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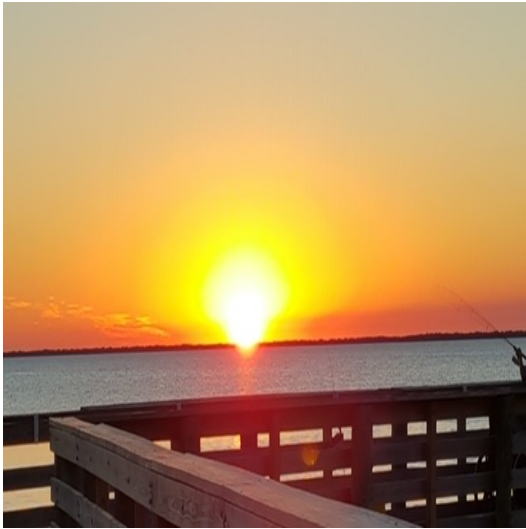


THE NEWS



October 10, 2024

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Draw the Circle Wide

*“Draw the circle wide,
draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song:
no one stands alone
standing side by side.
Draw the circle wide.*

God the still point of the circle
round whom all creation turns,
nothing lost, but held together
in God’s gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God’s call.

Let the dream we dreamed be larger
than we ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

As disciples of Christ, it is our mission to walk His path and teach his words. To do this, we must invite and share. Seek out those who need His touch through us. Let our hearts be open to hold each other together and let them know God as we know God. So we invite you to share, share, share, and invite, invite, invite.

MISSION CENTER EVENTS

There is a lot going on in our Mission Center. Everyone is invited to participate, invite and share!



Followers of the Way Fall Retreat Schedule. Oct. 11-13

Friday night's highlight: is a Chili cook-off followed by an ice cream social.

Saturday art class: we will be learning to make Mandalas (dot art),



and silk flower arrangements,
(bring your flowers and pots—filler
will be
Provid-
ed)



The **afternoon** will be a picnic cook-out, and a tour of the Phoenecian Ship Museum in Montrose, IA.

The **evening** features a fantastic dinner was served at themed set tables, such as Halloween, Fruits of the spirit, Friendly Firefighters, A Spark 4th of July theme, Faithful Flowers, Pageant theme, A Picnic, and A Day At The Beach. The evening will end with a movie and campfire and a few fireworks to celebrate.

Sunday morning, we will worship and absorb our experiences of the weekend that helped us relight the fire in our bones for Jesus.

MISSION CENTER EVENTS (CONTINUED)

CEDAR VALLEY GROVE CAMPGROUNDS

October 19th will be the last outdoor workday at CVG until Spring.

In November the water will be turned off to most of the camp in preparation for freezing and snow conditions. The exception is Cedars, which we keep open all year. We do have some things to do inside the Cedars. There are some outside tasks that can be done in November and December, it just depends on the weather.

Workday tasks for October 19th

Bring string trimmers, Leaf blowers and chainsaw if you have one.

- Replace 4 toilets in the Cedars
- Replace one small window in the Cedars
- Light fixtures need to be cleaned
- Cut logs into manageable sections
- Remove sheets of steel from the Lodge basement
- Take down Scaffolding next to Cedars
- Remove one furnace In Cedar's (prepare for new furnace to be installed)
- Install electric panel and receptacles in small cabin



We need one or two who are willing to get on the roof of the shelters to remove the years of debris; leaves and sticks in preparation for a new roof.



TERRI LYNN NUTS AND CANDY FUND RAISER

Nuts and candies can still be purchased online.

Go to our Mission Center Website and click on “CVG Nut and Fruit Fundraiser” Your order will be sent to you and funds are sent to the CVG board.

Christmas is coming—don't forget to order early and support our campgrounds.

MISSION CENTER EVENTS CONTINUED

[Day trip to Galena](#), October 18 Hosted by the “C.O.F.F.E.E,” group and organized by Chris McQuitty. All are welcome – email or call Chris: cmcquitty@gmail.com or (309) 796-4720.



[SPOOKTACULAR Family Retreat & Pumpkin Walk](#)

October 25-27

Camp Nauvoo – for all ages.



Everyone is welcome. There will be activities for all ages. Children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. You're welcome to come and stay the whole time, but if you're only able to stop by for a few hours that's fine too.

Suggested donation of \$40 per person to cover the cost of food and activities.

More details coming soon. If you have questions or are interested in more details, please reach out to Sara Beth Meierotto at 319-621-3161.

[CLICK HERE to register for the event!](#)



[Mission Center Halloween Party](#)

Saturday, Oct. 26-- 2-5 pm Co-hosted by the Moline and Galesburg congregations.

At the Moline church, 1525 48th St., Moline

Don your costumes (or not) and join the Halloween fun on Saturday afternoon, Place. Games, candy, pumpkins, food, candy and lots more!

It's gonna be Spooktacular!

ALL ARE INVITED!



MISSION CENTER EVENTS CONTINUED

[Burlington Pumpkin give away](#)

October 13 picking and October 19 handing them out Fourth of July weekend every year for that last 8 (?) years we have planted pumpkins at Ron and Nora Howell's farm, with the intention of handing them out in the fall. We pick them on a Sunday afternoon and hand them out on the next Saturday in Burlington.



Sunday afternoon turns into a great gathering, with lots of fun and laughter, ending with a wiener roast and treats. We have had anywhere from 15-40 people share in the picking, and then give out over 100+ pumpkins. A lot of people have told us that this is the only way they could have pumpkins for their kids for Halloween. It's a blessing for them, but a greater blessing for us as we serve those in need.

[Mission Center project: making lap blankets](#) for shut-ins.

If you know someone who could benefit from a lap blanket, please contact Brad Bengel at bengebrad1957@gmail.com with the name & address.

Donations of fleece fabric appreciated.
Bring donations to the Fall Retreat, Oct. 11-13



["C.O.F.F.E.E" in the Quad Cities](#)

[Christ Offers Faithful Fellowship for Everyone Everyday](#)

Friends, neighbors and family are invited into our homes to share a weekly light breakfast and coffee. Three of us host 7-12 who attend on a regular basis. Out of our conversations, the trip to ARK and Creation in Kentucky was born. We are planning other trips such as a trip to

Galena, Kalona, IA and Branson MO to see the biblical play called "David".

ALL ARE WELCOME. If interested, Contact Pat Reeves preaves55@gmail.com



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

On September 5, 6, and 7th, 29 of the Mission Center saints took a bus trip to visit the **Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky**. There was a lot of history to experience, education to learn and a lot of fun getting to know each other better.

We shared food, fun, and fellowship together as we walked through God's wonderful story of salvation for His world. The Mission Center even paid for us to have t-shirts so that we could find each other at the Ark Encounter.

Memories were made, friendships were renewed and strengthened, and we were richly blessed.



“Living the Mission Prayer” group

Pam and Lynn Argotsinger, started “Living the Mission Prayer” group which meets every other Tuesday evening and continues to meet until next year. The prayer is helping us focus on our purpose to risk ourselves for Christ and help bring the kingdom of God closer to reality, in our daily lives. We study, pray, and share in this small group ministry. We are trying to live out the words, “God, where will Your Spirit lead today? Help me be fully awake and ready to respond. Grant me courage to risk something new and become a blessing of Your love and peace. Amen.”

There are about 33 people who have attended since we began in August.
If you would like to join, please contact Pam at: plargotsinger@gmail.com

AROUND THE MISSION CENTER (CONTINUED)

Iowa City

Circle of Friends. Join the Mission Center as we gather in Iowa City Church to join the Circle of Friends. There will be coffee and conversation, Crafts, Lunch and singing.

The next date has not yet been scheduled but will be announced when we know.

Let Brotherly love continue.

*Do Not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby
Some have entertained angels unawares (Hebrews 13:1-2)*



Warm Clothing Distribution News

Thank you for the contributions that we have at the church, ready to take to The River Community Church for further display and distribution. There are still openings for those who might have the time and energy to volunteer to assist the shoppers. If you are available to put in a three hour shift as a helper, please sign up at:

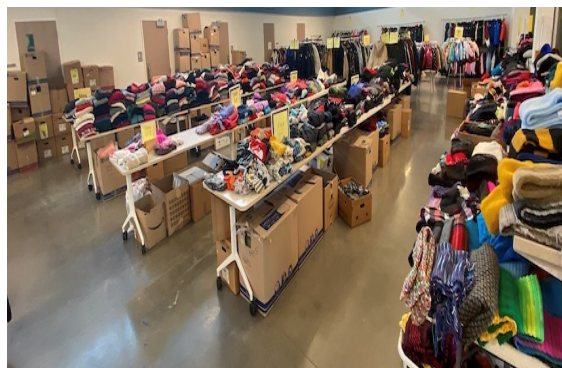
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A9AE2FA20-51081789-2024#/>

We especially need helpers on **Thursday and Friday, October 17.& 18.**

On Sunday, the 13th, we need large vehicles and drivers to transport lots of boxes across town - hangars, clothing items, and other equipment that will be used during the week. Following our second Sunday potluck lunch, we will load the vehicles and take things to southeast Iowa City!

It is a blessing to be able to work together with other faith communities and the Iowa City Police Department as we serve people who will benefit from this important event.

This is a photo from **the** 2023 event.



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER (CONTINUED)

Davenport “Raising the Roof” Sale

Davenport is planning to add onto their building so they started a fundraising effort of a Craft/ Garage Sale, which was held September 28. Scott brought his RV to help draw attention and block the Wind.



Tools for Opportunity

It is almost November and it is time to go to El Salvador again. Tools for Opportunity is a great organization that sends woodworking and sewing tools. We go for 1 week and teach the students to use them. There is one group that is doing woodworking and another learning sewing. Typically, we have men doing woodworking and women doing sewing, however this has not always proven true. The people are so appreciative of being able to have the tools to make a living and improve their lives. This year the woodworking class will be 12 men, and the sewing class will be 10 ladies. Pam and I will be going over a week early to teach a carving and woodburning class and also a crochet class. This is just one opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. There are many more that are just around the corner from you.

Thanks

Dennis and Pam LaRoque

We will have more pictures when we return



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER (CONTINUED)

Davenport

Jesus Adventure Club meets every Wednesday at 5:30 pm to share in Devotions, fellowship, and activities. Again this year, we will be working on **Christmas Boxes** for the needy. The boxes include hats, gloves, scarves, sox, toiletries and snacks.

The kids enjoy decorating the boxes, then shopping and putting the boxes together before delivering them.

If you would like to donate to effort, please contact Dennis LaRoque at (563) 505-7740. or dennis@bixlives.com



Cedar Rapids



Fall winter gear drive Sunday, October 13. We collect **coats, gloves, hats, sweaters, jackets, old children's boots** that are in decent condition and that can help someone of any age to be warmer to be delivered to the Ecumenical Community Center periodically. When the weather gets cold, people walk in there all the time and get free clothing that they

need. Many of these

people live on the street or are very low income and unable to purchase these things.

Come enjoy **a day of relaxing creativity & friendship** at the art retreat at the Cedar Rapids church on Saturday, November 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. You don't have to be an artist to enjoy this! Stencils will be available for those who are not comfortable doing freehand. Help will be available if you need it. Make a reservation ahead so that plenty of supplies will be available. Call Lisa Webster (803) 391-2905, leave a voicemail or text your name. Pay \$25 when you arrive. Invite friends and family to join us.

Daycare will not be available.



AROUND THE MISSION CENTER (CONTINUED)

Followers of the Way are completing their fifth year of Zoom church which meets every Wednesday, from 7 PM to 8 PM. We are currently using ZOOM 164 233 897. passcode 004422.

Robert Cook and his son Paul are walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain.



The Hannibal congregation participates in the Barry Apple Festival every fall ~ The Barry Apple Festival has been in existence since at least 1975, when our congregation started to participate. A Homecoming of Sorts includes contests, entertainment, carnival games and rides, a 3-mile parade and a car show, as well as plenty of food booths. The event always takes place on the first full weekend of October.

The Hannibal Community of Christ sells sandwiches and curly fries. The money we earn helps to sustain our church home as well as providing community outreach and other activities. We are blessed to have help from others throughout our mission center, without their assistance, this would not be possible.

Moline



“Jesus and Me” (JAM) - Every Thursday at 5:30 pm, Moline holds “Jesus and Me” (JAM) for all who wish to come. Friendships are built as they share a meal and devotions with an activity.

Clothing Give away is held the first Tuesday of the month and the last Saturday of each month. All are welcome to share.



THE MISSION CENTER CELEBRATIONS

Births

Cedar Rapids—May 10, Sharika Osby, a baby girl

October Birthdays

Moline

2 Gavin Goff
6 Deb Luce
6 Leslie Mondragon
9 Bette Erdmann
15 Danielle Colone

23 Dale Allensworth
23 Heather Beck
24 Bill McQuitty
27 Samantha Edwards

Carthage

25 Randallynn Smith

Muscatine

1 Nicole Wykert
2 Dave Kemo—THE BIG 50!!
3 Tim O'Dell
7 Barb Matzen
8 Maggie Cooper
10 Chris Albright
14 Shawn Blanchard
14 Chloe Temperle
15 Don Butcher
17 Carroll Howard
17 Dorene Weikert
18 Stacey Hoopes
24 Ivan Albright
24 Sara Comstock
24 Barbara Lee Collins
(birthday party on the 19th)
25 Karen Courtois
26 Chuck Farrar

Iowa City

18 Beverly Tyree
24 Ivan Albright
27 Bruce Pfohl
31 Kelsey Paul Shantz

Followers of the Way

25 Pat Reaves
31 Julie Bengé

Celebration of Life

Moline

Muriel Lenox
Gay Speidel
Charlotte Smiddy

Burlington

Oct 6 - David Burgin, son of Dorothy Burgin
Celebration of Life was held Wednesday evening.
Cards may be sent to Dorothy at 1800 Sioux St.,
Burlington, IA 52601

Ordinations

Nauvoo Nathan Bengé-Deacon
Skylar Bengé-Deacon

Prayers of comfort are appreciated for Dorothy, David's
daughter, Christina and his sister, Linda.

Cedar Rapids Tamara Taylor-Hillyer-Elder

Superannuations

Burlington

Sept 15 Dorothy Burgin
Sept 15 Alan Ourth

Both received Elder Emeritus cards for
their many years of service as an Elder.
A lunch was held afterward.

AROUND THE MISSION CENTER (CONTINUED)

MISSION CENTER FALL CONFERENCE

Date: November 23-24, 2024

Location: Camp Nauvoo

[Priesthood Gathering, Nov. 23](#)

In conjunction with the Mission Center Conference

Guest Presenter - Jim Trinkle from Headwaters Mission Center and Robin Linkhart

[Mission Center Conference Nov. 24](#). “Awakening to our Future”

World Church Guest - Robin Linkhart and Denise White

We will have election of officers

Sunday 1:00 to 2:45 - Business Meeting

Sunday 2:15 to 4:00 - Financial Meeting

* [Click here to view the Standing Rules](#)

* [Click here to view the 2023 Conference Minutes](#)

* [Click here to view the 2023 Financial Session Minutes](#)

WORLD CONFERENCE Delegates

If you are interested in being a delegate to World conference, please let Gayla know as soon as possible.

From Gayla: “We are accepting names from people interested in being considered to serve as a World Conference 2025 delegate/alternate. I am collecting names from folks that are interested and will compile the list (*in order of submission*) to be voted on during the Mission Center Conference (Nov 24th @ Camp Nauvoo).

If you have folks submitting their names directly to you, please be sure to pass them onto me so I can include them on the list that the MC Conference body will vote on November 24th. We are allotted 32 delegates and 32 alternates for the 2025 World Conference in Independence.

Please spread the word as there are several folks that I am sure are not recipients of the MC mass email notifications (as I only add folks if they request to receive the emails”.

* [Click here to submit your name to be considered as a 2025 World Conference delegate](#)

SHOUT THE NEWS THANK YOU!

We are a busy Mission Center and everybody wants to know what we are all doing.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Shout the News this month.

So that we can be more informed, we will begin publishing every month instead of quarterly, so send your information to Gaelane Rosinski at grosinski1125@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Cut off is the 10th of each month.

God Bless!