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WAKONDA NEWS

From the Pastor's Desk...

*Which are the magic
moments in ordinary
time? All of them,
For those who can see*
- **Ordinary Time** by Tim Dlugos

After the fiery, Holy Spirit days of Pentecost, the church enters Ordinary Time. We Disciples are not highly structured liturgical people, but we do follow church time, which we call the Liturgical Calendar. It's what tells us when Advent begins, when Ash Wednesday is honored, and Lent is followed. It helps us read scripture throughout the year and unites us with Christians throughout the world.

The children have a "clock" on the wall in their Worship and Wonder room that tells "how the church tells time." It runs backwards from a regular clock, because God's time anchors us to past. It runs in a circle because God's story is always present. And the beginning is an ending, and an ending is the beginning – God's story is always renewed and calls us to live it into the future.

If you look at the clock, you'll see the High Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, and Pentecost. These holidays make up half of our year. And in these summer months we enter what is called Ordinary Time. That's because we are called to live God's love not just on the holidays or in big moments, but in the every day. It's liturgical color is green, because it is the season of growth. Real growth is slow, intentional, ordinary.

It's also called Ordinary for the Latin for Ordinance. Daily practices and ordinary living are meant to anchor us amidst the rest of the year of celebrations and preparations. This means during the summer months we live by a slightly

different time. We take vacations, talk to our neighbors later in the evening because the light lingers, and pause to help things grow in our gardens and flower beds.

It's no different for the church. Many classes hit pause from Sunday school. Our youth focus their energy upon mission trips, church camps, and VBS. We worship, chit chats, and lessons by the Lake, outdoors.

Our ministry shifts gears, but we are still here doing God's good work. Your church staff might not be in the office like we are throughout the rest of the year (Ordinary time does not follow our ordinary schedules). But that means we're representing Wakonda's Welcome, and joining in God's great love as we travel to the Christian Conference Center, Nashville for Mission Trip, or Louisville for Disciples General Assembly. Thank you for supporting the many ways, and many places, we are church together.

Living every day with you,
Pastor Robyn

Leaders of the Church: *Save the date!*

All Board, Elders, Deacons, and Ministry Team members, please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 16th for our first annual Leadership Retreat and Training.

Following worship, we'll gather in the Cord Room for lunch, fellowship, and an introduction to our programmatic ministry year.

Ministry Teams will gather together to dream about how God calls them to work this year.

We'll create our church calendar together, partnering together in collaborative ministry. We'll hear from one another and make plans on how we want to bring Wakonda's ministry to life this coming year.

Lunch will be provided. Please plan to attend and bring all your inspired ideas.

May Outreach Giving

DMF \$1625 W.O.C. \$846

Pentecost \$410 Food Pantry \$765

Total \$2021

June Worship

June 4: Joshua 3:7-17 *"Facing the Giants"*
(Bruce Gowen Preaching)

June 11: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, *Interruptions, Intrusions, and Inspiration* (Richard Guentert Preaching)

June 18: *Find Your Center: In Essentials, Unity* – Ephesians 4:1-6

June 25: **Outdoor Worship**, Romans 12:3-21, *Find Your Center: In Non-Essentials, Liberty*

Pastor Robyn's Summer Schedule

June:

2-4 Family Camp at Conference Center

5-11 Vacation

19-24 Chi Rho Camp at Conference Center

26-29 - VBS

July & August

23-29 – Mission Trip to Nashville, TN

29 – Aug 2 – Christian Church General Assembly in Louisville, KY

August 25: Worship and Wonder Training

Kristen's Summer Schedule

June:

11-17 Directing Junior Camp #1 @ Conference Center

26-29 Director of VBS

July

6 Sweet Treats and Sardines welcoming party and supper for our visiting Oskaloosa Mission Trip friends

17-20 Wakonda Preschool Camp

23-29 Mission Trip in Nashville, TN

August

7-14 Vacation

15-18 Wakonda Preschool Camp

25 Worship and Wonder Training

The best way to communicate with me during the summer months is via email at kristen.alstott@wakondacc.com or via text message at 712-371-2392.



Lessons by the Lake

Starting June 5th at 6:00 PM



We will gather Mondays at the East end of Gray's Lake. In case of rain or the threat of rain we will meet at church. Bring your lawn chair and join our bible study. It is always beautiful and there is a cool breeze and shade even on the hottest of evenings. Contact Bruce and I will secure a study book for your use.

Summer Outdoor Worship at Wakonda

meet on parking lot, lawn, or playground

July 16

10 AM

Aug. 13

bring your own chair or blanket

June 25

Sept. 10 Celebration Sunday

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Wakonda Preschool Summer Camps

Week 1: Future Scientist
July 17-20

Week 2: Wild Water Week
August 14-18

Register: wakondacc.com/summer-camp

Wakonda Preschool
9-11:30 AM
3-5 year olds
\$50 per week

DECORATE AND CREATE FOR VBS

Meet at Wakonda CC to decorate and create a super hero headquarters with our VBS Decorator Jane Dainty

Thursdays at 10 AM
June 1st
June 8
June 15
June 22nd

Wakonda Preschool

May was a busy month. The weather blessed us with lots of time to play and learn outside. Many May days we enjoyed snacks and lunch on the picnic tables. Gene was the star outside whenever he mowed or used the weed eater. The kids absolutely love Mr. Gene.

Graduation was held in May, 13/15, Pre-K/TK students moved on to kindergarten. We wish them all the best on their new journey.

Registration for fall is going well. We welcome more kids and families, help spread the word!

Thank you for your continued support of the preschool.



What's Happening at Wakonda

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	5	6 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	7 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM	8	9	10
11 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	12	13 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	14 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM	15 1:00 p.m. Coloring Group	16	17
18 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	19	20 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	21 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM	22	23	24
25 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship - Outdoors	26 5:30 p.m. VBS	27 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats 5:30 p.m. VBS	28 10:30 a.m. Bible Study via ZOOM 5:30 p.m. VBS	29 5:30 p.m. VBS	30	July 1

June Birthdays

2 Ben Cross **6** Howard Robbins, Dianne Reckling, Carol McGarvey **7** Gene Koll
12 Jo Burnett **15** Tiffany Thompson **16** Allison Lane
18 Matt Stillwell, Bob Baker **19** Sherry Worthington **22** Nancy Amend, Jeff Fox, Jillian Lane
23 Elizabeth Patty, Dale Steffen **26** Maize Stillwell **28** Deene Ehlis **29** John Mooers

Mark your Calendars for Summer Outdoor Worship. We'll enjoy God's great creation as we worship in our parking lot. Please bring a lawn chair and join us!

Summer Outdoor worships:
June 25 July 16 August 13 September 10 (Celebration Sunday)



Wakonda Campers

Camp Address:

Name of Attendee & Camp Name (EX: Junior
Camp #1)
Christian Conference Center
5064 Lincoln Street
Newton, IA 50208

****Note:** Sometimes mail takes a while
to get to Holy Ground.
Please send mail early to ensure attendees will
receive their mail *while* they are at camp.

Family Camp June 2-4th

Caleb, Isaiah, Elizabeth, Josh, and Sara Patty
Kaylee, Benjamin, Chris, and Jess Jessen
Rosey and Robyn Bles

Junior Camp #1 June 11-17th

Kristen Alstott, Natalie Worthington

Chi Rho #1 June 18-24

Robyn Bles
Randy Lane, Susan Thies
Tanner Hinders, Clara Uthe

Grand Camp #1 June 24-25

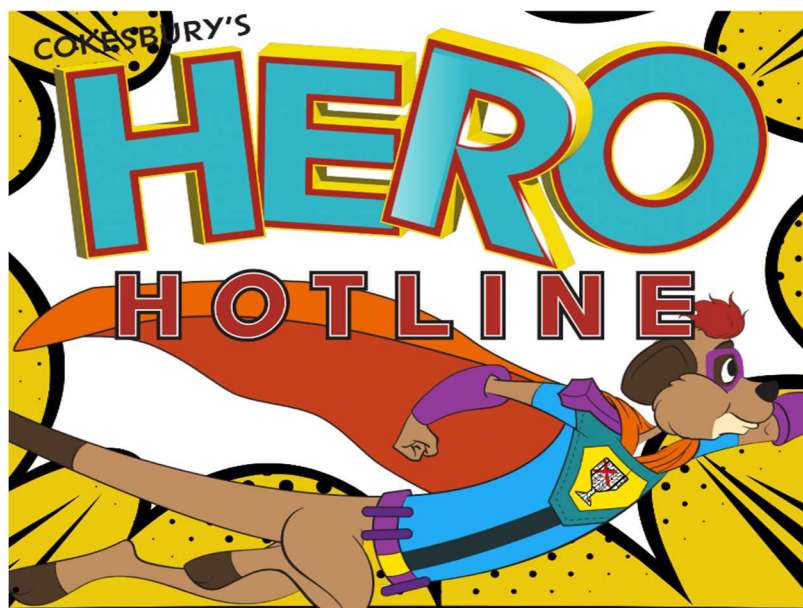
Sara Patty

CYF Camp #2 July 17-22

Nate Worthington

Adventure Camp July 24-29

Jilly Lane, Allison Lane



WAKONDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRESENTS:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 26-29, 5:30-8:00 PM
AGE 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE
SUPPER PROVIDED
REGISTER: WAKONDA.CC/VBS
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VBS Wishlist

Please donate to the "VBS WISHLIST BUCKET"
in the Narthex at the kiosk by May 31st.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- miscellaneous craft supplies kids can use to create or decorate- bits of ribbon or rick rack- ends of rolls of wrapping paper- stickers- buttons, etc etc-magnets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-2 rolls of scotch tape- 2 rolls of masking tape-Box of black Sharpies-Someone that can signs for Registration, Name Tags, and a big Welcome to Wakonda VBS. Reach out to Marla Hall-Fay for more info.
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SUMMER

—Movie & Music on the Lawn—

**FREE
LIVE
MUSIC &
MOVIE**

**Friday
July 7 &
August 4**

Family & Friends Welcome

Wakonda Christian Church Back Lawn

8:00 p.m Music | 9:00 p.m. Movie

Bring a picnic and enjoy the playground & live music before the show.

— **Popcorn | Live Music Performance | Root Beer Floats | Movie** —

A ministry provided for all our neighbors

All Are Welcome!



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