



Our Church Portrait

September/October 2026

Capitol Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Des Moines, Iowa

Our Mission Statement -
Spreading GOD's Love, Hope, and Joy with You!

Sunday Schedule – Worship 10am

We are **Disciples of Christ**, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcome us!

Rev. Craig Robertson's Article –

Something to think about...

What are your spiritual needs that we can address through ministries to ensure they are met at Capitol Hill?

The Elders and Spiritual Growth team want to conduct a survey that will give you the opportunity to tell us what your spiritual needs might be and how we might be able to meet them. We are doing this survey because otherwise we end up guessing and failing to meet your spiritual needs. This is also a form of Evangelism, inviting people to attend these new ministries to meet their spiritual needs. These questions will range from how important your prayer life is to what types of new ministries you believe we need to develop so members can participate and reach out beyond our walls to meet people's spiritual needs. This is what makes us different from any other business. Yes, we need to run Capitol Hill to make sure we are being good financial shepherds of this gift from God called Capitol Hill Christian Church (DOC). But what sets us apart from other businesses is that we are called to make a difference in people's hearts, minds, and souls by helping them have a strong spiritual relationship with God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and members of this family of God called Capitol Hill Christian Church (DOC). To claim our vision and mission statement, we need to make sure we are sharing God's love, hope, and joy with everybody and helping them be spiritually strong. So stay tuned for your opportunity to communicate to the Elders and Spiritual Growth Team on what your spiritual needs are.

Something to think about and talk about.

Love you all,

Rev. Craig

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- September 5th – 1pm Diamond Art
- September 9th – 6pm Board Meeting
- September 10th – 1pm CWF Meeting
- September 13th – Outdoor Worship – Ice Cream & Brownie Social
- September 16th – 6pm Elder Meeting
- September 19th – 1pm Diamond Art
- September 20th – Youth Spaghetti Dinner
- September 27th – 4pm Cribbage Club
- October 3rd – 1pm Diamond Art
- October 8th – 1pm CWF Meeting
- October 14th – 6pm Board Meeting
- October 17th – 1pm Diamond Art
- October 21st – 6pm Elder Meeting
- October 25th – 4pm Cribbage Club
- November 8th – All church birthday party

Board Meeting Notes

Reviewed monthly reports and discussed budget, fundraisers and finances.

Next meetings are September 9th
and October 14th @ 6pm.

Food Pantry Donations –

June – 290.4 lbs of food & \$260 cash

July – 144-6 lbs of food & \$100 cash



July & August Birthdays

Sept 2nd – Vicki Buehler
Sept 2nd – Jason Buehler
Sept 3rd – Patti Horrigan
Sept 4th – Sheri Miller
Sept 14th – Ruth Shelton
Sept 20th – Roger Freerksen
Sept 25th – Dolores Bliss
Sept 26th – Lindsey Buehler
Sept 27th – Abby Kerns-Lester
Sept 28th – Betty Black
Oct 4th – Cheryl Green
Oct 6th – Laura Robertson
Oct 8th – Sheryl Hove
Oct 18th – Skip Larson
Oct 25th – Brooke Adamovicz
Oct 28th – Rod Green
Oct 31st – Stephanie Collins

July & August Anniversaries

Sept 10th – Jeff & Donna Kerns
Sept 24th – Jeff & Tanya Buehler
Oct 14th – Chris & Joan Miller
Oct 22nd – Jason & Lindsey Buehler

The pop can ministry is changing the way we gather cans and bottles. We are going to have two big boxes, one for cans and one for plastics. If you could separate your cans and bottles into the boxes we would appreciate it. If not that is fine the kids can help do this. We will have a box for glass bottles as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica Hove or Brooke Adamovicz.

CHCC Member Spotlight:



Norma Smith has been a faithful member of our church family for over 23 years. She and her husband, James, began attending our church in 2003. At 97 years old, Norma continues to be an example of strong faith and devotion to Christ.

Raised near Vandalia, Norma attended a one-room schoolhouse before graduating from Prairie City High School in 1943. She later worked for Farm Bureau and the Department of Motor Vehicles in Des Moines.

Faith has always been central to Norma's life. She grew up in the Church of Christ, where she later met James. Together they raised six children while keeping church and family at the center of their home.

Norma enjoyed gardening, reading, painting, quilting, and making baby quilts for her children and grandchildren. She especially treasured time spent with the CWF making quilts for community groups and church fundraisers.

Norma believes that it is not the church building that saves you, but Jesus Christ. Her favorite scriptures include the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. Her advice is simple: read your Bible daily, trust in Jesus, and remember that God is always with you.

Above all, Norma hopes her children and grandchildren will continue to follow Christ and keep their faith strong.



Outdoor Worship Service

Weather permitting, on Sunday, September 13th we will have worship outside so bring a chair and join us for worship in God's creation!!

Following worship, we would love to have you join us for brownies and ice cream.



Grant Writing

The fundraising team is looking for someone or a group of people that would be interested in writing grants for our church. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Kerns or the church office.



A big thanks to all that donated school supplies for Garton Elementary!



Spaghetti Dinner Sept 20th After Church

We are bringing back the youth group Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. This is fully put on by our youth group, of course, with a little help from some adults. Ticket prices will be \$8 for 65 and older, and \$15 for everyone else. We will not be having salads this year, as we do not want anyone to get sick with the lettuce ick. There will be a sign-up sheet for desserts. If you have any questions, please see Jessica or Sheryl Hove.



It's that time of year again for our Chicken and Noodle fundraiser. The weather will hopefully be a lot cooler where we can enjoy this awesome dinner. The date will be October 18th after church. Ticket prices are \$8 for 65 and older, and \$15 for everyone else. We will have a sign-up sheet for desserts coming so be looking for that. If you have any questions, please talk to Sheryl or Jessica Hove.

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CONGREGATIONAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Craig Robertson

Child Care Attendant: Jessica Hove

Pianist: Marilyn Burch

Custodian: Kevin Green

Secretary: Stephanie Collins

Parish Nurse: Sheri Miller

September 2026 Leadership Schedule

Date	Sept 6th	Sept 13th	Sept 20th	Sept 27th
Worship Leader	Clark Betts	Diana Collins	Clare Smith-Larson	Joanie Christensen-Sund
Acolyte	Oakley Waltz	Xander Ripperger	Arya Green	Olivia Adamovicz
Greeters	Clark Betts	Diana Collins & Clare Smith-Larson	Nancy Kaldenberg	Vicki & Randy Buehler
AV Tech	Jessica Hove	Stephanie Collins	Jessica Hove	Stephanie Collins
Communion	Diana Collins & Weedor Tennih	Vicki & Randy Buehler	Laura Robertson & Weedor Tennih	Vicky Kollmann & Diana Collins
Diaconate Captain	Diana Collins	Randy Buehler	Laura Robertson	Diana Collins
Elder Caring and Sharing	Jeff Kerns	Rev. Robertson	Jeff Kerns	Rev. Robertson
Elder Time of Generosity and Prayer	Jeff Kerns	Rev. Robertson	Jeff Kerns	Rev. Robertson
Elder Communion Meditation and Prayer	Jeff Kerns	Rev. Robertson	Jeff Kerns	Rev. Robertson

October 2026 Leadership Schedule

Date	October 4 th	October 11th	October 18th	October 25th
Worship Leader	Diana Collins	Clark Betts	Stephanie Collins	Clare Smith-Larson
Acolyte	William Ripperger	Joy Tennih	Owen Green	Elena Adamovicz
Greeters	Clark Betts	Diana Collins & Clare Smith-Larson	Nancy Kaldenberg	Vicki & Randy Buehler
AV Tech	Jessica Hove	Stephanie Collins	Jessica Hove	Stephanie Collins
Communion	Dan & Ruth Shelton	Vicki & Randy Buehler	Laura Robertson & Weedor Tennih	Vicky Kollmann & Diana Collins
Diaconate Captain	Ruth Shelton	Randy Buehler	Laura Robertson	Diana Collins
Elder Caring and Sharing	Roger Freerksen	Roger Freerksen	Roger Freerksen	Roger Freerksen
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