



WAKONDA NEWS

Wakonda Christian Church
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Office Hours
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Small Group Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4598748094>

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General Assembly: July 10-11

We have the exciting opportunity to be a host site for the very first online General Assembly. Striving to connect more deeply with our local congregations, while keeping costs manageable, we have moved to an online format for General Assembly for two years, than the third year we'll gather in person (like years past).

This very first General Assembly is July 10-11. Friday evening we'll gather for dinner and worship. Saturday will include the business of the church, worship, education on the general ministries of the denomination, along with educational opportunities. Serving as a host site means we'll gather with fellow Disciples within the metro area.

General Assembly @ Wakonda Agenda

Please register at the following link: <https://ga2026.disciples.org/>

Friday July 10th

2:00 - 4:00 Exhibit Hall Open

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

3:00 Wakonda Open for Reception and Welcome

1:00 – 3:00 Business Session, Topic for Education, Discussion and Prayer

4:00 – 6:15 Open Roll Call and Worship

1:00-2:00 Business Session – Sanctuary

Saturday July 11th

9:00 – Wakonda Open

2:00-3:00 Small group discussions

10:00 – 12:00 Worship, Orientation to General Assembly Business, Preparing for Dialogue

3:00 - 4:00 Break

4:00 - 5:00 – Closing Worship

We are still taking registrations for Vacation Bible School! Join us for a light dinner, crafts, games, songs and learn some stories about how much God loves us! We are channeling some winter weather and turning the sanctuary into the Snowball Mountain Challenge!



Register now through our Realm Connect app or online www.wakondacc.com/vbs

Vacation Bible School at Wakonda! July 6-9

5:30-7:30pm



Pick up a snack bag available in the Narthex to send with a mission tripper! Please have them to church by the week of July 12. Please no chocolate (it will melt in the hot sun). There are suggestions in each bag of the participants favorite snacks. Thank you for supporting us!

Mission Trip Snack Bags!

Send all of our mission trippers
with some of their favorite snacks for the car ride!

Bags available in the Narthex
Return to church by Sunday July 12



Mission Trip Gas fundraiser! We have hit some roadblocks in our planned fundraisers for our mission trip. We planned to do a Car Wash fundraiser, but with the water ban in Des Moines, we decided to cancel. We also have higher gas prices than expected, so we are asking for some donations to help bridge the gap before we leave. Thank you for supporting our mission trips!

We have 8 youth and 2 adults going on mission trip July 19-24! We are also partnering with 3 other churches for a total of 23 participants planning on attending! Please pray for safe travels and that everyone experiences God in a new way. This trip is focusing on food insecurity; hopefully we will return with more information on how to help our community.



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FUEL OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Our youth have been working hard to raise funds for this summer's mission trip. Unfortunately, our car wash fundraiser was canceled due to weather and the ongoing water ban.

If you'd like to help offset transportation costs and support our students as they serve others, we would be grateful for any contribution.



WAYS TO GIVE:



ONLINE
wakondacc.com/
online-giving/



IN PERSON
Drop an offering
in the tray or at
the office.

July Birthdays

1 Gloria Marshall
2 Susan Thies
6 Sylvia McCord
8 Jamie Badger
13 Brents Oliphant
14 Steve McIntosh, James Uthe
16 Larry Scott
17 Emily Guentert
18 Marian Scott
22 Nancy Koll
23 Marcia Lund
26 Mazie Stilwell
28 Margaret Page
29 Tony Bartlett

July Worship

July 5: Isaiah 58:6-10
Rev. McKinna Shinnars Preaching

July 12: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
"Sprouting Season"

July 19: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43,
"What to Do with All These Weeds?"

July 26: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
"Speaking in Circles"

Music Notes...

Hello, Wakonda.

Please continue to pray for Mike Walag and his family as he recovers from his recent stroke. He brings so much to our music department and church. Mike, we miss you and are thinking about you.

We will continue to bring in organ and piano substitutes semi regularly as Mike progresses.

See you all in worship!
Seth

Save the Date: August 16th, Wakonda is going to the Iowa Cubs game!

What's Happening at Wakonda

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:45 a.m. Sunday School For All 10:00 a.m. Worship	29	30 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	July 1	2 11:30 a.m. W.O.W.	3	4 
5 8:45 a.m. Sunday School For All 10:00 a.m. Worship	6 VBS 5:30-7:30 p.m.	7 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats VBS 5:30-7:30 p.m.	8 VBS 5:30-7:30 p.m.	9 VBS 5:30-7:30 p.m.	10 General Assembly Gathering 2:00-6:30	11 General Assembly Gathering 9:00-5:00
12 8:45 a.m. Sunday School For All 10:00 a.m. Worship	13	14 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	15 5:30-6:30 Lessons on the Lawn 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	16 12:00 p.m. Sack Lunch 1:00 p.m. Coloring Group	17	18
19 Mission Trip Departure 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	20	21 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	22 5:30-6:30 Lessons on the Lawn	23	24 Mission Trip Return	25
26 8:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	27	28 10:00 a.m. Chit Chats	29	30 11:30 a.m. W.O.W.	31	August 1 8:00 a.m. B.O.B.

Leadership Retreat: July 12th

All leaders of the church are encouraged to attend our Leadership Retreat, Sunday, July 12th. Following worship we'll gather in the Thomason Room for lunch, an introduction to our respective ministry areas, along with dreaming for the upcoming ministry year. What hopes and plans do you have for Wakonda? What stirrings of the Spirit are bubbling up, just waiting to be shared. Join us for a great conversation and start to the new programmatic year.