

### 2025 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 5, 2025	Highland Park Christian Church Des Moines IA First Christian Church, Mount Ayr IA	Arlene Johnson, Interim Rodney Glazebrook	Robert Haskin Jessie Lent Arlene Drennan	<b>Pension Fund</b> – provides a pension plan, savings programs and tax information for our church employees
January 12, 2025	Mitchellville Christian Church, Mitchellville, IA Fairview Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA	Clinton Wallace	Eydie Stephens	<b>Christian Church of the Pacific Southwest</b> –Includes southern California, Nevada, and Hawaii
January 19, 2025	First Pacific Islanders Christian Church, Bismarck ND	Larry Sotam	Thomas Stone Linda Swanson	<b>Council on Christian Unity</b> – represents the Disciples in key ecumenical activities around the world
January 26, 2025	Glen Echo Christian Church, Des Moines, IA Moorhead Christian Church, Moorhead, IA	Aaron Brunner  Chuck Snow	Steve Wainwright Brent Cantrell Justin Carlson	<b>Christian Church, Northeast Region</b> – includes churches in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York
February 2, 2025	First Christian Church, Perry, IA	Andrea Brownlee	Gary Freeland	<b>Christian Church in North Carolina</b>
February 9, 2025	Central Christian Church, Boone, IA River Valley Disciples, Johnston, IA	Clayton Boyd Sheldon Henderson	Marvin Fortune Larry Squier	<b>Christian Church in Oklahoma</b>
February 16, 2025	First Christian Church, Oskaloosa, IA  Christian Church (Disciples), North English, North English, IA	Robert & Molly Goodrich Luke Caster	Gary Hesser Jay Hillestad David Clark	<b>Week of Compassion</b> - The channel for providing a compassionate response to severe human distress caused by natural disaster or political or economic crisis
February 23, 2025	Carlisle Christian Church, Carlisle, IA First Christian Church, Spencer, IA	Kristen Pike	Mary Brokken Christine Isham-Walsh	<b>Christian Church in Oregon &amp; Southwest Idaho</b>
March 2, 2025	First Christian Church, Ames, IA  First Christian (Disciples of Christ), Estherville, IA First Christian Church, St. Paul, MN	Mary Jane and Tim Button-Harrison, Janet Lott  Dennis Sanders	Amanda Sorenson Tammy Rottschaefter Corrine Welsch Doug Burton	<b>Black Minister's Retreat</b> – A denomination wide retreat and continuing education event for clergy of Convocation churches
March 9, 2025 SPRING FORWARD	Park Avenue Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Woodbine, IA	Doug Pfeiffer  Chuck Snow	Phil Jorgensen Kathy Thomas Tammy Tychsen	<b>Christian Church in Kansas</b>
March 16, 2025	Ankeny Christian Church, Ankeny IA Elkhart Christian Church, Elkhart, IA Broadway Christian Church, Council Bluffs, IA	Owen Cayton  Vergarie Sandford	Melanie Van Weelden Dave Neas C. J. Latham Joel Aurand	<b>Christian Church in Indiana</b>
March 23, 2025	First Christian Church, Winterset, IA First Christian Church, Sioux City, IA Lenox Christian Church, Lenox, IA	Kevin & Sue Blader	Shirley Lockard Jim Wilson Ken Wells	<b>Christian Church in the Southwest</b> – includes congregations in Texas and New Mexico

March 30, 2025	Altoona Christian Church, Altoona, IA Woodburn Christian Church, Woodburn IA	Paul Elliott Willa Haerberlin	Angela Doty Jayme Harvey John Bolen	<b>Christian Church in Virginia</b>
April 6, 2025	First Christian Church, Albia, IA Marion Christian Church, Marion, IA	John Sowers Mike Miller	Sheryl Butler Anjeanette Perkins	<b>Christian Church in Ohio</b>
April 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY	Wakonda Christian Church, Wakonda IA  First Christian Church, Packwood, IA Capitol Hill Christian Church, Des Moines, IA	Robyn Bles Sara Patty  Craig Robertson	David Goin Connie Wacht Kristin Alstott Bruce Gowen	<b>Disciples Home Missions</b> – these are located around the United States and change to go where there is need. More info available at Homeland Ministries
April 20, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY	Garden City Christian Church, Garden City, MN First Christian Church, Hampton, IA	Kathy Einan	Brad Thornton Tammy Buseman Mary Wells	<b>Christian Church in the Capital Area</b> – includes congregations in Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia
April 27, 2025	First Christian Church, Adel IA Woodward Christian Church, Woodward, IA	Tim Johnson, Interim Patricia Stalter	Gary Sneller Harlan (Frosty) Van Voorst	<b>Communication Ministries</b> - interprets the vision and mission of our General Church through media and print resources
May 4, 2025	First Christian Church, Vinton, IA	Dick Jumper Dana Worrell-Jumper	Chris Conklin Marian Hart	<b>Christian Church in Pennsylvania</b>
May 11, 2025	First Christian Church, Coralville, IA  Prescott United Church, Prescott, IA	Jill Cameron Michel Laura Kittrell Kara Seaton Mary O'Riley	Shannon Smith Stephanie Stovall George Lair	<b>Christian Board of Publications/Chalice Media</b> – the Disciples publishing house producing books and resources
May 18, 2025	First Christian Church, Burlington, IA  Braddyville Christian Church, Braddyville, IA	David Yonker Brooke Robbins Anika McVay	Joan White Jared Wortman Rita Nakashima Brock	<b>Disciples Home Missions</b> - assists in strengthening congregations and leaders in ministry and home mission sites
May 25, 2025	New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, IA Trinity Christian Church, Bridgewater, IA	Sherry Schwab, Interim	John Eilers Tom Carpe	<b>National Benevolent Association</b> – is the Disciples' social and health services arm of the church
June 1, 2025	Norwalk Christian Church, Norwalk, IA Clearfield Christian Church, Clearfield, IA Central Christian Church, Jefferson, IA	Travis Stanley  J Alexander	Darla Ewalt Sheila Hunter Alice Bolen John McKinstry	<b>Christian Church Foundation</b> – works with congregations or individuals managing permanent funds benefiting various ministries of the church
June 8, 2025	Pleasantville Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA Chuukese Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Nerleb Likisap, Dividen Phirmen	James Chesnutt Joy Linn Bryan Feille	<b>New Church Starts</b> – Pentecost Offering collected goes toward our Denominational goal of starting 1,000 new congregations by 2020
June 15, 2025	Faith First Community Church, Davenport, IA Central Christian Church, Marshalltown, IA	Heidi Hulme  Michael Carlson	Joshua Patty Donald Slaughter James Crapson Marsha Borders	<b>Christian Church, Northern Lights</b> – includes congregations in Washington, North Idaho, Alaska, and Montana
June 22, 2025	United Church of Diagonal, Diagonal IA Davis Street Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Rodney Glazebrook Terry Wise	Melea White Anne Gregory Jan Linn	<b>Disciples of Christ Historical Society</b> – maintains historical materials related to the Stone-Campbell movement

June 29, 2025	First Christian Church, Muscatine, IA Bloomfield Christian Church, Bloomfield, IA First Church United, West Liberty, IA	Marcia Heil Don Naftz  Deb Mann	Jerry Crenshaw Liz Woodward Mark Woldruff John Fairweather	<b>Association of Disciple Musicians</b> – organization where professionals and volunteers can share resources and experiences of their common music ministry.
July 6, 2025	Luther Christian Church, Maxwell, IA New Beginnings Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	Gary Cummings Heather Wachendorf Jason Ellingston Hillary Welborn	Jerry Thordsen Juanita Scriven Jacqueline Morgan	<b>Office of General Minister and President</b> – is responsible for the pastoral care and nurture of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
July 13, 2025	First Christian Church, Panora, IA Noelridge Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA	Casey Brown  Stasia Fine	Daniel Romero Angelo Luis	<b>General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</b>
July 20, 2025	Nichols Christian Church, Nichols, IA First Christian Church, Fort Madison, IA	Marcia Heil Leslie Dalstra	Lisa Grace Dawn Ingram	<b>Christian Church in Tennessee</b>
July 27, 2025	First Christian Church, Clarinda, IA Prairie City Christian Church, Prairie City, IA	Max Wagaman	Emily Steeples Bob Pickerell Carla Hillyer	<b>North American Pacific Asian Disciples</b> – serves the growing American Asian church by coordinating the needs of the diverse group
August 3, 2025	Iglesia Christiana Nueva Jerusalem, Rochester, MN First Christian Church, Sac City, IA	Benjamin Vanegas  Mark McWhorter	Peggy Stott Sylvia Larssen	<b>Christian Church in Arizona</b>
August 10, 2025	Lacona Christian Church, Lacona, IA Community Church of Christ, Sloan, IA	Kevin Livengood Kody Killian	Phil Coe David Digby	<b>Obra Hispana</b> – facilitates, promotes, supports' & coordinates the work of Hispanic ministries
August 17, 2025	United Church of Ira, Ira, IA First Christian Church, Osceola, IA Reheboth Christian Church, Des Moines, IA	Dan McNeal	Sue Woods Linda Lighthall Mike Omundson	<b>National Convocation</b> – supports and strengthens the involvement of predominantly African American congregations.
August 24, 2025	United Christian-Presbyterian Church, Bedford, IA First Christian Church, Fairfield, IA		Margaret Hutchens Brice Hughes	<b>Christian Church in South Carolina</b>
August 31, 2025	Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, IA Runnells Christian Church, Runnells, IA	Roy Karlen  Katie Russell-Hainline	Kristin Peters David Vernon	<b>Christian Church in Florida</b>
September 7, 2025	First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, IA Central Christian Church, Waterloo, IA	Jolene James  Anna & Henry Brewer Calvert	Cheri Gelner Shirley Martinson Dennis McKee	<b>Christian Church in Kentucky</b>
September 14, 2025	Christian Church of Chariton, Chariton, IA  Kellogg Christian Church, Kellogg, IA	Gray & Rachel Fredericks Brian David Kleinschrodt	Traverce Harrison Jim Wakelin	<b>Christian Church in Alabama-Northwest Florida</b>
September 21, 2025	Bondurant Christian Church, Bondurant, IA West Des Moines Christian Church, West Des Moines, IA	Randy, Mark & Luke Ehrhardt, Nicole McBride	Richard Guentert Karen Fausch Randy Allman Donna Murphy-Ceradsky	<b>Disciples Church Church Extension Fund</b> –works directly with congregations, with building needs, fund raising, and resources for new church starts and congregational revitalization

September 28, 2025	Downtown Disciples, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Keokuk, IA	Debbie Griffin David Turner Janet Quinlan Brian Nixon Cathie Courtois	David Cobb David Nash Lynda Lee Tom Burns	<b>Reconciliation Ministries</b> – fights against the primary causes of racism in North America. It funds programs at local and regional levels.
October 5, 2025	First Christian Church, Creston IA Christian Church Disciples, Rock Rapids, IA	Tony Thurston Corilee Boer	Caila Rinker Kristin Van Heyningen Doris Kinton	<b>Christian Church in Nebraska</b>
October 12, 2025	First Christian Church, Cedar Falls, IA Christian-United Methodist Church, Humeston, IA	Robert Fread	Ron Keith Terry Halstead	<b>Central Rocky Mountain Region</b> – includes Colorado, Wyoming, Northwest New Mexico, Idaho, Utah
October 19, 2025	First Christian Church, Center Point, IA St. Charles Parish, St. Charles, IA	Kevin Jones Darin Feikema	Emily Guentert Mark Hall	<b>Christian Church in Canada</b>
October 26, 2025	First Christian Church, Nevada, IA Islanders Fellowship Church, Sioux City, IA	W. Mike Albert Retnick Suta	Courtney Rife Dennis Arnold Ana Wilson Jason Grow	<b>Global Ministries/Division of Overseas Ministries</b> – Our overseas mission work which we do jointly with the United Church of Christ
November 2, 2025 FALL BACK	United Church of Christ, Atlantic, IA Exira Christian Church, Exira, IA	Heather Santi-Brown Glen Meyers	Alan Berneman Tim Diebel	<b>The Great River Region</b> – includes congregations in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi
November 9, 2025	First Christian Church, Minneapolis MN First Christian Church, Red Oak, IA	Laurie Feille Dan Adolphson A J Baratta	Don Hiscox Mike Armstrong	<b>Christian Church in Georgia</b>
November 16, 2025	Howard Street Christian Church, Colfax, IA First Christian Church, Hedrick, IA	Josh Burns	Candace Brown Teresa Pecinovsky	<b>Christian Church in Illinois-Wisconsin</b> <b>Christian Church in Michigan</b>
November 23, 2025	First Christian Church, Laurens, IA United Protestant Church, Silver Bay, MN	Rita Cordell	Lisa Baker Lynda Carlson Suzi Moore	<b>Higher Education and Leadership Ministries</b> – work in partnership with 17 colleges, 10 seminaries and 80 campus ministry programs
November 30, 2025	New Virginia Christian Church, New Virginia, IA Bladensburg Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Darin Feikema Larry Smith	Jim Cord Mary Dyer Paul Ficzeri Jia Starr Brown	<b>Christian Church in Greater Kansas City</b> –includes congregations in Missouri and Kansas in the Greater Kansas City area.
December 7, 2025	First Christian Church, Newton, IA Urbana Christian Church, Urbana, IA	Pamela Gibbs	Dennis James Eric Johnson	<b>Christian Church in West Virginia</b>
December 14, 2025	Drake Avenue Christian Church, Centerville, IA Stanhope Parish, Stanhope, IA	Gary Brooks	Wendy Manuel Larry Naylor Heather Thonvold	<b>Christian Church of Mid-America</b> – includes churches in Missouri and the Greater St. Louis area in Illinois
December 21, 2025	Waukee Christian Church, Waukee, IA Covenant Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	JP Channels Julie Cornelius Loren Strait	Clara Nelson Andrew Packman Diana Robertson	<b>Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada</b>
December 28, 2025	Oakland Christian Church, Oakland, IA Redfield Christian Church, Redfield, IA	Doug Jones, Kyle Dredge	Marilyn Scott McKinna Shinnars	<b>Christian Church in the Upper Midwest</b> – includes congregations in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota