

2024 Upper Midwest Regional Prayer Calendar

You are invited to join us as Disciples Together across the region in praying for different congregations, Pastors, General Units, and Regions each week during the next year. A schedule has been prepared which includes a Region or General Unit and two or three congregations and Pastors in our Region each week. We hope you will print these requests in your weekly bulletins and church newsletters.

Date	Congregation	Pastor	Other Pastors in the Region	General Church and Regional Ministries
January 1, 2024	Bloomfield Christian Church, Bloomfield, IA First Church United, West Liberty, IA	Deb Mann	Angela Doty Dianna Clark Tammy Buseman	Pension Fund – provides a pension plan, savings programs and tax information for our church employees
January 7, 2024	Oakland Christian Church, Oakland, IA river Christian Church, Redfield, IA	Doug Jones, Kyle Dredge	Alex Kindred David Goin Gary Sneller	Christian Church of the Pacific Southwest – Includes southern California, Nevada, and Hawaii
January 14, 2024	Faith First Community Church, Davenport, IA Central Christian Church, Marshalltown, IA	Heidi Hulme	Harlan (Frosty) Van Voorst Jayme Harvey Marian Hart	Council on Christian Unity – represents the Disciples in key ecumenical activities around the world
January 21, 2024	Deep River Christian Church, Deep River, IA First Christian Church, Mason City, IA	Larry Naylor Paul Boostrom	Steve Wainwright Brent Cantrell Justin Carlson	Christian Church, Northeast Region – includes churches in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York
January 28, 2024	Luther Christian Church, Maxwell, IA New Beginnings Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	Gary Cummings Heather Wachendorf, Jason Ellingson, Community Ministry, Hillary Welborn, Children & Youth	John Bolen Connie Wacht Micheal Carlson	Christian Church in North Carolina
February 4, 2024	First Christian Church, Minneapolis, MN First Christian Church, Red Oak, IA	Laurie Feille, Dan Adolphson AJ Baratta	Sheryl Butler Don Hiscox Chris Conklin	Week of Compassion – The channel for providing a compassionate response to severe human distress caused by natural disaster or political or economic crisis
February 11, 2024	Pleasantville Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA Chuukese Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Don Naftz Nerleb Likisap, Dividen Phermin	Anjeanette Perkins Mike Armstrong Shannon Smith	Christian Church in Oklahoma
February 18, 2024	Mitchellville Christian Church, Mitchellville, IA Fairview Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA	Jason Grow Clinton Wallace	Eydie Stephens Remi Shores Stasia Fine	Christian Church in Oregon & Southwest Idaho
February 25, 2024	Glen Echo Christian Church, Des Moines, IA Moorhead Christian Church, Moorhead, IA First Pacific Islanders Christian Church, Bismarck, ND	Aaron Brunner, Interim Chuck Snow Larry Sotam	Thomas Stone Linda Swanson Arlene Drennan	Communication Ministries – interprets the vision and mission of our General Church through media and print resources
March 3, 2024	First Christian Church, Nevada, IA Islanders Fellowship Church, Sioux City, IA	W. Mike Albert Retnick Suta	Mark Hall Brad Thornton Stephanie Stovall	Black Minister's Retreat – A denomination wide retreat and continuing education event for clergy of Convocation churches
March 10, 2024 SPRING FORWARD!	Highland Park Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Mount Ayr, IA First Christian Church, Perry, IA	Arlene Johnson, Interim Rodney Glazebrook Andrea Brownlee	Robert Haskin Jessie Lent Gary Freeland	Higher Education and Leadership Ministries – work in partnership with 17 colleges, 10 seminaries and 80 campus ministry programs
March 17, 2024	First Christian Church, Muscatine, IA First Christian Church, Panora, IA	Casey Brown	Garry Hesser Jay Hillestad John Caughron	Christian Church in the Southwest – includes congregations in Texas and New Mexico
March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday	Park Avenue Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Woodbine, IA	Doug Pfeiffer Chuck Snow	George Lair John Eilers Darla Ewalt	Christian Church in Virginia

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday	Wakonda Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Packwood, IA Capitol Hill Christian Church, Des Moines, IA	Robyn Bles, Bruce Gowen, Kristen Alstott Gabe Claussen Craig Robertson	Amanda Sorenson Tammy Rottschafer Corrine Welsch	Christian Church in Ohio
April 7, 2024	United Church of Diagonal, Diagonal, IA Davis Street Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Rodney Glazebrook Terry Wise, Interim	Joy Linn Bryan Feille Joshua Patty	Disciples Home Missions – these are located around the United States and change to go where there is need. More info available at Homeland Ministries
April 14, 2024	New Virginia Christian Church, New Virginia, IA Bladensburg Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Darin Feikema Larry Smith	Teresa Percinovsky James Chesnutt	Christian Church in the Capital Area – includes congregations in Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia
April 21, 2024	First Christian Church, Oskaloosa, IA Christian Church (Disciples) North English, North English, IA	Robert & Molly Goodrich Luke Caster	Phil Jorgensen Kathy Thomas Tammy Tyhsen	Christian Church in Kansas
April 28, 2024	First Christian Church, Adel, IA Woodward Christian Church, Woodward, IA	Tim Johnson, Interim Patricia Stalter	Joan White John McKinstry Ryan Arnold	Christian Church in Michigan
May 5, 2024	First Christian Church, Albia, IA Marion Christian Church, Marion IA	John Sowers Mike Miller	Raymond Barnett Eric Johnson Alice Bolen	Christian Board of Publications/Chalice Press – the Disciples publishing house producing books and resources
May 12, 2024 Mother's Day	Altoona Christian Church, Altoona, IA Woodburn Christian Church, Woodburn, IA	Willa Heaberlin	Tom Carpe Jared Wortman Sheila Hunter	New Church Starts – Pentecost Offering collected goes toward our Denominational goal of starting 1,000 new congregations by 2020
May 19, 2024	First Christian Church, Ames, IA First Christian (Disciples of Christ), Estherville, IA	Mary Jane Button-Harrison, Tim Button-Harrison, Janet Lott Doug Burton	Candace Brown Rita Nakashima Brock	National Benevolent Association – is the Disciples' social and health services arm of the church
May 26, 2024	Ankeny Christian Church, Ankeny, IA Elkhart Christian Church, Elkhart, IA	Owen Cayton Joel Aurand	Sylvia Larssen David Cobb	Christian Church Foundation – works with congregations or individuals managing permanent funds benefiting various ministries of the church
June 2, 2024	United Church of Christ, Atlantic, IA Exira Christian Church, Exira, IA	Heather Santi-Brown Glen Meyers	Phil Coe David Nash	Disciples Home Missions – assists in strengthening congregations and leaders in ministry and home mission sites
June 9, 2024	United Christian-Presbyterian Church, Bedford, IA First Christian Church, Fairfield, IA	Gabe Claussen	Paul Davidson Lynda Lee Mary Dyer	Christian Church, Northern Lights – includes congregations in Washington, North Idaho, Alaska, and Montana
June 16, 2024 Father's Day	Norwalk Christian Church, Norwalk, IA Clearfield Christian Church, Clearfield, IA	Travis Stanley	David Digby Courtney Rife Paul Ficzeri	Disciples of Christ Historical Society – maintains historical materials related to the Stone-Campbell movement
June 23, 2024	Bondurant Christian Church, Bondurant, IA West Des Moines Christian Church, West Des Moines, IA	Randy Ehrhardt, Mark & Luke Ehrhardt, Nicole McBride, Joy Butler	Sue Woods Dennis Arnold Marilyn Kay Scott	Association of Disciple Musicians – organization where professionals and volunteers can share resources and experiences of their common music ministry.

June 30, 2024	Central Christian Church, Boone, IA River Valley Disciples (in Formation), Johnston, IA	David Clark, Interim Sheldon Henderson	Marvin Fortune Larry Squier Kristin Peters	Office of General Minister and President – is responsible for the pastoral care and nurture of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
July 7, 2024	Waukee Christian Church, Waukee, IA Covenant Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	JP Channels, Julie Cornelius Loren Strait	Mary Brokken Christine Isham-Walsh	Christian Church in Tennessee
July 14, 2024	First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, IA Central Christian Church, Waterloo, IA	Jolene James Anna & Henry Brewer Calvert	Linda Lighthall David Goin	General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
July 21, 2024	First Christian Church, Burlington, IA Braddyville Christian Church, Braddyville, IA	David Yonker, Brooke Robbins, Anika McVay	Fred Gee Cheri Gelner McKinna Shinnars	North American Pacific Asian Disciples – serves the growing American Asian church by coordinating the needs of the diverse group
July 28, 2024	Carlisle Christian Church, Carlisle, IA First Christian Church, Spencer, IA	Kristen Pike	Margaret Hutchens Shirley Martinson Denis James	Christian Church in Arizona
August 4, 2024	First Christian Church, Cedar Falls, IA Christian-United Methodist Church, Humeston, IA	Robert Fread Donna Murphy-Ceradsky	Brice Hughes Dennis McKee Karen Fausch	Obra Hispana – facilitates, promotes, supports' & coordinates the work of Hispanic ministries
August 11, 2024	New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, IA Trinity Christian Church, Bridgewater, IA	Sherry Schwab, Interim	Emily Guentert Richard Guentert Heather Thonvold	National Convocation – supports and strengthens the involvement of predominantly African American congregations.
August 18, 2024	The Ira United Church, Ira, IA First Christian Church, Osceola, IA	Mike Omundson Dan McNeal	Terry Halstead Richard Mark David Vernon	Christian Church in South Carolina
August 25, 2024	Noelridge Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA Central Christian Church, Jefferson, IA	Gregory Chambers J. Alexander	Traverce Harrison Lisa Baker Ana Wilson	Christian Church in Kentucky
September 1, 2024	First Christian Church, Center Point, IA St. Charles Parish, St. Charles, IA	Kevin Jones Darin Feikema	Cleveland Bryant Carla Rinker	Christian Church in Alabama-Northwest Florida
September 8, 2024	Drake Avenue Christian Church, Centerville, IA Stanhope Parish, Stanhope, IA	Gary Brooks Jim Roth	Jim Wakelin Kristin Van Heyningen Andrew Packman	Christian Church in Canada
September 15, 2024	Chariton Christian Church, Chariton, IA Kellogg Christian Church, Kellogg, IA	Gray & Rachel Fredericks Brian Kleinschrodt	Ron Keith Doris Kinton Carla Nelson	Christian Church in Florida
September 22, 2024	Downtown Disciples, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Keokuk, IA	Debbie Griffin David Turner, Janel Quinlan, Brian Nixon, Cathie Courtois	Randy Allman Jia Starr Brown	Christian Church in Nebraska

September 29, 2024	First Christian Church, Clarinda, IA Prairie City Christian Church, Prairie City, IA	Max Wagaman	Donald Slaughter Melea White Jim Wilson	Reconciliation Ministries – fights against the primary causes of racism in North America. It funds programs at local and regional levels.
October 6, 2024	Howard Street Christian Church, Colfax, IA First Christian Church, Hedrick, IA	Tom Burns	Shirley Lockard Sara Patty	Central Rocky Mountain Region – includes Colorado, Wyoming, Northwest New Mexico, Idaho, Utah
October 13, 2024	Lacona Christian Church, Lacona, IA Community Church of Christ, Sloan, IA	Kevin Livengood Kody Killian	James Crapson Anne Gregory	Church Extension – works directly with congregations, with building needs, fund raising, and resources for new church starts and congregational revitalization
October 20, 2024	Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, IA Runnells Christian Church, Runnells, IA	Roy Karlen Katie Russell-Hainline	Jan Linn Alan Berneman Dawn Ingram	Global Ministries/Division of Overseas Ministries – Our overseas mission work which we do jointly with the United Church of Christ
October 27, 2024	First Christian Church, Winterset, IA First Christian Church, Sioux City, IA	Kevin & Sue Blader Ken & Mary Wells	Marsha Borders Tim Diebel	The Great River Region – includes congregations in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi
November 3, 2024 FALL BACK!	First Christian Church, Laurens, IA United Protestant Church, Silver Bay, MN	Rita Cordell Paul Scaringi	Jerry Crenshaw Daniel Romero Lisa Grace	Christian Church in Georgia
November 10, 2024	First Christian Church, Newton, IA Urbana Christian Church, Urbana, IA	Sheldon Henderson Pamela Gibbs	Liz Woodward Mary Wells	Christian Church in Illinois-Wisconsin
November 17, 2024	Lenox Christian Church, Lenox, IA First Christian Church, Vinton, IA	Dick Jumper	Mark Woldruff Angelo Luis	Christian Church in Indiana
November 24, 2024	First Christian Church, Coralville, IA Prescott United Church, Prescott, IA	Jill Cameron Michel, Laura Kittrell, Kara Seaton Mary O'Riley	John Fairweather Jim Cord Dana Worrell-Jumper	Christian Church in the Upper Midwest – includes congregations in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota
December 1, 2024	Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Jerusalem, Rochester, MN First Christian Church, Sac City	Benjamin Vanegas Mark McWhorter	Diana Robertson Wendy Manuel Lynda Carlson	Christian Church in Greater Kansas City – includes congregations in Missouri and Kansas in the Greater Kansas City area.
December 8, 2024	First Christian Church, Creston, IA Christian Church Disciples, Rock Rapids, IA	Tony Thurston Corilee Boer	Melanie VanWeelden Dave Neas C. J. Latham	Christian Church in West Virginia
December 15, 2024	Broadway Christian Church, Council Bluffs, IA First Christian Church of St. Paul, MN	Vergarie Sandford Dennis Sanders	Jerry Thordsen Emily Steeples	Christian Church of Mid-America – includes churches in Missouri and the Greater St. Louis area in Illinois
December 22, 2024	Nichols Christian Church, Nichols, IA First Christian Church, Fort Madison, IA	Leslie Dalstra	Juanita Scriven Bob Pickerell Peggy Stott	Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada
December 29, 2024	Garden City, Christian Church, Garden City, MN First Christian Church, Hampton, IA	Kathy Einan	Jacqueline Hickox-Morgan Carla Hillyer	Christian Church in Pennsylvania