



Shout The News

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A Christmas prayer

God of all Creation, during this season, as we approach the celebration of the birth of your Son, the long-awaited Savior, we raise our voices in appreciation for the gift of Jesus the Christ. We thank you for this great blessing and for the teachings that He shared with us. We ask for your forgiveness for the times that we have allowed the evil temptations of this world to lead us away from you and the mission that you have given us. Help us recognize your voice more clearly as you guide us towards the peaceful life and the joy that Jesus promised. Bless us with the gift of motivation so that we might be more enthusiastic in sharing the mission of Christ with others, and strengthen our efforts as we assist you in bringing forth the peaceful kingdom. Increase our love for each other and remind us always that we are all people of worth, regardless of where we live, our race or nationality. Please place within each of us the desire to make this Christmas season a season of Peace on Earth and Good News for all, for we ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen — Evangelist Roger Reid

May you be blessed this season as we remember God's great gift to our world. We pray for peace among all people. AMEN

Teach Us How to Serve: Being God's Hands and Feet

Mission Center Conference, Priesthood Gathering Held Oct. 26-27 at Camp Nauvoo



North Central Mission Field Support Minister Denise White brings the Sunday worship message.



Priesthood members received ministry tools as well as a Bridge of Hope update and its impact on local congregations on Saturday, prior to Sunday's 2019 Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center Conference. **ABOVE / LEFT:** Mark Parrott opens the Sunday morning worship service with a warm welcome.



The Burlington congregation drew apart for a retreat Nov. 16 and 17 in the lodge at Camp Nauvoo. We gathered at the Joseph Smith Historic Site Visitor Center Saturday morning for a church history slide show, followed by lunch and a tour of the historic site. Wendy, our guide, did an exceptional job. After supper, we played games, worked on a 1,000 piece puzzle and, of course, snacked. On Sunday, Kristy Ourth led us on a scripture scavenger hunt during morning worship.

Good News

Iowa City: Beverly Tyree, Charlene Loberg-Saur and John Saur took part in the Community of Christ Historic Foundation's Holy Lands tour. **Marian Mathews Clark's** article, "A Good Decision," can be read on page 34 of November-December Herald. **Sara Beth Meierotto** was the featured author of a Nov. 18 Daily Bread post.

Muscatine: The Holiday Pie Bake Sale fundraiser was a great success with 59 pies sold, raising \$586.

Cedar Rapids: Kelly Morgan tried out for the Opus Honor Choir and made it. **Shannon Morgan** tried out for state with her trombone and was accepted.

Moline: Nov. 24 was a day of joy and thanksgiving. We were joined by 65 guests and members in celebrating a baby blessing, a baptism and two confirmations, followed by a delicious Thanksgiving meal.

Save the Dates

February 14-15-16, 2020



Camp Nauvoo is hosting a **"What's Love Got To Do With It?"** retreat Feb. 14-16, 2020. There will be plenty of fun, food, fellowship, classes and activities, as well as devotions and worship.

The retreat is scheduled for Valentine's Day weekend. Our focus will be on individuals, as well as couples, families, and friends of the church. Since all are of equal worth in God's eyes, everyone is invited to come and sit at God's table. Anyone who wants to BE the church rather than GO to church is encouraged to attend.

Lodge guest rooms are available for the first 15 callers and their families. After that it's mattresses on the floor, so call Pat Reaves (309) 762-6622 to make your reservations early.

Food costs are to be announced. We hope to keep it at \$20 per person for the weekend. Every family is asked to donate a decorated Valentine's Day cake for auction. Proceeds from the auction will go towards new carpeting in the lodge.

April 17-18-19, 2020



"Paint Your Heart Out CVG!" a weekend retreat of fellowship, fun and festivities is planned to support Cedar Valley Grove Campground. Participants will have an 11x14 canvas (or two) to paint and complete. *No experience necessary, just come to participate and have fun!*

It will begin on Friday evening with pizza, fellowship, and a campfire. Saturday morning will begin with devotions followed by breakfast, painting, dinner, and an "Evening of Gratitude" service. Sunday worship will bring together people from throughout the mission center and an opportunity to share your artwork. Fees to be determined.



Waterloo-Cedar Falls' Christmas suitcase project will benefit foster children in northeast Iowa. Ready for delivery are pillowcases, scarfs and hats made by the Fiber Frolickers, plus blankets, socks, toys, underwear and toiletries donated by the congregation and friends.

Hannibal Shares 'Fruits of the Spirit'



Raydene Miller, above, and Torrie Gould, below, shared their musical talents with family, friends and guests.



Coordinator Dana Nuckols offers thanks and prayers at Hannibal's Third Annual Women's Friendship Event on Nov. 9. Guests from far and near enjoyed a delicious meal, fellowship and worship.



Here's What's Happening

IOWA CITY: JAM Kids meet 5:15-7:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month for grades K-6. Theme is "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss." **The 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15** worship service will include parts of "Angels in the Snow," a musical production written and produced by Doug Larche.

CEDAR RAPIDS: The Children's Christmas program will be 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. It can be viewed at joyhopelove-peace.com. A Christmas Eve service will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Dec. 24.

WILLOW GROVE: To celebrate the arrival of a baby grand piano and the baby born in a manger so long ago, the Bettendorf congregation is hosting a Christmas Music Celebration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. All are invited.

GALESBURG: A Christmas program will be presented at 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, with Christmas worship following. **On Feb. 9,** a Valentine's Potluck will be held following the 11 a.m. worship service.

MOLINE: A mini retreat of renewal and idea sharing will be held 10-12 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, followed by soup and sandwiches.

GIVING TUESDAY UPDATE

Between contributions received and pledged on Giving Tuesday the total for the day is \$575,000, including matching funds — a pool of \$250,000 from generous church families. Your gifts support Worldwide Mission Tithes and help the church fulfill its call to pursue Christ's mission to Invite People to Christ; Abolish Poverty, End Suffering; Pursue Peace on Earth; Develop Disciples to Serve; and Experience Congregations in Mission. Christ's mission is our mission. Here's a look at Giving Tuesday totals from previous years:

- 2015** \$197,750
- 2016** \$312,500
- 2017** \$397,448
- 2018** \$301,890



Dean and Shirley Truelove of Galesburg, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary December 11. Congratulations and Best Wishes!



Prayer Requests

- Lisa Paterno Martin family
Meredith Mitchell
Kathy Albright
Bill Albright
Gary Jensen
Bette Williams
Al Church
Myrle Belknap
Craig Majecik

In Memorium

- Lisa Paterno Martin, Iowa City, Sept. 18.
Janet Stadlander, Burlington, Oct. 5.
Bobbi Mitchell, Cedar Rapids, Oct. 13.
Tom Poppett, Galesburg, Nov. 9.
David W. "Bill" Edsall, Galesburg, Nov. 13.

Sacraments

Baptisms/Confirmations

Porter Thomas Goff, son of Jason and Michele Goff, baptized Nov. 24 by his grandfather Elder Greg Goff. Confirmed Nov. 24 by Elder Greg Goff, assisted by Elder Charlotte Jensen in Moline.
Paula Ann Haynes, confirmed Nov. 24 by Seventy Pat Reaves, assisted by Elder Randy Reaves in Moline.

Blessings

Beckham Harper Davis, son of Eric and Kim Davis, Bettendorf, Nov. 24 in Moline, by Elder Cheryl Ballantyne and Elder John Ballantyne in Moline.

Marriages

Madison Warner, daughter of Dale and Carole Warner, Burlington, and Kenny Perkins, Oct. 19.



Building Community: Kindness & Caring in Action

The Galesburg congregation reached out to the extended community by donating \$197.70 to the Kewanee Senior Center and \$150.19 to the Safe Harbor Crisis Center. Members also are busy packing cookies for delivery to shut-ins and college students.
The Cedar Rapids congregation prepared and served a Thanksgiving meal for Family Court Treatment families on Nov. 14. It again is collecting gifts for Toys for Tots and providing bedding to go with the free beds Slumberland is giving to children who have no bed. Members continue to collect food for the food bank, eye glasses for the Lion's Club, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, hygiene samples for a homeless shelter and contribute gifts to the Giving Tree for seniors.