



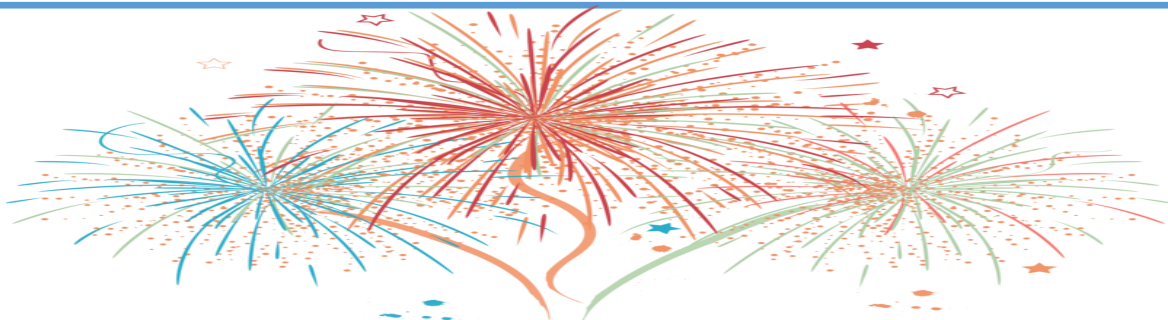
## **Happy New Year!!**

**January 1 is the day we celebrate the past year's successes and the day we look forward to the new year with hope. Our hearts are full of hope and encouragement from and for others. We wait for our message from God and pray that our faith in Him will not wander.**

**Yet we worry that our loved ones will be well and safe and that our salaries will stretch far enough to pay those dreaded bills.**

**We pray for peace and we pray for wars to end. We pray for the future of our young ones, that they may grow to experience lives full of hope, success and love of God. And we pray for the senior generation who has experienced so much in their lives.**

**We ask God to be with us all, that we may continue in His path to share His word.**



*Peaceful places ~*  
*Forgiving, Forgetting and moving on ~ ~*



*Why do we look for a quiet, peaceful place? We just want to relax, to think, meditate or to do some soul searching.*

*Some people like to sit by the water and stare into the clouds with music playing in their earbuds. We can think about what we've done and what we want to do and think about how we have been blessed in so many ways. By the end of the afternoon, we are refreshed physically and mentally. Our faith in God is strengthened.*

*Finding your bliss by Jill Schildhouse*

*“While there’s certainly a time and a place for adventure- and adrenaline-filled vacations, sometimes you just need to relax and recharge. When you’re feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or burned out, it’s time to hit pause and reconnect with nature. Instead of signing up for a pricey retreat that claims to rejuvenate your body, mind, and soul, take matters into your own hands—and head to one of these peaceful places for your next escape from reality.”*

*Isaiah 32:18*

*My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.*

## Visiting Ministries Schedule First Quarter 2025

DATE	CONGREGATION	SPEAKERS	THEME	DATES
01/12/25	<b>BURLINGTON</b>	Evelyn Dustin	Baptized of Water and Spirit	01/12/25
02/16/25	<b>BURLINGTON</b>	Lois Blythe	Many Gifts, One Spirit	01/19/25
02/23/25	<b>BURLINGTON</b>	Deb Luce		
01/26/25	<b>CARTHAGE</b>	Randy Reaves	Members of One Body	01/26/25
02/23/25	<b>CARTHAGE</b>	Kent LeVan	Love Is....	02/02/25
03/30/25	<b>CARTHAGE</b>	Angela King	Into the Deep Water	02/09/25
			Practice Resurrection	02/16/25
03/30/25	<b>CEDAR RAPIDS</b>	Kent LeVan	Make Room for EmergingLife	02/23/25
03/09/25	<b>QC CONNECTION</b>	Cindy Crotty	Seek Spiritual Freedom	03/02/25
03/23/25	<b>QC CONNECTION</b>	Gae Rosinski	Believe with Our Hearts	03/09/25
			Stand Firm in The Lord	03/16/25
03/30/25	<b>FT. MADISON</b>	Lois Blythe	When We Are Tested	03/23/25
			Be Reconciled to God	03/30/25
01/19/25	<b>GALESBURG</b>	Kent LeVan		
02/23/25	<b>GALESBURG</b>	Pat Reaves		
01/26/25	<b>HANNIBAL</b>	Julie Bengé		
03/30/25	<b>HANNIBAL</b>	Evelyn Dustin		

If you are interested in Visiting Ministries,  
please contact Cindy Crotty at (309) 738-5424  
or cacrotty18@gmail.com



## Visiting Ministries Schedule (Continued)

DATE	CONGREGATION	SPEAKERS	THEME	DATES
01/12/25	IOWA CITY	Cindy Crotty	Receive Grace Upon Grace	01/05/25
03/09/25	IOWA CITY	Pat Fairbrother	Baptized of Water and Spirit	01/12/25
			Many Gifts, One Spirit	01/19/25
01/12/25	MT. PLEASANT	Lois Blythe		
01/12/25	MOLINE	Deb Luce	Members of One Body	01/26/25
02/16/25	MOLINE	John Robertson	Love Is....	02/02/25
03/09/25	MOLINE	Deb Luce	Into the Deep Water	02/09/25
03/16/25	MOLINE	Cathy Reeves	Practice Resurrection	02/16/25
			Make Room for Emerging Life	02/23/25
01/12/25	MUSCATINE	Jared Poppett		
01/26/25	MUSCATINE	Gae Rosinski	Seek Spiritual Freedom	03/02/25
02/23/25	MUSCATINE	Bev Lindburg	Believe with Our Hearts	03/09/25
03/23/25	MUSCATINE	David Swift	Stand Firm in The Lord	03/16/25
			When We Are Tested	03/23/25
02/09/25	NAUVOO	David Swift	Be Reconciled to God	03/30/25
02/23/25	NEW CANTON	Brad Bengé		
03/30/25	NEW CANTON	Deb Luce		
01/12/25	PEKIN	Brad Bengé		
02/09/25	PEKIN	Pat Reaves		
03/09/25	PEKIN	Dan Burford		
01/26/25	STERLING	George Barber		
03/23/25	STERLING	Randy Reaves		



***Spreading God's word***

## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** Congregation Revitalization and Church Planting

Time: February 11, 2025 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82096131295?pwd=ka37r1FcPzhVo0w5zAa1keLissMCw6.1)

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### ON LINE SERVICES

**Cedar Rapids**—You Tube  
Service at:10:30 am

**Burlington**—You Tube  
Sunday School on  
zoom at 9:30 am

Service at: 10:45 am

**Followers of the way**  
Wednesday at 7pm

If interested  
contact Deb Batey

### BURLINGTON

Sunday, Dec. 29, Kristy Ourth did a labyrinth message, focusing on leaving old things behind and picking up new thoughts and habits in their place. She placed the labyrinth on the sanctuary floor for worshipers to walk. It was a very good service, and can be seen on their You Tube page.



### C.O.F.F.E.E. GOES TO CHICAGO



Union Station Christmas



Macy's Nutcracker



Macy's Walnut Room

**We drove to Princeton, Illinois and caught the Amtrak train to Chicago. We visited Macy's and the Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza. Lunch at "The Gage" was wonderful.**

# MISSION CENTER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Cedar Rapids



QC Connection



Moline



# MISSION CENTER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Iowa City



Burlington



Nauvoo



Carthage



Pekin



Sterling



# AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

## Celebrations



### Birthdays

#### Carthage

24 Diane Mayfield  
25 Richard Mayfield

#### Cedar Rapids

1 George Barber  
1 Sharika Osby  
5 Valery Hall  
6 Cooper Jenkins  
6 Nash Jenkins  
7 Logan Nissenr  
9 Noah Phillips  
10 Rebecca Early  
10 Finley Webber  
12 Donovan Rapier  
13 Teri Morgan  
18 Daliah LeVan  
22 Nathaniel Goff  
24 Elyssa MacCormick  
31 Erin Wykert  
28 Trey Trevino

#### Burlington

4 Matt Warner  
6 Linda Turley  
17 Jemma Daves  
25 Dorothy Burgin  
29 Tori Savage  
31 Ike Blythe

#### Iowa City

1 Melissa Horstmann  
24 Jack Kinzeer  
25 Michala Martin  
28 Hayden Otis  
28 Julie Sandidge

#### Galesburg

2 Joyce Hagge  
16 Pam Holmes  
21 Lily Fairbrother  
28 Linda Frederickson

#### Muscatine

1 Chad Grim  
2 Quintyn Courtois  
3 Mike & Lila Symmonds  
8 Koltyn Hodgell  
14 Lisa Allison  
20 Helda Niles  
29 Tyler Courtois  
31 Erin Wykert



Doralee Schroder of Iowa City celebrated her 100th birthday on December 22. This is a photo of her with her daughter, Pat, and a friend. Perhaps you can see the crown on her head!

#### Moline

12 Mary Hougard  
12 Pam Miles  
14 Bryson Roys  
19 Dorothy Ragan  
22 Nicole Leingang



# AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Muscatine      Iowa City

Bryce Grimm  
Ron Symmonds

### Cedar Rapids

Joseph Guerrero

### QC Connection

Chris Rosinski  
Gaelane Rosinski  
Marla Clarke  
Paris McAfee

### Mt. Pleasant

Theresa Robertson

To send a card:

Theresa Robertson  
1191 180th street  
Farmington, Iowa 52626

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Dec 24— Kathy Murphy

## BAPTISMS

### Cedar Rapids

Jan 19 Holden Jenkins  
Porter Patterson

## ORDINATIONS

### Cedar Rapids

Jan 19 Jan Webster to Teacher



## Self-Care New Year's Resolutions

★ Unfollow creators or pages that bring you down.	Create routines in your life that focus on what you need.	Take deep breaths, laugh, and meditate more often.
Focus on adding more of something or doing less of something.	Commit to at least one act of self-care each day. ♥	Declutter your life in physical and emotional ways.
Do something that's good for your mental health every day. ♥	Surround yourself with a loving and accepting community.	Focus on making rest a priority in your life. ★

SelfLoveRainbow

# MISSION CENTER REMINDERS

## **CVG Retreat: Christ Among Us Now (CAUN) - May 16 to May 18**

Our retreat is aimed at bringing us together in fellowship and will help to enhance our community participation. We have 3 amazing days planned that will include talks and crafts given by our membership. Our intention is to grow our personal and spiritual lives.

## **Mission Center Conference Minutes:**

The minutes from the 11/24 mission center conference are now online. [Click here to read them.](#) *Please note they will be officially approved during the November 2025 fall conference business session.*

## **Mission Center Co-Youth Ministries Coordinators:**

The newly-elected Mission Center Co-Youth Ministries Coordinators are Carolyn Baker and Julie Benge. You can reach out to them by emailing Carolyn Baker at [grandmagiggles1971@gmail.com](mailto:grandmagiggles1971@gmail.com) or calling 319-316-2146.

## **2025 World Conference Delegates:**

The following people were elected as the mission center's delegates for the 2025 World Conference during the November mission center conference: Gaelane Rosinski, Jared Poppett, Mary Poppett, Diane Mayfield, Robert Cook, Dale Warner, Pat Reaves, George Barber, Tamara Taylor-Hillyer, Myra Elliott, Evelyn Dustin, Deb Luce, Julie Parrott, Mark Parrott, Deb Batey, Reed Hoke, and Pam Miles. *Note: The mission center is allotted 32 delegates and 32 alternates. We still have open seats. If you would like to serve, please email Kent Levan ([Klevan@aol.com](mailto:Klevan@aol.com)) or Evelyn Dustin ([djdustin2@gmail.com](mailto:djdustin2@gmail.com)) to submit your name.*



*Peace be with you*

*A greeting in Hebrew that means Hello or goodbye and today is used by many Christians as we greet each other. Jesus greeted many in this way. Peace be with you is a peaceful way that is deep seeded; it reminds us to be fair. Psalm 85: “justice and peace will kiss.”*

*This time of the year is a time of hope. A time when we see more compassionate and giving. It is a time for holding hands, a time for giving, and a time for laughter. We can find a ways to make a difference with our thoughts and actions and that we can be compassionate with the chaos in our lives.*

*We wish you a very happy New Year. We hope you find hope, grace, love and peace during the new year!*

*We would love to hear from you—please let us know what your congregation has been doing and what they are planning.*

***PLEASE NOTE:*** *The deadline for Shout the News submissions is the 8th of each month.*

*Thank you for your contributions to Shout the News!*