

2023 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, 2023	Bloomfield Christian Church, Bloomfield, IA First Church United, West Liberty, IA	Leslie Dotson Deb Mann	Angela Doty Randy Allman Casey Brown	Pension Fund – provides a pension plan, savings programs and tax information for our church employees
January 3, 2023	Oakland Christian Church, Oakland, IA Redfield Christian Church, Redfield, IA	Doug Jones, Kyle Dredge	Bob Welsh James Dunston Tammy Buseman	Christian Church of the Pacific Southwest – Includes southern California, Nevada, and Hawaii
January 15, 2023	First Christian Church, Davenport, IA Central Christian Church, Marshalltown, IA	Linda Tassler-Hunsaker Dianna Clark	Harlan (Frosty) Van Voorst Ivan Fuller Marian Hart	Council on Christian Unity – represents the Disciples in key ecumenical activities around the world
January 22, 2023	Deep River Christian Church, Deep River, IA First Christian Church, Mason City, IA	Larry Naylor Paul Boostrom	Steve Wainwright Claude Wood Brent Cantrell Justin Carlson	Christian Church, Northeast Region – includes churches in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York
January 29, 2023	Delta Christian Church, Delta, IA Luther Christian Church, Maxwell, IA	Gary Cummings	John Bolen Connie Wacht Darla Ewalt Micheal Carlson	Christian Church in North Carolina
February 5, 2023	First Christian Church, Minneapolis, MN First Christian Church, Red Oak, IA New Beginnings Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	Laurie Feille, Dan Adolphson AJ Baratta Heather Wachendorf, Jason Ellingson, Community Ministry, Hillary Welborn, Children & Youth	Sheryl Butler Don Hiscox Chris Conklin Jake Christian	Week of Compassion – The channel for providing a compassionate response to severe human distress caused by natural disaster or political or economic crisis
February 12, 2023	Pleasantville Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA Chuucese Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Don Naftz Nerleb Likisap, Dividen Phermin	Anjeanette Perkins Mike Armstrong Shannon Smith	Christian Church in Oklahoma
February 19, 2023	Mitchellville Christian Church, Mitchellville, IA Fairview Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA	Alice Bolen, Interim Clinton Wallace	Eydie Stephens Mark Young Stasia Fine	Christian Church in Oregon & Southwest Idaho
February 26, 2023	Glen Echo Christian Church, Des Moines, IA Moorhead Christian Church, Moorhead, IA First Pacific Islanders Christian Church, Bismarck, ND	Dawn Ingram 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 5, 2023	First Christian Church, Nevada, IA Islanders Fellowship Church, Sioux City, IA	W. Mike Albert Retnick Suta, Kine Walter	Mark Hall Brad Thornton Katie Carlson Earlin Shanno	Black Minister's Retreat – A denomination wide retreat and continuing education event for clergy of Convocation churches
March 12, 2023 SPRING FORWARD!	Highland Park Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Mount Ayr, IA First Christian Church, Perry, IA	Andrea Brownlee	Robert Haskin Ken Mehrhoff Jessie Lent	Higher Education and Leadership Ministries – work in partnership with 17 colleges, 10 seminaries and 80 campus ministry programs
March 19, 2023	First Christian Church, Muscatine, IA First Christian Church, Panora, IA	Alex Kindred	Garry Hesser Jay Hillestad John Caughron	Christian Church in the Southwest – includes congregations in Texas and New Mexico
March 26, 2023	Park Avenue Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Woodbine, IA	Tim Johnson, Interim Chuck Snow	George Lair John Eilers Cassie Hale	Christian Church in Virginia

April 2, 2023 Palm 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 Emily Steeples Tammy Rottschaefel Corrine Welsch	Christian Church in Ohio
April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday	United Church of Diagonal, Diagonal, IA Davis Street Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA Prairie City Christian Church, Prairie City, IA	Gwen Trullinger Jim Wakelin Max Wagaman	Nancy Prall Bill Mitchell David Halleen Joshua Patty	Mission Stations in the United States – these are located around the United States and change to go where there is need. More info available at Homeland Ministries
April , 2023	New Virginia Christian Church, New Virginia, IA Bladensburg Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA Norwalk Christian Church, Norwalk, IA	Darin Feikema Larry Smith Travis Stanley	Joy Linn Jason Thrasher Darrell Hopp James Chesnutt	Christian Church in the Capital Area – includes congregations in Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia
April 23, 2023	First Christian Church, Oskaloosa, IA Christian Church (Disciples) North English, North English, IA	Robert & Molly Goodrich Luke Caster	Phil Jorgensen Bryan Feille David Dunahoo Tammy Tyhsen	Christian Church in Kansas
April 30, 2023	First Christian Church, Adel, IA Woodward Christian Church, Woodward, IA	Doug Pfeiffer Pat Stalter	Joan White John McKinstry Ryan Arnold Tiff Williams	Christian Church in Michigan
May 7, 2023	First Christian Church, Albia, IA Marion Christian Church, Marion IA	John Sowers	Raymond Barnett Eric Johnson Kenneth Briggs	Christian Board of Publication – the Disciples publishing house producing books and resources
May 14, 2023 Mother's Day	Altoona Christian Church, Altoona, IA Woodburn Christian Church, Woodburn, IA	Lisa Grace, Interim Willa Heaberlin	Tom Carpe Bob Merkle Kathy Thomas Jared Wortman	New Church Starts – Pentecost Offering collected goes toward our Denominational goal of starting 1,000 new congregations by 2020
May 21, 2023	First Christian Church, Ames, IA First Christian (Disciples of Christ), Estherville, IA	Mary Jane Button-Harrison, Tim Button-Harrison, Janet Lott Doug Burton	Dennis Durst Candace Brown Donna Gustafson	National Benevolent Association – is the Disciples' social and health services arm of the church
May 28, 2023	Ankeny Christian Church, Ankeny, IA Elkhart Christian Church, Elkhart, IA First Christian Church, Winterset, IA	Owen Cayton Joel Aurand Kevin & Sue Blader	Sylvia Larssen Deborah Lewis Ryan Osler David Cobb	Christian Church Foundation – works with congregations or individuals managing permanent funds benefiting various ministries of the church
June 4, 2023	United Church of Christ, Atlantic, IA Exira Christian Church, Exira, IA	Heather Santi-Brown Glen Meyers	Phil Coe Wade Miller David Nash	Disciples Home Missions – assists in strengthening congregations and leaders in ministry and home mission sites
June 11, 2023	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 18, 2023 Father's Day	What Cheer Christian Church, What Cheer, IA Clearfield Christian Church, Clearfield, IA	Jim Mason, Board Chair	David Digby Courtney Rife Gary Sneller Paul Ficzeri	Disciples of Christ Historical Society – maintains historical materials related to the Stone-Campbell movement
June 25, 2023	Bondurant Christian Church, Bondurant, IA West Des Moines Christian Church, West Des Moines, IA	Randy Ehrhardt, Mark & Luke Ehrhardt, Nicole McBride, Joy Butler	Kate West Gail Aurand Sue Woods Gary Freeland	Association of Disciple Musicians – organization where professionals and volunteers can share resources and experiences of their common music ministry.

July 2, 2023	Central Christian Church, Boone, IA River Valley Disciples (in Formation), Johnston, IA	David Clark, Interim Sheldon Henderson	Marvin Fortune Larry Squier Anne Gregory Kristin Peters	Office of General Minister and President – is responsible for the pastoral care and nurture of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
July 9, 2023	Waukee Christian Church, Waukee, IA Covenant Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	JP Channels, Interim, Julie Cornelius, Associate Loren Strait	Mary Brokken Charles Fry Christine Isham-Walsh	Christian Church in Tennessee
July 16, 2023	First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, IA Central Christian Church, Waterloo, IA	Jolene James Anna & Henry Brewer Calvert	Linda Lighthall Joe Jones Wally Reher	General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
July 23, 2023	First Christian Church, Burlington, IA Braddyville Christian Church, Braddyville, IA	David Yonker, Brooke Anthony	Fred Gee Cheri Gelner McKinna Shinnors Bob Robida	North American Pacific Asian Disciples – serves the growing American Asian church by coordinating the needs of the diverse group
July 30, 2023	Carlisle Christian Church, Carlisle, IA First Christian Church, Hedrick, IA		David Goin Shirley Martinson Denis James	Christian Church in Arizona
August 6, 2023	First Christian Church, Cedar Falls, IA Humeston Christian United Methodist Church, Humeston, IA	Robert Fread Donna Murphy-Ceradsky	Brice Hughes Dennis McKee Karen Fausch Marti Stanley	Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries – facilitates, promotes, supports & coordinates the work of Hispanic ministries
August 13, 2023	New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, IA Trinity Christian Church, Bridgewater, IA	Sherry Schwab, Interim Sara Eddy, Pulpit Supply	Emily Guentert Richard Guentert Heather Thonvold	National Convocation – supports and strengthens the involvement of predominantly African American congregations.
August 20, 2023	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 27, 2023	Noelridge Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA Central Christian Church, Jefferson, IA	Gregory Chambers J. Alexander	Traverse Harrison Lisa Baker Ana Wilson	Christian Church in Kentucky
September 3, 2023	First Christian Church, Center Point, IA St. Charles Parish, St. Charles, IA	Kevin Jones Darin Feikema	Roy Ives Cleveland Bryant Carla Rinker	Christian Church in Alabama-Northwest Florida
September 10, 2023	Drake Avenue Christian Church, Centerville, IA Stanhope Parish, Stanhope, IA	Gary Brooks Jim Roth	Pasha Buck Kristin Van Heyningen Andrew Packman	Christian Church in Canada
September 17, 2023	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Chariton, IA Kellogg Christian Church, Kellogg, IA	Gray & Rachel Fredericks Brian Kleinschrodt	Ron Keith Doris Kinton Carla Nelson	Christian Church in Florida
September 24, 2023	Downtown Disciples, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Keokuk, IA	Deb Griffin David Paul Turner, Janel Quinlan, Brian Nixon, Cathie Courtois	Julie Gibson Linda Foor Dale O'Connell Jia Starr Brown	Christian Church in Nebraska

October 1, 2023	First Christian Church, Clarinda, IA First Christian Church, Spencer, IA	Mike Harvey Jon Pausley, Sunday Interim	Donald Slaughter Margaret Hutchins 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 8, 2023	Howard Street Christian Church, Colfax, IA Solon, Our Lord’s Church, Iowa City/Coralville, IA	Tom Burns Dennis Arnold	Bev Lillie Shirley Lockard Vivian Oliver	Central Rocky Mountain Region – includes Colorado, Wyoming, Northwest New Mexico, Idaho, Utah
October 15, 2023	Lacona Christian Church, Lacona, IA Community Church of Christ, Sloan, IA	Kevin Livengood Kody Killian	James Crapson Sara Patty Phil Neville Nicholas Green	Church Extension – works directly with congregations, with building needs, fund raising, and resources for new church starts and congregational revitalization
October 22, 2023	Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, IA Runnells Christian Church, Runnells, IA	Roy Karlen Katie Russell-Hainline	Jan Linn Alan Berneman Jason Grow	Global Ministries/Division of Overseas Ministries – Our overseas mission work which we do jointly with the United Church of Christ
October 29, 2023	United Parish, Coggon, IA First Christian Church, Sioux City, IA	Ken Wells	Marsha Borders Tim Diebel Erica Rissi	The Great River Region – includes congregations in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi
November 5, 2023 FALL BACK!	First Christian Church, Laurens, IA United Protestant Church, Silver Bay, MN	Rita Cordell Paul Scaringi	Jerry Crenshaw Daniel Romero Aaron Brunner	Christian Church in Georgia
November 12, 2023	First Christian Church, Newton, IA Urbana Christian Church, Urbana, IA	Sheldon Henderson Pamela Gibbs	Liz Woodward Dale Jorgenson Mary Wells	Christian Church in Illinois-Wisconsin
November 19, 2023	Lenox Christian Church, Lenox, IA First Christian Church, Vinton, IA	Dick Jumper	Kendra Thompson Mark Woldruff Angelo Luis	Christian Church in Indiana
November 26, 2023	First Christian Church, Coralville, IA Prescott United Church, Prescott, IA	Jill Cameron Michel, Laura Kittrell, Kara Seaton Mary O’Riley	Marilyn Scott John Fairweather Jim Cord Dana Worrell-Jumper	Christian Church in the Upper Midwest – includes congregations in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota
December 3, 2023	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 10, 2023	First Christian Church, Creston, IA United Christian Church, Rock Rapids, IA	Tony Thurston Corilee Boer	Melanie VanWeelden Dave Neas Connie Jo Latham	Christian Church in West Virginia
December 17, 2023	Broadway Christian Church, Council Bluffs, IA First Christian Church of Roseville, MN	Dennis Sanders	Jerry Thordsen Cheryl Simpson Dave Neas	Christian Church of Mid-America – includes churches in Missouri and the Greater St. Louis area in Illinois
December 24, 2023	Nichols Christian Church, Nichols, IA First Christian Church, Fort Madison, IA	Leslie Dalstra	Juanita Scriven Bob Pickerell John Simpson Peggy Stott	Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada
December 31, 2023	Garden City, Christian Church, Garden City, MN First Christian Church, Hampton, IA	Kathy Einan	Jacqueline Hickox-Morgan Carla Hillyer Arlene Johnson Nancy Thomas	Christian Church in Pennsylvania