Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you, or others you know, have a need that we may help you with, please let us know. No matter what the situation, there is hope in Christ Jesus and it is our goal to Share him here.

Visitor Information

Please take a minute to fill out the information below & return to greeter.

Date:				
Name:				
Address:				
	State:			
Phone:				
Children:				
How may we serve you? (please circle)				
1st time visitor	New to Area			
Returning visitor	Would like a visit			
Place membership	Want to know more			
Prayers:				

Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:

Shut-ins Delores Bolte Amanda Larson **Eunice Peoples**

Military Nova Deckman's Brother: Billy Harris Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son:

Nate Petersen Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in

-law: Jon & Lynn Kinney

College Students

Jacob Duncan Ethan Leinen Luke Martin Evelvn Fulmer Mason Ogle Rachel Smith

Areas to Serve

Today November 12th		Next Week November 19th		
Lori Seilstad	Greeters	Rick Ogle		
Caroline Seilstad		Deb Ogle		
Mary Cameron	Parking Lot	Chris Adams		
Troy Kinney	Call to Worship	Bill Leinen		
David Montague	Opening Prayer	Bob Helton		
Parker Seilstad	Song Leader	Dylan Ford		
Justin Leinen	Table Talk	Jake Sola		
Nathan Leinen	Table Prayers	Rick Ogle		
Matt Ogle		Dick Sladky		
Brent Robbins	Table Servers	Christian Adams		
Jeremy Nuzum		Marv Cameron		
Dick Sladky	Closing Prayer	Thad Kinney		
Jake Sola	Announcements	Jonah Leinen		
	Lori Seilstad Caroline Seilstad Marv Cameron Troy Kinney David Montague Parker Seilstad Justin Leinen Nathan Leinen Matt Ogle Brent Robbins Jeremy Nuzum Dick Sladky	Lori Seilstad Caroline Seilstad Marv Cameron Troy Kinney David Montague Parker Seilstad Justin Leinen Nathan Leinen Matt Ogle Brent Robbins Jeremy Nuzum Dick Sladky Greeters Call to Worship Opening Prayer Song Leader Table Talk Table Prayers Table Servers Closing Prayer		

Elders

Minister

Troy Kinney 402-510-5267 Brian Deckman 918-809-0681 Bill Leinen 712-325-8234

Ministries

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Outreach & Missions Facilities & Safety Keith Smith

Justin Leinen

Rick Ogle

Nova Deckman Secretary

Children Jonah Leinen

Dylan Ford Teens

Discipleship Bill Leinen

Brian Deckman **Worship Services**

David Montague

Bill Leinen Education

Woman's Ministries

Troy Kinney Andrea Leinen Finance

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McPherson Ave.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are a Bible centered, unified family of believers called to an ever-deepening relationship with Christ. We will pursue Christ through study, prayer, and fellowship. We recognize that we are sent to the larger community surrounding us to plant the seed of the Gospel and to demonstrate God's love and Christ's life.

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023



Empowering Spiritual DNA

Sundays

Bible Class All Ages Worship Life Groups All Church Fellowship Lunch

9am

10am TBA

2nd Sunday

Thursdays Men's Bible Study at the Madison 7am & Bennett Hy-Vee

Wednesday Bible Class All ages

7pm

Always His

God has deep compassion for orphans: Hosea 14:3 "For in You the fatherless find compassion." Psalm 68:5 "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows, is God in his holy habitation." There are verses throughout the Bible that teach us that God has great compassion for the fatherless. He has profound and endless love for His children. He hurts for those who are hurting and seeks to comfort them. Biblically, it is clear that caring for orphans is close to the heart of God. His heart is with the outcast, those that society looks down on. Our God is one of profound compassion.

God seeks justice for orphans: Isaiah 1:17 "Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." We live in a broken world. There are great injustices in this world and there will be until we die. Different forms of abuse, corruption, and abandoned children are just a few of the many unjust issues that are so common. We are surrounded by so much pain that it's easy to become blind to it. God is not. As painful as it might be, we cannot live in denial to the vile things that go on all around us. If we are walking with our Lord, we need to be defending those in need, the fatherless, those who can not defend themselves. Justice is a fundamental part of God's character. He seeks to correct injustices and we are called to do the same. Psalm 82:3-4 "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." God's people Share Their Resources with Orphans: Deuteronomy 10:18 "He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing." Deuteronomy 14:29 "And the Levite. because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do." We are called to give to others. We can not get around this one. We have been richly blessed financially, and we need to be acutely aware that all this blessing isn't ours. The riches we have are God's, and we have a responsibility to use them for His glory and His work. Money is like cow manure, spread it around and it can do some good, just stack it up and it really stinks.

Congregational Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

Family News & Updates

Potluck Sunday

Visitors, family and friends please join us for a potluck meal following services today upstairs in the fellowship hall. Please join us for a time to share.

Share My Smile Christmas Gifts

Please stop by the fover to pull a card from a snowflake with a child's wish list for Christmas and help spread joy for the children of Share my Smile. The lists are suggestions and it is not necessary to buy all items. Please chose a kid and return the unwrapped gift in a gift bag with the original card by December 8th.

Ladies Monthly Brunch

Ladies please join the women for a brunch on December 4th at 10:30am in the home of Nova Deckman, 187 Woodbury Cir, Council Bluffs. Bring a dish to share and please RSVP at 918-407-0058.

Thanksgiving Meals

Each year we are blessed to be able to serve 12-15 families with a full thanksgiving meal with your help. If your family is able to provide a portion of a meal please see sign up at the welcome center in the fover. Items will need to returned to the building no later than Sunday November 19th.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Mitch Dollen knee surgery recover; Evalina Holcomb in hospital, Sandy Sladky in rehab and wanting to return home; Jake and Madi's brother in law diagnosed with cancer; Carol Pantoja respiratory illness; Carol Koletzke's grandson Jacob facing layoffs at job.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Brian & Nova Deckman 12th

14th Jeannie Smith

17th Troy & Caronna Kinney

Leon Dwyer 20th

Libby Jackson 22nd 22nd Mary Cameron

23rd Roger Styler

Rick Ogle

Use our church OR code for a quick and

easy option to give

for weekly contributions.

Earmark a donation by adding a note under your donation amount.

Please Pray for

Jake Sola brother in law waiting for cancer testing results Sandy Sladky rehab center

Austin Hunter Passing of uncle Kirn Family Granddaughter's eve Evalina Holcomb Health

Marv & Sue Doris Blood cancer Aubry & Blaine Father fractured back Jack Loftus Son Randy cancer Adams Family McKenzie hm stability Brian Deckman New chemo treatment Mason Ogle Strength & health Father cancer/radiation Ryan S

Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen

Protection & health Ukraine church Protection

College Students Military Eldership Shut-ins

> Prayers Requests & Announcements

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