



## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOLINE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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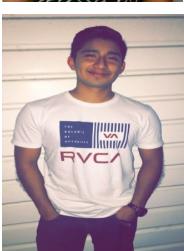
## Meet Our XPLOR Residents

We are so excited to be a part of this opportunity and to make a difference in these young people's lives.



### Sarah Page Jones (Fairview Christian Church; Lynchburg, VA)

I am beyond excited to be able to work together with a home church, to be able to teach each other new things and bring new ideas to the table. I will be working with Braking Traffik, making sure the public and legislature are educated on human trafficking.



### Cristian Marin (Iglesia Cristiana Del Este Whittier; Whittier, CA)

I'm excited to see where this program takes me and who I will become at the end. I also hope to be the best I can be and help where help is needed. Quad City Interfaith which is launching a Community ID campaign in Davenport this fall targeting Scott County. This will allow individuals to obtain identification cards which in turn allows them to access services such as libraries, food pantries and opportunities that require individuals present proof of identification.



### Anna Westin (United Christian Parish; Lakeport, CA)

The opportunity to challenge myself in a deep, spiritual way in discerning what it is I want to do with the rest of my life is the most exciting aspect of this program for me personally. I have never lived away from home for this long before, so I am most nervous about figuring out budgets and being a real-life adult. I am hoping to work at St. Joseph the Worker House in Rock Island. I will be the relief manager there (sitting in on the discernment process with the other employees, getting to know the women and children in the house, setting up weekly goals with them, finding resources for the women). I would also be able to attend bimonthly meetings with other agencies, and also with the membership committees there (finance, fundraising, grants, building and grounds, Martha House and Garden) so I can absorb as much as possible and be efficient at my job!

Please join us on **August 30th** at First Christian Church Davenport at **3PM** for XPLOR Installation with a potluck to follow. Help us welcome our residents to the Quad Cities as we all embark on the journey together!

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES BY **August 16** FOR THE **August 19** VISITOR.



## SECOND QUARTER Volunteers

### August Volunteers

Christian Friendliness  
August 19

Mary Kay Cary & LaRonn Jones

Christian Family Care Center  
August 28

Marilyn Johannes, Pat McCullough,  
And Bob & Myrna Thompson,

### September Volunteers

Mt. Zion  
September 1

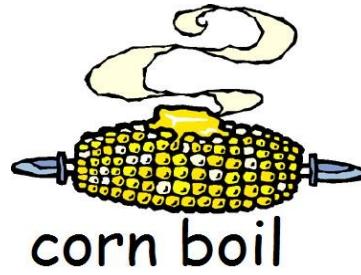
Bev & Rich Harper, Chuck & Vergie  
Copeland and Jean & Leon Loose

Christian Friendliness  
September 16

Randy & Robin James, Michelle Hays  
and Jeff & Beth Forret

Christian Family Care Center  
September 25

Don & Marilyn Allen , Sue Reed and  
JoAnn Wilt



**Friendship Class**  
Friendship Class will  
be meeting on  
**August 14 at 6PM**  
or a Corn Boil.



## S.I.S. Boom

S.I.S. Boom is back on  
schedule. We will have  
lunch at **11:30AM** on  
**Friday, August 21st** at  
Welcome Inn in Milan.

We pray you will join us.

Please let Mary Lou  
Johnson, Diane Ballard,  
Bev or Rich Harper, Chuck  
or Vergie Copeland know if  
you are able to come.

Peace,  
Vergie Copeland



## CWF Brunch

**August 19th at 10AM**

**Please join CWF  
as Bev Harper  
discusses  
Human Trafficking.**

**Sign up today in the  
Narthex or by calling  
the church office.**





**August  
Wedding**  
**On August 29, 2015**  
Ellen James will wed  
Jon Mulder at **1PM.**

**Congratulations to the new couple**



#### **Meet & Greet**

The XPLOR residents and Elders will meet at Ann Bowman's house on **Thursday, August 27 at 5:30PM** for a cook out. This will take the place of the August Elder meeting.

### **XPLOR Installation**

On Sunday, **August 30th**, We will be having a Unity worship with Grace Myanmar at **10AM.**



**At 3PM at Davenport First Christian Church, 510 East 15th Street, Davenport, IA,** we will have Worship followed by a potluck for the installation of the XPLOR program. Please mark this on your calendars and plan to attend worship and share in food, fun and fellowship at the XPLOR Installation.



#### **Food Pantry Donations**

Remember, **August 16** we are accepting non-perishable goods to be taken to the food pantry.

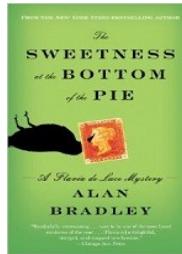


**Deborah Group #3**  
Deborah Group #3 will meet at Village Inn on 1st Street in Moline **Wednesday, Deborah CWF #3 September 2 at 11:30AM.**

After lunch and a free piece of pie, we will go to the church for a business meeting and Arlis will have a lesson for us.

You are invited and welcomed to join us for lunch.

Serving the Lord,  
Vergie Copeland

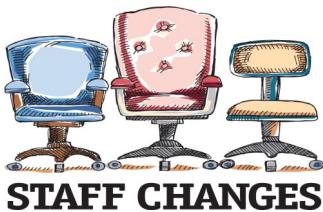


**FCC Book Club** will meet at Panera Bread on **Monday, September 14, 2015** at **6PM** for a meal and Fellowship with a book discussion at **7PM.**

The book for **September** is:  
**Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie**  
by Alan Bradley



**Movie Night**  
**September 11 @5:30PM**  
**in Fellowship Hall**  
**FREE sloppy joe meal**  
**Feature Presentation**  
**"5 flights up"**  
**Please join us for**  
**food, fun, and fellowship**



## STAFF CHANGES

Where has the time gone? Summer is drawing to a close. The summer meal program will end August 14 and the kids will be in school the following Monday. Then our XPLOR residents arrive the last week in August. Before we know it, The Holiday season will be upon us and we will be rushing around in preparation.

Unfortunately, I will not be here. At the end of this month, August 28, 2015, I will be resigning my position with the church and leaving the quad cities to start my new life in Jacks Creek, TN. It saddens me to leave a position I love, but I believe God has a vision for me. I will miss all my friends, but will be embarking on an adventure.

I pray the church finds someone to fill this position quickly with someone who can help to take the church to the next level.

It was a pleasure working with and for all of you. Thank you for the opportunity!

Blessings,  
Denise Miles



## From the President

Over the years I made sure that there were "I Wish" brochures in the pews of the congregations I served. These simple brochures gave worshippers an opportunity to express their wishes, such as: "I wish the minister would preach a sermon on . . ." or "I wish our congregation would be involved in . . ." or "I wish our church would start . . ." or I wish we would pray for . . ." Each simple question was completely open-ended.

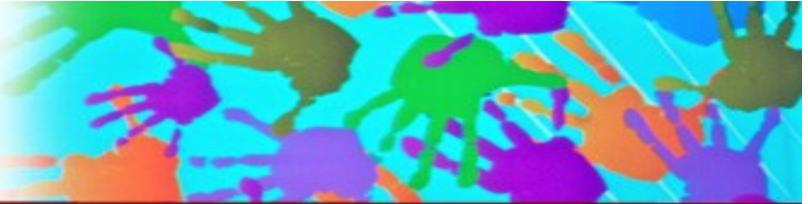
Over the years I watched as my congregations got involved in ministries such as Habitat for Humanity, Refugee Resettlement, Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue, Food Pantries, Sheltering the Homeless, Specialized Care for the Physically, Intellectually, and Mentally Disabled/Challenged, After School Tutoring, etc., all because someone wrote down their wish and placed it in the Offering Box or in the Offering Tray. I learned that if a congregation is ever at a loss for what to do or how to connect with its community, just ask the people in the pews to express their wishes. You might just be surprised!

I remember one of those "I Wish" brochures that said, "I wish the minister would preach a sermon on letting go of past hurts and pains." Obviously someone was having difficulty letting go. In the sermon that followed, I chose as a text Colossians 3:12-17, where it says in part: "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body."

I said in part:

"Letting go of past hurts and pains is precisely how to let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Holding on to past hurts and pains only prolongs Christ's coming and your liberation.

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## From the President cont.

But do not write-off your past hurts and pains as unimportant. All you experience in your life is of deep importance. Do not forget that biblically, we are called to remember. The whole of the Decalogue is built on remembering. Each week at communion we remember.

"The church has often been guilty of suggesting that forgiveness is cheap. I heard one parishioner the other day casually speaking to another, saying: 'Just forgive and forget - - that's all there is to it.'

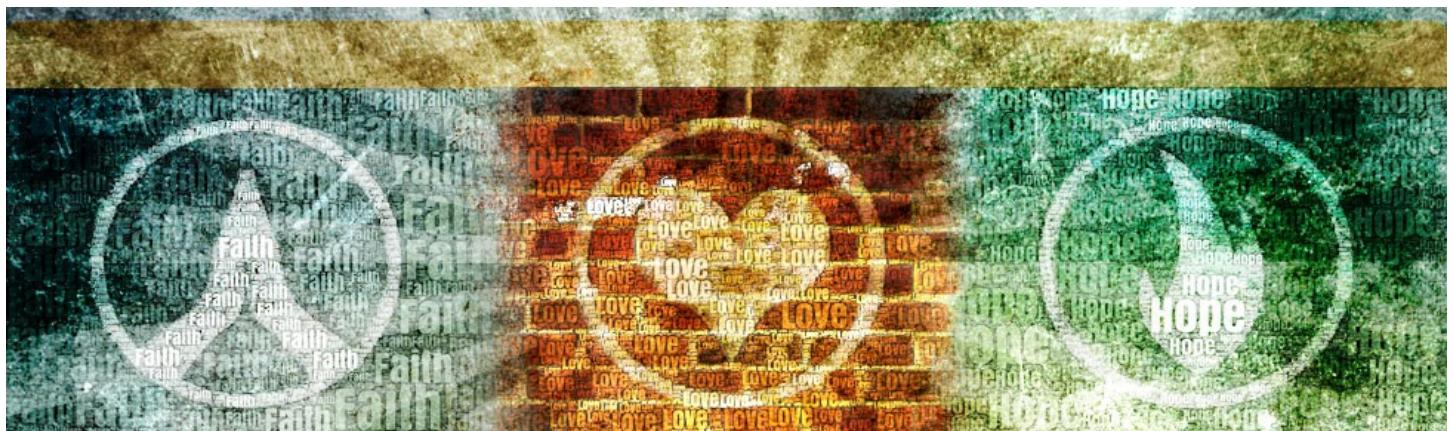
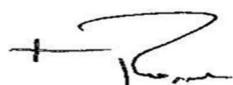
"But this is not so. We are formed by our experiences of hurt and pain as much or more so than by our experiences of goodness and joy. Didactically, our experiences become our teachers and help us grow in ways we never before thought possible . . ."

"Somewhere along the way I heard the story of the eagle who knows when a storm is approaching. Long before the storm breaks, the eagle will fly to some high spot and wait. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, it is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm: it simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rides on the winds of the storm.

"Past hurts and pains may be gifts in disguise which can help us rise, like the eagle, above those things which normally would defeat us . . ."

There is much more to the sermon than the excerpts found here. The point is that when our ministers and congregational leaders listen to the wishes of the people in the pews, a connection is made that can transform congregational life and create its mission imperatives. Give your people an opportunity to share their wishes and become co-participants with God in creating a church where . . . You fill in the rest!

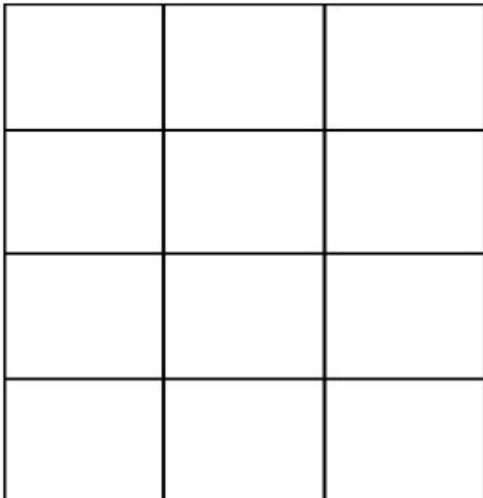
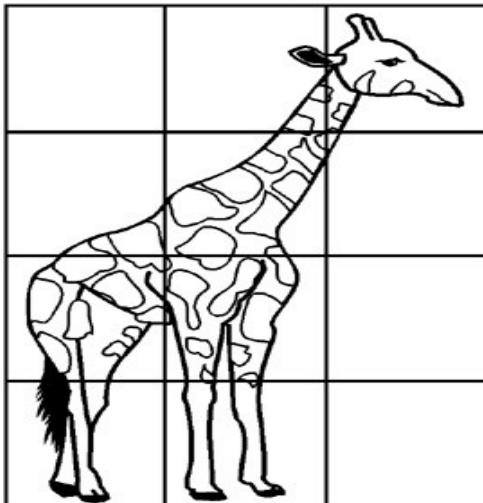
Wishing-ly yours,



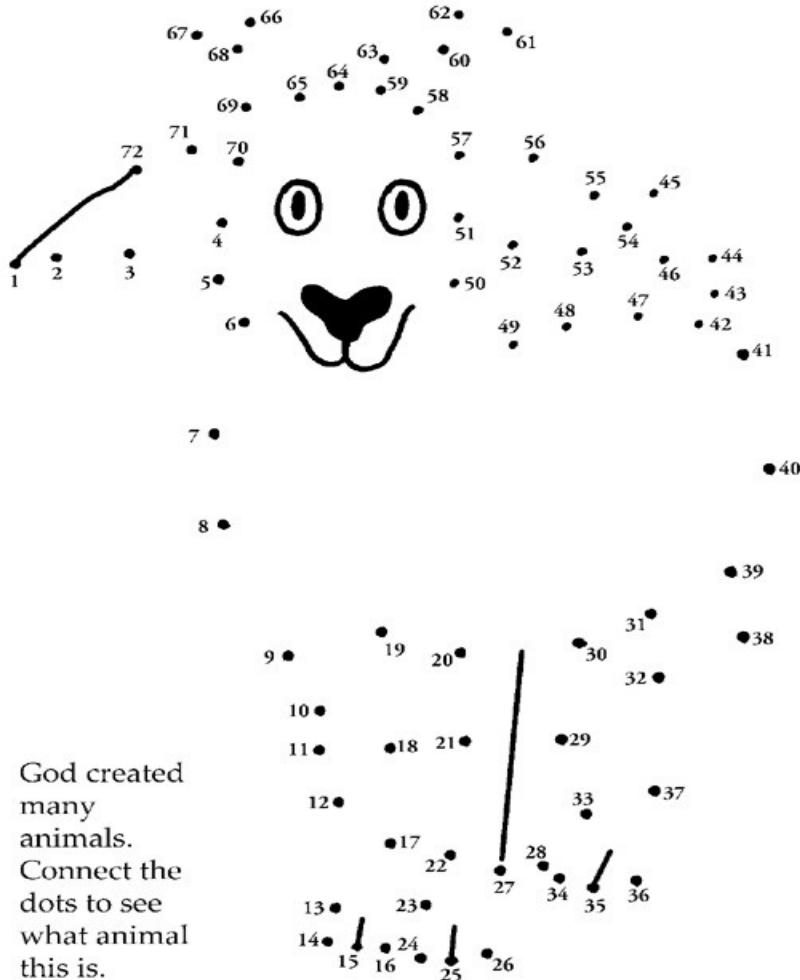


## Drawing

Using the grid as a guide, redraw the picture below.



## Dot-to-Dot



God created many animals. Connect the dots to see what animal this is.

## Animals

Using the code at right, fill in the missing letters to find the names of animals.

O E A I

H  RS

SN  K

L   N

C  T

C  W

G  R  F

C  Y  T

G  R  L

K  O N G  O R

B   R

M   S

G  O T

Answers: Horse, Cow, Kangaroo, Snake, Giraffe, Bear, Lion, Coyote, Moose, Cat, Gorilla, Goat



## THANK YOU!

Our thanks to all our church family. We received many cards, calls and visits during Dick's stay in the hospital and at Hope Creek. He is doing so much better and improving every day. This is all as a result of the many prayers and good wishes sent our way.. We felt your love and concern every day and Pastor Beth's many visits with Dick meant so much to both of us. Although he is slowly making his way back to physical health, he will never regain all of the memory he has lost. When you greet him please mention your name as that seems to be his worst loss. We hope with time he will be able to remember names again. Our blessings on all of you.

Jean Dorbeck

ATTENDANCE	07/19	07/26	8/2
8:30AM Contemporary	45	28	36
Sunday School	46	46	44
11:00AM Traditional	45	40	36

## Memorials



### Given By:

Pat McCullough, Jo Ann Wilt,

Marion Lance, Shelly Rumler,

Marilyn Eberhardt, Carl Moon,

Helen & Harold Heiland,

John & Rita Amundsen,

Jeffrey & Karen VanDeCasteel, and

Donald Kurrle

In Memory of:

Lois Rumler



Prayer Requests

### Those with continuing concerns ~

**Congregation Members** - Bob Carlson, Chuck Copeland, Dick Dorbeck, Bob Fredrickson, Dolores & Dick Frybarger, Myrna & Pete Harris, Dick Heider, Randy James, Wayne Kizer, Nick Norris, Adam Reese, Chuck Reese, Shaynna Reese, Don & Lynn Reffett, and Louise Roby.

**Friends of Congregation** - Andy Carlson, Alyce Gidel, Mae Gottwalt, Tucker Hanson, Bud Jeffery, Tessa Jones, Pat & Mike Knutstrom, Patty Kraft, Maggie & Roger Krueger, Dean Lance, Ida Lear, Ray Norton, Owen Phillips, Ron & Marilyn Rupe, Sandy Smith, and Kimberly Strader.

### PRAY FOR OUR



### MILITARY

Bob Baker, Matthew Baker, Evan Bowman, Roger Crane, Jack Dau, Joe Dau, Larilyn Reffett, Matt Smith, and Michael Wood.



Remember Our Homebound

Elaine Allen, Len Dorothy, Beth and Bob Fredrickson, Mary Lou Greene, Betty Hatchett, Zeura Krambeck, Joanne Kline, Peg McDougall, Alice Mockmore, Lucy Morris, Daryl O'Bryan, Shirley Roberts, Louise Roby, Cecelia Vogler, and Bob Wendell.



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 Bob Lear, Custodian

### Visitor Volunteers:

Mary Kay Cary, Pam Heider, Jean Loose, Myrna Harris



**August 16**  
 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
 9:30 AM Coffee Time  
 10:00 AM Church School  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship  
 Reverend Dr. Beth Rupe Preaching

**August 9**  
 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
 9:30 AM Coffee Time  
 10:00 AM Church School  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship  
 Rev Harper Preaching

Sunday School at 10:00 AM - Nursery provided all morning  
 Coffee fellowship from 9:30 - 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall  
 Each 5th Sunday is a Unity Sunday with Church School at 9 AM and Worship at 10 AM.



*Share the Faith*

