



Shout The News

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Following Jesus: Consider Others

I greet you all at this time of pandemic in the name of Jesus, whose love extends to every corner of the world and every living being therein.

The intelligence of man has created many things that have been a comfort during this time when we have been asked to be physically separate from those we love. But the intelligence of man also has led many to deny the Spirit of God and think they are a god unto themselves and have no need of others.

In the misery of this virus it has been shown clearly that if we only consider our own welfare then all will suffer. It behooves us to follow the God-given intelligence of those who have prepared themselves to serve us with medical advice AND to live the Gospel by doing what is best for all in the love of Jesus Christ.

When asked to do hard things, remember that your welfare is in the hands of others and their welfare is in your hands. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you in your resolve to do what is best for all. — Robert



Camp Nauvoo campers will find getting to the shower house easier next year thanks to the Followers of the Way emerging congregation.

New Congregation Improves an Old Path

The Community of Christ Followers of the Way recently voted to fund the cost of replacing the path and entryway to the Camp Nauvoo shower house with a cement sidewalk and pad. The project was approved unanimously after hearing a report from Todd Batey and Randy Reaves.

Reservation cancellations resulting from the coronavirus pandemic have impacted Camp Nauvoo's revenue stream this year. However, with few campers on the grounds, this summer provided the perfect time for this type of project.

Followers of the Way does not meet in a church building, therefore the emerging congregation has virtually no overhead. With volunteer labor the cost came to approximately \$1,000.

The Followers are considering a couple of more projects. For information or to assist financially with these projects, please contact Pastor Deb Batey or Mission Center President/Financial Officer Robert Cook.

Followers of the Way is a congregation without walls, physical or geographic limits. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Anyone may attend with a smartphone or computer. For video and audio, download the Zoom app and join meeting number 271495-8353. For audio only, dial 646-558-8656 on your phone. Enter meeting number 2714958353 when asked.

Happy Anniversary

LeRoy and Carol Carpenter of the Galesburg congregation will celebrate their 60th anniversary Sept. 25. Cards can be sent to 310 Birch PL, Kewanee, IL 61443.

Frank and Diane Clark of the Cedar Falls–Waterloo congregation celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 15. Cards may be sent to 703 E. Ave., Grundy Center, IA 50638.

Alan and Kristy Ourth of the Burlington congregation celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 22. Cards may be sent to 414 Acres St., Burlington, IA 52601

Great News!!!

- ◆ **Nici Hess**, Galesburg, graduated from Western Governors University, July 10 with a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education.
- ◆ **Vaishali Lizer**, Cedar Falls–Waterloo, graduated in May from Dike/New Hartford High School. She plans to start a dog boarding business in the near future.
- ◆ **Megan Gabrielson**, granddaughter of Carol Carpenter, Galesburg, is starting her second year at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- ◆ **Shannon Morgan**, Cedar Rapids, was part of the Jefferson High School show choir which earned a Grand Champion rating at a competition in Wisconsin.
- ◆ **Kelly, Paige, and Matthew Morgan**, Cedar Rapids, grandchildren of Brenda Mitchell, were in the Taft Middle School show choir that took first place in a competition in Marion in February.
- ◆ **Shannon Morgan**, Cedar Rapids, graduated from Jefferson High School and is attending Iowa State University this fall.
- ◆ **Lizzy Kelly**, Cedar Rapids, graduated from College Community High School and is attending Kirkwood Community College.
- ◆ **Lindsey Hill**, Cedar Rapids, granddaughter of Dennis and Pam LaRoque, graduated Kennedy High School and attends the University of Iowa.
- ◆ **Josh and Stephanie Goff**, Cedar Rapids, held a WNL youth gathering via Zoom in April.
- ◆ **Sue Reid, Lynn Richards, Duane and Lisa Webster, Rex Reid**, all of Cedar Rapids, and a friend, made masks to share with others.
- ◆ **Emily King**, Galesburg, was accepted into the University of Missouri Marching Band Color Guard, following a video audition, and also accepted into the School of Architecture and Design.
- ◆ **Katie Miller**, Galesburg, is teaching five ag classes as full-time professor at Black Hawk College East.

Virtual Reunion Brings Mission Center Together While Apart

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Cedar Valley–Nauvoo Mission Center held its first virtual reunion June 21-24 on Zoom. There were minor technical glitches as we made our way through uncharted waters, but people were patient and no one got too panicky.

It was a big success with 78 people who registered and attended part or every day of the four-day reunion.

The reunion was a BIG deal as it was the only reunion for the mission center this year. Previously, separate camps were held at opposite ends of the mission center, one at Camp Nauvoo in Illinois and one at Cedar Valley Grove in Iowa. The reunion was equally well attended by both ends of the mission center, with 34 from the southern half, 33 from the northern half, and 11 from outside the mission center -- some from as far away as Texas.

We enjoyed getting to know our brothers and sisters from throughout the mission center. The boundaries of distance and location no longer separated us, with people from as far north as Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Iowa, as far south as Hannibal, Missouri, as far east as Chicago, and as far west as Panora, Iowa, about 45 minutes west of Des Moines.

Best attended were the morning and evening classes and activities. Morning devotions, led by John and Char-



lene Saur, averaged 25 worshippers. The Early Church History class, taught by Robert Cook, and “Live Christ... Live Peace”, taught by Blake Smith, both averaged 31 participants. The evening services averaged 42 in attendance.

In the afternoon there were classes for which adults could pre-register. The choices included yoga, the GROW outreach program for congregations, vinyl art, gardening, wood-working, Spanish and cooking. There also were intergenerational activities such as an indoor scavenger hunt, virtual games, and a youth chat room.

We got to know each other better as we shared what was going on in our lives while gathering for virtual lunches, dinners, a daily social hour and canteen.

It was truly a wonderful time for renewing friendships and creating new bonds of love with sisters and brothers in Community of Christ.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended the reunion, each campground gained \$2,000 to be used for maintaining the campground for next year.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Pat Reaves, registrar

Sacraments

Priesthood Calls/Ordinations

Gloria Hoke, Cedar Rapids, called to office of deacon.

Marriages

Mike Eden and Kayosha Nguyen, Cedar Rapids, wed July 18 in North Liberty.

Kyle Goettsch and Katy Strum wed Aug. 1 in St. Paul, MN. Kyle is the son of Larry and the late Doralynn Goettsch of Davenport.

Prayer Requests

All students, teachers, nurses, doctors, first responders, grocery and delivery workers and all impacted by the Aug. 10 Derecho.

Bob Taylor, Cedar Rapids.

Gary/Charlotte Jensen, Moline.

Bob Haemer, Moline.

Kathy Snyder, Moline.

John Milroy, Galesburg.

Births

Natalie, born May 22 to Becky and Levi Deireling, Davenport.

Turner John Purcell, born June 8 to Trevor and Laura McCarthy, Galesburg.

Birthdays

Edwina Crisman, 80, June 30, Galesburg.

Shirley Truelove, 90, Nov. 4, Galesburg.

Deaths

LaDonna Tucker, 90 Galesburg, March 15.

Bruce L. Davis, 82, Moline, April 22.

Mabel Baker, 95, Galesburg, April 29.

Sandra Rutledge, 73, Galesburg, June 1.

Hudson Lennox Jenkins, Cedar Rapids son of Liz and Dan Jenkins, stillborn June 10.

Bob Webster, 57, Cedar Rapids, June 17.

Vivian Bisdorf Downey, 96, formerly of Moline, June 19 in Seguin, TX.

Russ Hoke, 80, Cedar Rapids, June 29.

Charles White, 89, Bettendorf, July 8.

Eleanor "Lucy" Hagge, 88, Galesburg, July 15.

Bette L. Williams, 82, Aledo, July 20.

Johnny Sims, 86, formerly of Iowa City, Aug. 18.

Our Father:

We pray for those affected by the elements of our earth. We especially pray for those who have been affected by rains, floods, and winds in our area during the past weeks. Have mercy on those who are struggling to clean up and rebuild. We pray for the vulnerable and ask for your strength to be given to them so they will be once again renewed with wholeness.

Father, we also want to ask for protection for those in the fire zones in California. Protect our families and friends and guide them to safety.

Please hear us Lord. We call upon You once again and ask your blessings to be bestowed upon us. In Your holy Son's name, Jesus Christ, Amen

The Touch blog, August 22, Gaelane Rosinski

Cedar Rapids/Marion, CVG Face Huge Clean-Up Following Aug. 10 Derecho



Cedar Valley Grove Campground was hit hard by the derecho. The storm packed winds topping 100 mph and traveled 770 miles, leveling crops, buildings and trees, including at least 28 trees at CVG. Parts of Cedar Rapids remained without power late this week. Residents say it will take years for the city, which is still rebuilding after a 2008 flood, to fully recover.

Staying Connected . . .

While blessed with technology that allows face-to-face gatherings at a distance, Zoom and FaceTime come up short when it comes to that personal touch we all crave.

“It certainly has been a long, blank period of time that has not always been productive,” Carol Brooks shared. “I am still waiting for a gathering at camp! That is my current dream ... to gather together at the campgrounds and work together, play together and worship together.”

“The main impact, of course, is not being able to be in person to give and receive hugs and support from my church family, those whom I love,” writes Brenda Mitchell. “However, I am learning that the Spirit we feel when we are sitting together in worship and fellowship in the sanctuary can also be with me as I sit at my computer and share virtually in the service. I have started walking in the early morning hours and try to spend time in meditation and prayer as I walk in this beautiful world that God has created. I have spent far too much time on the computer, but a good portion of it is either an attempt to keep in touch with others or to do research for upcoming services. I am still convinced that getting together s-l-o-w-l-y is wise. “

Sunday Worship

Burlington Zoom

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Click on link below to join by computer at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6832301778?pwd=c0YyaHNuQIRYTVExaFFUZW5YYTROU09>

Cedar Rapids YouTube

Worship live at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at www.joyhopelovepeace.com

Galesburg (Recorded)

Sunday worship view on YouTube any time

Click on link to view: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLDFMQZwf0b97nVN9YWvmSw>

Prayer Services

Sunday 2 p.m. Mission Center

Email prayer requests by 5 p.m. Saturday to landmbrim@gmail.com

Join by computer at <https://zoom.us/j/2714958353>

Join by phone (audio only):

1. Dial 1-646-558-8656
2. Enter meeting ID (217 495 8353) when requested.
3. If asked for a participant's ID press #

Wednesday 7 p.m. Burlington via Zoom

Click on link below to join by computer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6832301778?pwd=c0YyaHNuQIRYTVExaFFUZW5YYTROU09>

By phone: (312) 626-6799 Meeting ID: 683 230 1778# Password 197678

Midweek Worship & Gatherings

Followers of the Way

7 p.m. Wednesdays. Start Zoom and Join meeting number 271495-8353. For audio only, dial 646-558-8656 on your phone. Enter meeting number 2714958353 when asked.

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6:30 Thursdays

Click on link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/164233897>

Moline Zoom Caring and Sharing Zoom

Thursdays, 7 p.m. To join by computer, click on this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5137791897>

For audio only, dial 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 5137791897 Password: 7645320