beautiful People,

In the church of my youth, we were taught that women were not allowed to preach. Only men could speak publicly in the congregation, we believed. What we didn't realize (or chose to ignore) was that the very first gospel preacher was, in fact, a woman. Many like to think that Peter preached the first gospel sermon on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. But this was not the first gospel sermon.

The first gospel sermon was preached at the empty tomb by Mary Magdalene. John tells us the story in his gospel. Mary goes to visit the grave of Jesus, but when she finds an empty tomb, she begins to weep. Then two angels appear and ask her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she turns around to find Jesus, she doesn't recognize her risen Lord. But when he speaks her name, "Mary", she knows it is her Lord. Jesus sends her to the Disciples to preach the good news of the resurrection, which she has witnessed with her own eyes. John tells us, "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her."

"I have seen the Lord" -- this is the first Gospel Sermon.

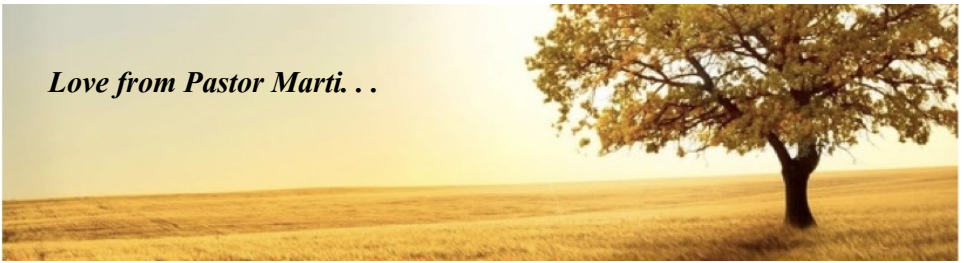
It wasn't a very long sermon (maybe we preachers could learn a thing or two from Mary). But it was a sermon that said everything that needed to be said. "I have seen the Lord!" The message of the gospel and of Easter is Jesus has risen, and He is here, alive in our presence. Easter opens our eyes to see the risen Christ all around us, as fear turns into hope, sorrow into joy, and death into life. Jesus is among us!

Have you seen the Lord?

Tom Webster, the pastor at Wakonda Christian Church, has spent the season of Lent posting on Facebook daily the ways he has seen the Lord. What would happen if you stopped at the end of every day and reflected back on where you have seen the Lord? Was it in your children? A co-worker? A stranger who showed you a momentary kindness? Maybe you saw the Lord in the midst of a challenging circumstance? Maybe you saw the Lord in the least likely person, one whom you were sure could never be the face of God?

Have you seen the Lord? If you have a testimony to share, join with the first Gospel preacher, Mary, in proclaiming this good news. Share with someone (on Facebook or, better, in person!) the good news of Easter--I have seen the Lord!

*Love from Pastor Marti. . .*



Beautiful People,

I find this time of Lent to be one of my favorite times of the year. During this time of reflection and self-evaluation, I find myself sitting still longer, listening more, talking less. I find myself watching more and smiling more. I find myself savoring flavors and withholding from things that aren't good practice for myself. I find myself cleaning out the junk in my life; whether it's junk in my soul, junk on my plate, or junk in my home.

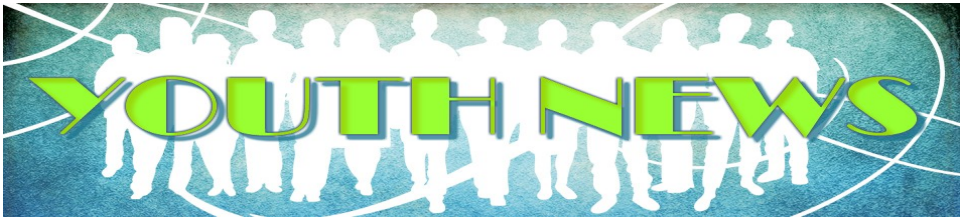
It's always hard getting through the first week. A week of refraining from negativity and trying to enjoy goodness. Refraining from harmful things, even thoughts and views. And instead, fill myself with whole foods; yes veggies and fruits, but also prayer and meditation. And filling myself with positive thoughts; about myself, and especially for others around me. The first week is hard. I get cranky, crave sugar, find myself thinking negatively about myself, find myself short tempered and irritable, even thinking of giving up. But once I get past that initial hurdle, the world seems to slow down a bit.

I realize I'm taking care of myself better. I'm taking care of others better. I'm listening to my soul, I'm feeding my soul goodness. I seem to be in better tune with myself and the world around me, which helps me during this time of reflection and evaluation. I am able to see opportunities to serve. I am able to let go when something isn't my area of giftedness. I'm able to get excited and enthusiastic about my areas of giftedness. The spiritual discipline of Lent helps me grow closer to Christ. I'm not perfect, but I am happy. I get to listen more clearly to each of you. I get to see you, hug you, receive a high-five. I get to share the beautiful love of Christ and gift of life with you, beautiful people.

# EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

During this Easter season, set aside a half hour of your time for prayer and solitude. On Saturday, March 26th, we will have a 12-hour Prayer Vigil starting at 6:00am and ending at 6:00pm. A Prayer Vigil is continuous prayer by many persons during a certain period of time. This offers to people who share in it the opportunity for a time of uninterrupted dialogue with God.

There will be special stations in the parlor for enhanced spiritual preparation for Easter Sunday. Our strength reinforced by God's power is needed to meet the demands of our times. A sign up sheet is available in the fellowship hall and a live form will be online. More details for signing up will be in upcoming bulletins and emails.



Our youth are extremely appreciative of all the generous love and scrumptious meals that you have blessed them with. The opportunity to gather around a table together each week breaks down walls and barriers. Food, an essential for everyone, is welcomed and enjoyed. Gathering around the table is how each youth group meeting is begun. And once their bellies are full they gather in cozy rooms downstairs to discuss life. Sometimes it's historical or present day life that we discuss. Sometimes it's spiritual disciplines or their own struggles in everyday life that we discuss. But this opportunity to share life together, from the table each week is such a huge blessing to them. Thank you, for being church to everyone that gathers here.



MaKenna and Rachel with our pastors on Ash Wednesday.





We had 7 JYF students attend the Junior Retreat February 12-14th at the Christian Conference Center. The students took away two very important lessons. 1) That love and goodness, generosity and kindness, is contagious. Show the love of Christ to others and Christ's love continues to flow throughout the world. And 2) that despite the differences that seem to divide us in the world (age, heritage, gender, hair color, taste buds, etc.) there is always so much more we share in common with each other. Instead of dividing and separating ourselves from others, we can unite together in our human likeness of Christ. Remembering we all need and want the same basic things.



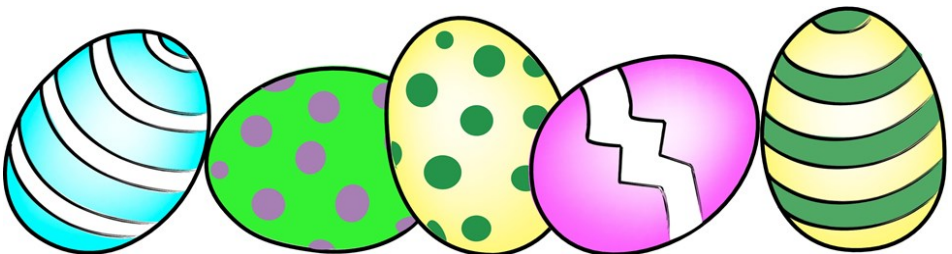
Nathan, Thomas, and Devin at the Junior Retreat.

Our Dinky Disciples (K-2nd) had so much fun learning the history of Fat Tuesday, starting with Epiphany and ending with Lent. In the process they had an old fashioned feast, including masks and king cake. Then they proceeded to burn the palm branches they waved at last year's Palm Sunday worship in preparation of Ash Wednesday.



Finn, Jack, Easton, Conner, Taylor, Allie, Jasmyn, Chloe, Ollie, and Pastor Marti celebrating the history of Fat Tuesday.

All of our children will be participating in a traditional Palm Sunday processional on March 20th. I think everyone, young and old, enjoy watching this annual event. And on Easter Sunday, March 27th, we will have an egg hunt at 9am for all the kids.





# Beulah's 'N' Bubbles'

## WOMEN HOLD INAUGURAL MEETING

Fourteen women were in attendance at the first meeting held on February 6, 2016 for the new NCC women's group. The name picked by the group honors a woman that we all aspire to emulate – Beulah Desenberg and Ilene “Bubbles” Phipps. While they would probably be uncomfortable in such a spotlight, they were women of quality and quiet integrity and always showed us the best of what being a Christian truly means. They will be forever missed!

Other NCC women's groups have ceased operations. This creates a void that needed filling. The group determined that it will be an all-inclusive women's group. We want the group to be multi-generational, made up of women at all stages of their journey. We have much to learn from each other.

We also determined that the larger group will be a support structure for smaller sub-groups. This will allow every woman the flexibility to pick projects/programs and to be involved to the degree that fits their needs. This group will be a source of support not a burden. The possibilities are endless!

This is an exciting time for the women of NCC, please join in the fun and consider coming to the next meeting.



Next Meeting is  
March 5, at  
10:00 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall.  
Please join us!

# Nicaragua Mission Trip February 2016

By Mark Durham

I recently had the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua with our former pastor, Pat Nixon. He has been traveling to Nicaragua, twice a year for the past nine years. This mission project is primarily funded by two Disciple's churches in Southeast Kansas. They call themselves, Amigos de Santa Emilia (Friends of Santa Emilia). The focus of this group is health and education. When not in Nicaragua assisting in various activities, the group financially assists with the provision of medical care to this community.

Santa Emilia is a small village a three hour drive northeast of the capital city of Managua. This is coffee country. A coffee plantation is the primary employer in the village. We were in Santa Emilia for five days. The remainder of our time was spent in and near Managua where we worked with folks from La Misión Christiana. La Misión Christiana, which consists of 55 congregations in Nicaragua, is a partner of Global Ministries (a mission joint venture of Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ). We also found time to hike, shop, and enjoy the natural beauty of this Central American country.

The extent of our labor was sanding and painting in both locations. These efforts were in support of a preschool in Santa Emilia and at the Primera Iglesia (First Church) in Managua which will accommodate an after-school program run by La Misión Christiana. We also brought seven suitcases of medical and schools supplies from the US. While there we also assisted in negotiating short-term and long-term solutions for continued health care for those in the village.

Beyond the physical labor, this trip was also about seven sojourners performing a "Ministry of Presence". A people-to-people pilgrimage to become immersed in a culture; to learn and experience the qualities that they value, and in the order in which they value them. It was not so much what we were doing, rather we were there to work toward a mutual understanding of our cultures and to convey a sense of compassion and empathy.

Nicaragua was a contradiction to me. So much awesome natural beauty, surrounded by poverty. However, the people of Nicaragua are just beautiful, inside and out, and are devout in their faith.

Pat has developed many friendships there and it was very obvious to us all, the love and appreciation of the people there. Here is a message (with my very rough interpretation) that was sent to Pat after our return: "I am the father of Julissa and Janixia. God bless you from Santa Emilia Nicaragua. For me it was a pleasure to meet you, and I thank God for successfully being able to share this visit with you, and your team from North America who were very kind to the people of Nicaragua. May God continue to bless the community of Santa Emilia with the support of you."



At times I felt overwhelmed by what we were experiencing and wondered if we were making a difference. Then I discovered this quote from Desmond Tutu, South African social rights activist and retired Anglican bishop, “Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

I am so thankful for the experience and happy to be back home. I am also so proud to be a member of the Norwalk Christian Church, where we live this mission from Bishop Tutu every day. One does not have to make a 5,000 mile journey to “overwhelm the world”.



## **CYF & Chi Rho Retreats**

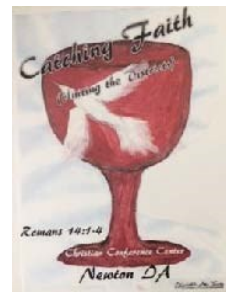
### ***Catching Faith: Uniting the Districts***

**Christian Conference Center  
5064 Lincoln St, Newton, IA 50208**

\$30 Per Person, includes food & lodging  
(NCC pays half the registration fee)  
**BRING YOUR OWN BEDDING**

**Chi Rho Retreat:** (6th -8th Graders)  
Apr 29-May 1

**CYF Retreat:** (9th-12th Graders) Apr 1-3



Pick up registration forms in the Fellowship Hall or register on line at: [Uppermidwestcc.org](http://Uppermidwestcc.org)

## 30 & 1 GROUP

Meet at the church, March. 5th  
at 6:00pm for games.  
All are welcome!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be  
Thurs., March 17 at 1 pm.  
Everyone is welcome.

## Arts & Crafts Ministry

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15th, from 6-8pm. Bring your own craft to work on. All are welcome!

# BAPTISM

for you have been born again

## Easter Sunday Baptisms

If you were never baptized as a child or an adult, and you've considered being baptized as a sign of your faith in Christ, Easter Sunday, March 27th, is a great time to do so. If you are interested, talk to Pastors Travis or Marti, and also consider attending the Christianity 101 Class during Lent.

## *Norwalk Community Dinner* **March 13**

A community dinner is scheduled March 13 at 11:30 - 1:30 at St John's Catholic Church. This raises money for the Norwalk Ministerial Association which helps with local people in need. Volunteer opportunities are at Sign up Central.



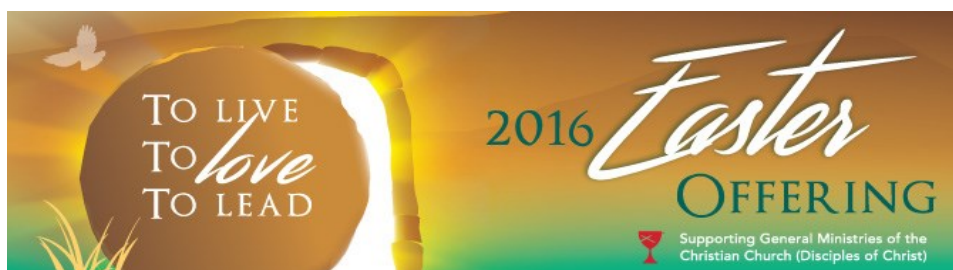
# Meals on Wheels



The Meals on Wheels is an important program NCC supports all year round. It provides several Norwalk residents one hot meal a day for them to enjoy and hopefully help provide good nutrition. We are always in need of drivers for this program. Here is how you could help:

1. Pick up the meals in Martinsdale and deliver them to NCC and a few to Good Life Retirement Center  
OR
2. Pick up the meals at NCC and deliver them to Norwalk residents

If you could sign up for just one day a month or one day a week or be on the list of substitutes it would help so much. If you decide that you can participate in this ministry we will have you travel with an experienced driver so you learn how easy and how rewarding it is to help some of our older/disabled residents in Norwalk. When deliveries are made it is quick with a friendly smile and handing them their food. This is done only on weekdays, there is no delivery if school is cancelled in Martinsdale, and no delivery on holidays. Your time invested is one hour. Please contact Chris Ritter at the church (981-0176) or Becky Darnell (710-6156) if you can be part of this ministry.



*Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Chris Historical Society, Disciples Home missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.*

## A Note from the

Choir Director  
Kim Ward

My family recently suffered a loss in the passing of my Aunt Cindy who was the youngest of nine children. It was especially difficult for me because she suffered from the same respiratory disease that my mom has. Cindy was three years older than me and was more like a big sister to me than an aunt. Since they lived on the east coast with no extended family near I so wanted to be able to go and be with her and her family in the final weeks.

Since I know that all families experience loss of a family member or friend I want to share with you this month two beautiful stories that helped in my grief and reminds us how God would want us to live our lives.

### - THE TRAIN -



At birth, we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, good-byes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way we can. Love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey!

Matthew 25:23 His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

# -THE FAMILY TREE -



A limb has fallen from our family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about the falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes we're together again.

Isaiah 40:31 But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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## **School Choir and Band Students**

Contest season is quickly approaching for middle school / high school choir and band students. If you have a singer preparing a sacred song or an instrumentalist polishing either a sacred or secular piece we would enjoy incorporating their talents into upcoming worship services. Contact Kim Ward if you would like your child to share their talents with their church family.

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## **Christianity 101 Class**

Wednesdays during Lent, 6:30-7:30pm, from February 17 to March 23. This class is for new Christians, old Christians, and people who are thinking about being a Christian. CYF youth and adults are invited to attend. We will look at the basics of Christianity and what makes our faith unique. It will be a great weekly time of learning, community and renewal!



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

3/1	Evan Coonrod	3/16	Abbey Curry (Loftsgard)
3/2	Ken Zanker	3/16	Peg Johnston
3/3	Denise Wood	3/17	Lori Van Dyk
3/3	Josh Butler	3/18	Cathie and Ric Graves
3/4	Myrna Barkley	3/19	John Ward
3/7	Connie Garrison	3/23	Gary Gesaman
3/7	Doug & Kathy Pierce	3/26	Marge Rashky
3/10	Erin Baack	3/26	Colin Randolph
3/11	Emery Williams	3/27	Susan Ward
3/11	Joyce Cortum	3/29	Shawna Johnson
3/12	Finn Stanley	3/30	Nick Wood
3/13	Bryce Halverson	3/31	Pat Wood
		3/31	Preston Martin

\*If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office so we can improve our records.

## Out to Lunch Bunch

March 9th

The Out to Lunch Bunch will be traveling to Maxi's Restaurant in West Des Moines on Wednesday, March 9th for lunch. Afterward there will be a stop at *The Picker Knows*. The sign up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall, please sign up by Monday, March 7th. We will take the bus and leave the church parking lot at 11:00 am.

**Volunteer to serve in 2016.**

**Sign up sheets are now at Sign Up Central.**



# March Calendar

**Tuesday, March 1**

Coffee Time 10:00 am  
JYF 3:30 pm

**Wednesday, March 2**

Youth Group 6:00 pm  
Lent Study 6:30 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
Chalice Bells 8:00 pm

**Thursday, March 3**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am

**Saturday, March 5**

Beulah's 'N' Bubbles' 10:00 am  
30 & 1 Group 6:00 pm

**Sunday, March 6**

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am

**Monday, March 7**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am  
Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 8**

Coffee Time 10:00 am  
Dinky Disciples 3:15 pm  
Stewardship & Fin 4:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 9**

Out to Lunch Bunch 11:00 am  
Youth Group 6:00 pm  
Lent Study 6:30 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
Chalice Bells 8:00 pm

**Thursday, March 10**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am  
Pub Theology 7:00 pm

**Sunday, March 13**

Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am

**Monday, March 14**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am  
Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 15**

Coffee Time 10:00 am  
JYF 3:30 pm  
Arts & Crafts 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 16**

Youth Group 6:00 pm  
Lent Study 6:30 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
Chalice Bells 8:00 pm

**Thursday, March 17**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am  
Prayer Shawl 1:00 pm

**Saturday, March 19**

Men's Breakfast 8:00 am

**Sunday, March 20**

Palm Sunday  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am

**Monday, March 21**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am  
Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 22**

Coffee Time 10:00 am

**Wednesday, March 23**

Youth Group 6:00 pm  
Lent Study 6:30 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
Chalice Bells 8:00 pm

**Thursday, March 24**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am  
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

**Friday, March 25**

Good Friday Service @ UMC 7:00 pm

**Sunday, March 27**

Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service 6:30 am  
Egg Hunt 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am

**Monday, March 28**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am  
Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 29**

Coffee Time 10:00 am

**Wednesday, March 30**

Youth Group 6:00 pm  
Lent Study 6:30 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:00 pm  
Chalice Bells 8:00 pm

**Thursday, March 31**

Senior Exercise 10:00 am

# *Easter Lilies*

6 inch pots, single stem plants, with 5-8 blooms are **\$10.75** each  
8 inch pot, 3 bulb plant, 12-15 blooms are **\$20.75** each.

Lilies will come from Bedwell Gardens.

Please fill in the order form below and return it to the church office with the amount due made payable to the Norwalk Christian Church.



**All Orders are due by March 20th.**

I am purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at **\$10.75** each = \_\_\_\_\_

I am purchasing \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at **\$20.75** each = \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given by:

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( Your Name )

## UPCOMING FILM & FAITH NIGHTS



March 18th, the last Friday of spring break, we are showing The Good Dinosaur. Pizza party pizza will be provided. Please feel free to bring movie treats, and it wouldn't hurt if a couple salads showed up. Pizza starts at 5:30 and the movie starts around 6:00.



Sunday, April 3rd we continue with the civil rights theme visited in Selma and show Lincoln. Movie starts at 6:00. Bring snacks and relax, this movie runs 2 1/2 hours. Intermission will be a must.



Friday, April 29th we are showing up for the showing of...well... Up. Have supper before you come, and bring movie snacks for desert. Movie starts at 6:00. "Cost of admission" is a food item to donate. Come help us fill that shopping cart Up!

## Blood Drive

Jerry McNeley, a long time volunteer representing Norwalk Christian Church, asked me to take her place at the February blood drive. There were 46 donors. If you were unable to make this blood drive, the next one is April 21 at St. John's Catholic Church. If you have questions, are interested in learning what I do, or want to schedule an appointment for the April blood drive, contact Abby Bemis at 641-777-8960.

Thanks to those church members who attended February's blood drive.

# Summer Camp



## Registration Deadline: May 1, 2016

June 3-5, Post High Camp
Directors: Sue & Ryan Thompson
June 9-12, NEW: CYF Mission Weekend to Kansas City
Director: DJ Fraesmeier
June 10-11, Grand Camp #19
Directors: Sherry Allen & Connie Derby Dicks
June 12-17, Junior Camp #2 Directors:
Diana Fritsberg & Barb McKenzie
June 12-17, Chi Rho #7
Directors: Heather Wachendorf & Owen Cayton
June 19-24, Junior Camp #3
Director: Stephanie Farrell & Will Brown
June 19-24, Chi Rho #8
Director: Peter Mitchell
June 24-25, NEW: Outdoor Adventure Grand Camp #21
Directors: Sherry Allen & Connie Derby Dicks
June 26-July 1, Chi Rho #9
Directors: Josh Baumberger
June 26-July 1, CYF #15
Directors: Randy Ehrhardt & Bill Spangler-Dunning
July 5-7, Pee Wee Camp #22
Director: Beth Campbell & Linda Hunsaker
July 5-7, Senior Adult Retreat
Directors: Jerry & Linda Wolf
July 10-15, Junior Camp #4
Directors: Tony & Lisa Thurston
July 10-15, NEW: Middle School A.D.A.M. Camp
Directors: Deb Murphy
July 17-22, CYF #16
Directors: Cathie Courtols & Noel Brown
July 17-22, Chi Rho #11
Directors: Jeanine Fernandez & Jessica Augustine
July 22-23, Grand Camp #20
Directors: Bob & Carol Mayfield, Jerry & Linda Wolf
July 25-27, Pee Wee Camp #23
Directors: Andy & Amber Elliott
July 25-27, NEW: Junior #1 Mini
Director: Stephanie Farrell & Jenn Weaver
July 31-Aug 5, Junior Camp #5
Directors: Megan Orman & Sarah Simmons
July 31-Aug 5, NEW: High School A.D.A.M. Camp
Director: Deb Murphy
Aug 7-12, CYF #17
Directors: Sue Thompson & Tom Webster
Aug 7-12, Non-Rustic Chi Rho #13
Directors: John Clausen & Jenni Koanig
Aug 14-16, NEW: Fair Camp #25-Multigenerational (Iowa State Fair!)
Directors: Mark Mac Whorter, Debbie & Ralph Kester
Aug 19-21, Family Camp #24
Directors: Covey & Natalie Eastman

More info at [uppermidwestcc.org](http://uppermidwestcc.org)

## Pee Wee Camps, 2nd Grade (Completed) \$110

Fast paced, high-energy, fun filled days on Holy Ground. Campers enhance their faith in a safe, supportive environment. 3 day, 2 night delightful introductory camp experience for the young ones!

## Rustic Chi Rho Camp, Grades 6-8 \$220

Live in huts with bunkbeds. As a village, cook over a campfire, swim, play, learn, build teamwork, discover the leader that lives in you. In this outdoor environment you and your new friends experience the accepting & loving touch of God while sitting around a campfire.

## Non-Rustic Chi Rho Camp, Grades 6-8 \$220

Blend casual play time & "power praise" worship sessions. Sleep in air conditioned cabin. Experience God through prayer & high energy Christian music. If you like time with friends, plenty of time to play in the pool, and faith filled moments that will help you find a relationship with other youth and with God!

## A.D.A.M. Camps: Grades 6-8 & Grades 9-12 \$220

A.D.A.M.—ART, DRAMA AND MUSIC. Enjoy different medium experiences and share the love for Jesus and others through your various art forms. Register early, limit of 30. Make great new friends, put on program at end of camp. Sleep in air conditioned rooms.

## CYF Camp, Grades 9-12 \$220

Through study, casual conversations, life changing worship & incredible recreation time, campers are challenged & nurtured in their faith journey. Camp provides opportunities to make new friends & capture a deep-down feeling of wonderment and purpose.

## Grand Camps, Age 4 to 2nd Grade & Grandma/pa \$50

Put a week of camp in 20 hours: hike, swim, mini golf, crafts, play, eat, make friends! Sleep in air conditioned cabins. Create memories and bonding that lasts forever.

## Outdoor Adventure Grand Camp \$50

Do all of the above but more rustic; cook your own food, (rain or shine) learn outdoor skills, option to bring your RV or tent, sleep under the stars or in air conditioned cabin.

## Family Camp \$110 Per Family

Super Fun activities for children of all ages & their parents (plus adult sharing groups that give encouragement and support to all). Flexible schedule, indoor & outdoor activities. Great time to relax, swim, hike, worship and super connect as a family. Create memories together!

## NEW: Fair Camp \$110 Per Family. Multigenerational

Same as above but go to the Iowa State Fair together too!

## Post High Camp, Age 18-25 \$110

Great experience to meet new friends and reconnect with camp friends from the past. Come to Holy Ground and laugh together, worship together and relax together.

## Senior Adult Retreat \$110

This camp is for those 55+ who love to spend time retreating, worshipping and doing mission on Holy Ground. Get to know others from around the Upper Midwest Region, fun activities, and beautiful campfire time.

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# Meet our New Associate Regional Minister

Rev. Tiffany (Tiff) Austin Williams grew up in Bloomfield, Iowa. Her first church home was Bloomfield Christian Church. It was there that she learned a great deal about how to care for others and our call to welcome everyone to the Lord's Table. Bloomfield Christian Church and the Christian Conference Center became the places where most of her formative faith moments took place. During high school, Tiff served on the Upper Midwest Youth Council. It was while serving on UMwYC that she began to feel a call to ministry that was eventually confirmed at summer camp at the Christian Conference Center.

After high school, Tiff attended the University of Northern Iowa before transferring to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Tiff stayed in Fort Worth to attend seminary at Brite Divinity School at TCU. For two summers, she returned to Iowa to be an intern at the Christian Conference Center. Tiff was ordained into Christian Ministry at Bloomfield Christian Church on June 21, 2009.

Tiff has served 3 amazing congregations: First Christian Church of Irving, University Christian Church of Fort Worth, and First Christian Church of Granbury. In each congregation, her primary responsibility was youth and associate ministry. Most recently, she is the Director of Programming at Disciples Crossing Camp in Athens, Texas where she oversees all children's, youth and young adult programming. Tiff credits the ministry of the Christian Conference Center and the people of the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest with forming the foundations of her Christian faith. She would consider it a holy and awesome calling to be asked to serve the camp and the church that she loves in this new capacity. She feels a great indebtedness to the people of the Upper Midwest and would be very excited to be called to serve them.

Tiff married Daryn Williams, a Fort Worth native, in March of 2013. Their daughter Belle was added to the family in June of 2014. Their family enjoys TCU and Hawkeye football, a good round of golf, and live music.

## Rev. Tiffany (Tiff) Austin Williams



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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee Fellowship follows Worship Service.*

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