

Runnells Christian Church

"... Is a thriving community of caring Christians whose mission is to nurture faith in God through Jesus Christ to the unchurched, our church family and the world."



Runnells Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Alice Bolen

Board Chair: Ilene Hays

Church Secretary: Barb Miller/Sherry Johnson

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Pianist: Tammy Feeley

Organist: Myrna Hunt

Custodians: Dave & Gina Kern

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iGo Green kids camp
Environmental Science Camp/VBS

Vacation Bible School
July 18-22
6:30-8:30pm

Kids Making a Difference in God's Green World

ECO FRIENDLY

No Fees

Open to all children, ages 4 through new 6th graders.

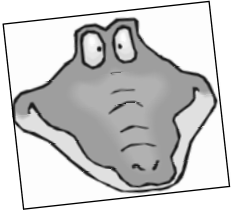
Vacation Bible School is almost here and you won't want to miss the fun!

We are inviting all children ages 4 years old through those who have completed fifth grade to be a part of the excitement at our

iGo Green Vacation Bible School

God has given us a beautiful, creative, life filled world. We will teach the children:

- ◆ to obey God by taking care of the earth
- ◆ show our gratitude to him for it
- ◆ show respect for others by not destroying it
- ◆ provide justice by not allowing misuse to hurt those less fortunate



The kids will create **crafts** out of recycled objects, put together fun **snacks**, test an environmental **science experiment**, learn **songs**, participate in active **games** and **dive into the Bible** during story time.

Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives!

Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.

To register or to find out more information about VBS:

- call the church office at **966-2587**
- Tammy Gaudette at **957-8324** or **jtgaudette@gmail.com**
- Print a registration form at **www.runnellscc.org** and mail or deliver it to the church.

Tammy Gaudette. VBS Director

Recyclable items needed for VBS!

(All items need to be CLEAN):

Gallon Milk/Water Jugs -no lids

6 oz. Yogurt Containers -no lids

Old Bed Sheets (any size)

2 liter Green Soda Bottles

Puzzles - any size or picture,

Cork Wine Corks (used)

we will not be putting them together, we will be making a picture frame

Other items:

You may donate money toward other items we need.

We will also be needing some **houseplants / house trees** to decorate the stage.

Questions? Please call Tammy Gaudette-957-8324



Two Iowa Speedway Fundraisers

July 11 and 31!



The Runnells Christian Church Fundraising Committee is very excited to have the opportunity to work at the Iowa Speedway on July 11 and July 31.

Duties will include **picking up litter, sweeping, and cleaning** after the race. A car pool will leave from the church. To ensure that this opportunity will be a success, the committee is in need of at least ***twenty people* (20)** who would enjoy putting on comfy shoes, having some fun, and getting a little dirty. Other items that may be needed, besides comfy tennis shoes are: sunscreen, mosquito repellent, and gloves. Interested? 966-2587 or

runnellscc@msn.com. **Huge thanks to everyone who helped on June 20 and to the Fundraising Committee for organizing everything!**

Christian Community Food Pantry

People believe that poverty is only found in third world countries. However, this is not the case. Poverty is everywhere. Even in our own backyard. Food prices have gone up and with a monthly check we are lucky to have enough money for gas after we have paid the rent and bought groceries.

We are just regular people who care for the needs of others. We know what it is like to struggle and to be without. We see children everywhere who are malnourished and wear the same clothes every day because that is all they have. Parents are unable to provide all they need to keep their families healthy due to the loss of their jobs and the fact that there is nobody hiring when they need a job. Because of these things many families struggle from day to day and children have little or no stability in their lives.

Most of us need help from time to time. We believe in caring for people without a price. Helping our neighbor and expecting nothing in return. We welcome all who are in need and we do everything we can to see that those needs are met.

THANK YOU FOR LOVING OTHERS!

RCC Contributed in June:

19 laundry detergent
21 shampoo
37 tuna
6 baked beans
2 cereal
2 spaghetti
2 spaghetti sauce
2 soup
1 toothpaste
20 misc. items
\$75.00 cash donations

Book Group Reminder:

The Book Group will meet Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m.

Our book selection is

"Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind" by Ann B. Ross

Everyone is welcome!



JULY CAMPERS are:

Leah Reeve—ADAM Camp—July 5-10

Georgia Bolen—PeeWee Camp—July 6-8

Lucas Nordyke—PeeWee Counselor-July 6-8

Amy Simonsen—Junior Camp #4—July 12-17

Kelsie Simonsen—Junior Camp #4—July 12-17

Faith Bolen—Junior Camp #5—July 26-31

Cora Sly—Junior Camp #5—July 26-31

Lucas Nordyke—Junior #5 Counselor-July 26-31

They love to receive mail while they are at camp.

Send mail to: **Campers name, The camp #
Christian Conference Camp
5064 Lincoln St.
Newton, Iowa 50208**



The board met on Wednesday, June 9. Final plans were made for the Annual meeting on June 13. Most committees reported.

In New Business: The Memorial Committee brought two proposals. The first was to establish a **Runnells Christian Church Scholarship Fund**. This scholarship fund once established and accrues enough funds will be accepting applications from any

high school graduating senior who are members of Runnells Christian Church and meet the criteria on the application. Policies concerning the distribution of funds will come to the July board meeting. The board approved the adoption of the Scholarship Fund. The second proposal was that the RCC Scholarship Fund be established at **Christian Church Foundation as a permanent trust fund**. The board adopted this proposal also. The second item of New Business was the appointment of the **“Pay It Forward: Reducing our Debt, Securing our Future” campaign committee**. This committee will then be forwarded to the Congregation Annual meeting for final approval. The proposed committee would be: **Mike Miller and Sheila Aukes**—Co-Chairs of the overall committee, **Deb Bracewell**, Publicity, **Bill Ingle and the Elders**, Faith Foundations, **Sue Howard and Lori Freel**, Meal Committee and **Teena Grove and Ilene Hays**, Team Leaders. The board approved forming this committee. Our next meeting will be July 14 at 7:30pm.

Annual Meeting The Annual meeting of the Runnells Christian Church was held on Sunday, June 13 at the conclusion of the worship service. The year-end financials were presented. A good discussion led to the **approval of the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget**. The congregation also **approved the Nominating Committees slate of leaders for 2010-2011**.

Each committee gave a brief highlight from their year’s ministries. Then the congregation **approved the establishment of the Capital Campaign** to reduce the principal on the mortgage and the chair people to lead the **“Pay it Forward: Re-**

Runnells Christian Church Scholarship Fund

Thanks to the generosity of **Bill and Shirley O’Brien**, and memorials for **Katy McGowen and Kip Williams** a Scholarship Fund to assist younger members of Runnells Christian Church has been established. All funds received now and in the future will be invested in a **permanent trust at the Christian Church Foundation** and the income will be used to provide scholarships for higher education.

More information on who can apply and how to apply will be coming out by fall. It is the hope of the Memorial Committee that one day the fund will grow large enough to offer some support for any member of our congregation who is pursuing a higher education.



Nursery Workers Needed

We are proud to have a nice new nursery for children under 5 years old. The nursery is close to the sanctuary now and a perfect get away for those little ones that can't sit through the entire Worship Service each Sunday.

However, we need volunteers to help!

We must have **2 adults in the Nursery each Sunday**. There are plenty of toys, puzzles, snacks and dvd's to keep the kids busy. It is not a huge commitment of time. Communion is served to the adults working in the nursery.

We want our nursery to be welcoming and available to any guests that might drop in and be looking for a church home. **You do not need to have young children to help.**

Please prayerfully consider if you could commit to help us one Sunday per month, or if you would like to be on a substitute list.

Please contact Julie Dawson (snapshotjules@gmail.com) or Denise Pfister (pfister5@hughes.net).



No 4TH Wednesday Worship

The Worship Committee has decided to suspend the Wednesday evening worship services for this year. They had hoped it would benefit those who camp on weekends or work, but attendance did not support a worship experience. They hope to try again next summer.

Pastor Alice's Page

Dear Friends,

I want to thank Pastor Mark Young from First Christian in Newton for this story.

A man had a fine canary whose song was unusually beautiful. During the summer, it seemed a shame to keep the bird inside the house all the time. So the owner placed the cage in a nearby tree for the bird to enjoy the sunshine and the fresh air. Many sparrows frequented the tree and were attracted to the cage. At first the canary was frightened, but soon enjoyed his companions. But gradually and almost imperceptibly he lost the sweetness of the song. By the end of the summer his "singing" was little more than the twitter of the sparrows. Spending his summer in the wrong environment caused the canary to lose his finest song.

Summer is a wonderful time. In fact when you read this John and I will be in a totally different environment from Runnells, Iowa. Like all of us, we love vacations, time on our pontoon boat and time with family.

All of the summer activities can pull us away from worship and we forget to set aside time to worship God with our church family.

I hope this summer you will join us as often as possible. We miss you when you are gone and we love seeing you when you are here.

Please remember, Mid-American Energy, mortgage payments and those other bills don't take a vacation in the summer. We appreciate you keeping current on your tithes and offerings. Thank you.

Pastor Alice

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Cell Phone—201-4582



"Pay It Forward: Reducing Our Debt, Securing Our Future"

In 2006 our church participated in an exciting capital campaign to help fund a much needed building expansion project. That highly successful campaign helped bring us a beautiful new sanctuary, a new nursery and narthex and more classrooms. In addition, it helped to make us more handicapped accessible, brought us up to current building codes, and improved our energy efficiency with a new heating and cooling system and more insulation.

At the end of 2009, the three year commitments from that campaign were completed. The follow through on those pledges from our congregation was close to 100%, despite the economic downturns of the last few years. **We'd like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make that happen.**

That first campaign paid for over a third of the cost of the building project. The remainder was financed with a mortgage through Church Extension. While we have been paying steadily on that mortgage out of our normal budget and with proceeds raised by the hard work of the fundraising committee, as of this month, we are still facing twelve years of payments.

We feel that the responsible thing to do is continue on to the next step originally laid out for us by Church Extension, which guided us through that first campaign. This step is to **begin a second campaign to directly reduce the remaining principle balance of the mortgage.** This will save us years of debt and thousands of dollars in interest.

This debt reduction campaign will be called **"Pay It Forward: Reducing Our Debt, Securing Our Future."** We will be organizing and sharing information throughout the summer with a campaign kickoff beginning immediately after Rally Day this fall. **The goal will be to complete the pledge commitments by the first Sunday in October.**

Engaging the help of Church Extension for such a campaign is not free. While we feel that their assistance with the original campaign was necessary, we have decided to save that expense with this campaign, relying on our experience from the first and the hard work of our new campaign team and our congregation.

The team members that we have in place are:

Campaign Co-Chairs - **Sheila Aukes & Mike Miller**

Campaign Secretary - **Barb Miller**

Campaign Publicity - **Deb Bracewell**

Faith Foundations - **Bill Ingle/Elders**

Team Leaders - **Teena Grove & Ilene Hays**

Meal(s) - **Sue Howard & Lori Freel/CWF**

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My 1959 class was responsible for the 2010 Runnells Alumni Banquet. On behalf of our class, and as emcee, I want to thank the Church for a wonderful meal and outstanding service. I heard nothing but good comments and past experience has told me "if the meal and service is good" the banquet is considered a success. Again, on behalf of our class, thanks for making our duties a pleasant one.
Basil Dawson

To my church family, Thanks so much for your visits, cards, calls and especially your prayers. It meant a lot to us to have such loving support.
God Bless, Dick and Janice Thomas

Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for remembering me during graduation. It is nice to know so many people will be praying for me and thinking of me as I attend ISU this fall.
Thanks again and God Bless, Jake Coulson

Thank you for the gift card from Walmart. It was nice for my birthday!
Jeni Person

Fish Fry

Our June 5, Fish Fry was a great success!
Huge thanks to the **Fund Raising Committee** and everyone who helped **catch** the fish, **clean** the fish and **cook** the fish. Another **huge thank you** to those who **prepared the other dishes, served** and **cleaned up** afterwards. **\$1696.00** was **donated!** Since **Jerry Adams** started our Annual Fish Fry in **1998**, donations have totaled—**\$30,558.77!** We thank **everyone** who helped in any way to make our Fish Fry a fabulous fund-raising event!



**Summer
Worship Times:**

Coffee Fellowship
9:30 a.m.

Summer Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:00 a.m.

July Diaconate

Jeff Robbins
Lorena Robbins
Jen Robbins

**Communion
Preparation**

Marti Ingle

<u>Date</u>	7/11	7/25
7/4	7/18	<u>Offering</u>

July Elders

Prayer Concerns:

Claudia Akin
Phil Akin
Devin Becker
Kim Bernhard
Jan Brown
Doug Donaldson
Chris Goodale
Duane Goode
Virginia Greiner
Louise Gulling
Tracy & Amy Haus & babies
Sherrill Henry
Amanda Hultman
Mary Ingle
Donald Kain
Nancy Lamb
Christopher Mason
Dale Miller
Ronnie Miller
Joe & Nancy Moore
Don Morse
Bill O'Brien

Jeni Person
Phyllis Person
Emily Prendergast
Bill Reed
Lenny Richerodt
Donna Stodden
Ned Stout
Ed Thomas
Lilith Thomas
Jonathon Thompson
Jamie Turner
Nicholas Vaske
Lois Webb
Helen White
Robbie Zust
All Military Personnel
Including:
Jason Adkins
Greg Bartelma
Patrick Feeley
David Funk
Corbin Hays
Aimee Wells
Michael Waltz

Carlisle Care Center:
Herb Miller
Courtyard-Pleasant Hill:
Dwain DeReus
Maxine Phipps
Iola Weaver
Iowa Soldier Home:
Don Lipps
Mill Pond:
Margy Hering
Phyllis Person
Mitchellville:
Eva Carpenter
Aneta Fritz
Blanche Gulling
Parkridge Manor:
Nan Mills
DeAnn Tingle
Alta Wallace
University Park:
Randy Waltz
Red Oak Nursing Home:
Ed Thomas



**15-Year Building Loans from
Board of Church Extension**

1) <u>Loan Amount:</u>	\$340,000.00
Percentage rate:	6.75%
Monthly payment:	\$3009.00
April 29, 2010 Loan Balance:	<u>\$274,505.62</u>
2) <u>Handicap Access Loan Amt:</u>	\$35,000.00
Percentage rate:	3%
Monthly payment:	\$242.00
April 29, 2010 Loan Balance:	<u>\$30,854.87</u>

JUNE 2010 Attendance & Income

<u>Date</u> (Fiscal Year— 6-1-2010 thru 5-31-2011)	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Tithes & Offerings</u>
May 31		64	\$3568.00
June 6		100	\$2632.00
June 13		75	\$2078.00
June 20		81	\$1997.00
AVERAGES:			
May 31 Thru July 20:		80	\$2568.75
Fiscal Year to Date:		85	\$2236.00

July Lectionary Texts

July 4
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 11
Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37
July 18
Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42
July 25
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

*Christian Community Food Pantry especially needs
canned pears, potatoes, shampoo and laundry soap
this month!*