2027 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 3, 2027	Highland Park Christian Church Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Mount Ayr, IA	Arlene Johnson, Interim Rodney Glazebrook	Robert Haskin Jessie Lent Arlene Drennan	**Pension Fund** – provides a pension plan, savings programs and tax information for our ministers and church employees
January 10, 2027	Mitchellville Christian Church, Mitchellville, IA Fairview Christian Church, Pleasantville, IA	Doug Pfeiffer, Interim Clinton Wallace	Eydie Stephens Neddy Yong Mary Jane Button-Harrison	**Christian Church of the Pacific Southwest** –Includes southern California, Nevada, and Hawaii
January 17, 2027	First Pacific Islanders Christian Church, Bismarck, ND Christian-United Methodist Church, Humeston, IA	Larry Sotam Diane Olson Schroeder, Interim	Aizaiah Yong Linda Swanson	**Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry** – represents the Disciples in key ecumenical and interfaith activities around the world
January 24, 2027	Glen Echo Christian Church, Des Moines, IA Moorhead Christian Church, Moorhead, IA	Aaron Brunner Chuck Snow	Steve Wainwright Justin Carlson	**Christian Church, Northeast Region** – includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont
January 31, 2027	Stanhope Parish, Stanhope, IA First Christian Church, Perry, IA	Justin Crocheck Andrea Brownlee Crystal Nelson	Tammy Tychsen Dave Neas	**Christian Church in North Carolina**
February 7, 2027	Central Christian Church, Boone, IA River Valley Disciples, Johnston, IA	Clayton Boyd	Marvin Fortune Larry Squier	**Christian Church in Oklahoma**
February 14, 2027 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	First Christian Church, Oskaloosa, IA North English Christian Church, North English, IA	Robert & Molly Goodrich Luke Caster	Gary Hesser Jay Hillestad	**Christian Church in Oregon & Southwest Idaho**
February 21, 2027	Carlisle Christian Church, Carlisle, IA First Christian Church, St. Paul, MN	Kristen Pike Dennis Sanders Teresa K Pecinovsky	Christine Isham-Walsh Doug Burton Alice Bolen	**Week of Compassion** - Provides a compassionate response to severe human distress caused by natural disaster or political or economic crisis
February 28, 2027	First Christian Church, Ames, IA First Christian Church, Spencer, IA	Donna Murphy-Ceradsky, Interim	Amanda Sorenson Tammy Rottschaefer Corrine Welsch	**Black Minister's Retreat –** A denomination wide retreat and continuing education event for clergy of Convocation churches
March 7, 2027	Park Avenue Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Woodbine, IA	Zach Hardy Chuck Snow	Phil Jorgensen Kathy Thomas	**Christian Church in Kansas**
March 14, 2027 SPRING FORWARD	Ankeny Christian Church, Ankeny, IA Broadway Christian Church, Council Bluffs, IA	Owen Cayton Vergarie Sandford	Melanie Van Weelden C. J. Latham Joel Aurand	**Christian Church in Indiana**
March 21, 2027	First Christian Church, Winterset, IA First Christian Church, Sioux City, IA	Kevin & Sue Blader	Shirley Lockard Jim Wilson Ken Wells	**Christian Church in the Southwest** – includes Texas, most of New Mexico, and Oklahoma panhandle

March 28, 2027 EASTER SUNDAY	Altoona Christian Church, Altoona, IA Woodburn Christian Church, Woodburn, IA	Paul Elliott Willa Heaberlin	Angela Doty John Bolen Bruce Gowen	**Christian Church in Virginia**
April 4, 2027	First Christian Church, Albia, IA Marion Christian Church, Marion, IA	John Sowers Mike Miller	Sheryl Butler Kristin Alstott	**Christian Church in Ohio**
April 11, 2027	Wakonda Christian Church, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Packwood, IA	Robyn Bles Sara Patty	David Goin Anjeanette Perkins Mary O'Riley	**Disciples Home Missions –** supports ministries and leaders in mission, vocation, transformation, justice & advocacy, faith formation and leadership development
April 18, 2027	Garden City Christian Church, Garden City, MN Delta Christian Church, Delta, IA	Kathy Einan	Brad Thornton Tammy Buseman	**Christian Church in the Capital Area** – includes congregations in Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia
April 25, 2027	First Christian Church, Adel, IA Woodward Christian Church, Woodward, IA	Tim Johnson, Interim Patricia Stalter	Gary Sneller Harlan (Frosty) Van Voorst John Noble	**Communication Ministries -** shares the vision and mission of our General Church through releases, newsletters and social media
May 2, 2027	First Christian Church, Vinton, IA Elkhart Christian Church, Elkhart, IA	Dick Jumper Dana Worrell-Jumper Linda Hunsaker	Marian Hart Jason Thrasher Connie Wacht	**Christian Church in Pennsylvania**
May 9, 2027	First Christian Church of Iowa City, Coralville, IA Prescott United Church, Prescott, IA	Jill Cameron Michel Laura Kittrell Kara Seaton George Pryor	Stephanie Stovall George Lair	**Chalice Media/Christian Board of Publications** – the Disciples publishing house producing books and resources
May 16, 2027 PENTECOST	First Christian Church, Burlington, IA Braddyville Christian Church, Braddyville, IA	David Yonker Brooke Robbins Anika McVay	Joan White Rita Nakashima Brock	**New Church Ministry** – supports new congregations and their leader development in general church and our region
May 23, 2027	New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, IA Trinity Christian Church, Bridgewater, IA	Sherry Schwab Tom McLaren	Tony Thurston Donald Slaughter	**National Benevolent Association** – is the Disciples' social and health services arm of the church
May 30, 2027	Norwalk Christian Church, Norwalk, IA Central Christian Church, Jefferson, IA	Travis Stanley Sheldon Henderson Daniel Cunningham, Interim	Darla Ewalt Sheila Hunter John McKinstry	**Christian Church Foundation** – works with congregations or individuals managing permanent funds benefiting various ministries of the church
June 6, 2027	Chuukese Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA The Stable Study Church	Dividen Phirmen Jia Starr Brown	James Chesnutt Joy Linn Bryan Feille	**Center for Faith and Giving –** helps create a culture of generosity in entire church providing stewardship resources
June 13, 2027	Faith First Community Church, Davenport, IA Central Christian Church, Marshalltown, IA	Heidi Hulme Michael Carlson	Joshua Patty James Crapson Marsha Borders	**Christian Church, Northern Lights** – includes Washington, Alaska, Montana, and north Idaho
June 20, 2027	United Church of Diagonal, Diagonal, IA Davis Street Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Rodney Glazebrook Terry Wise	Melea White Jan Linn Matthew Johnson	**Disciples of Christ Historical Society** – maintains historical materials related to the Stone-Campbell movement

June 27, 2027	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	**Association of Disciple Musicians** – organization where professionals and volunteers can share resources and experiences of their common music ministry ministry.
July 4, 2027	Luther Christian Church, Luther, IA New Beginnings Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	Gary Cummings Heather Wachendorf Jason Ellingston Hillary Welborn	Jerry Thordsen Juanita Scriven Jacqueline Morgan	**Office of General Minister and President** – is responsible for the pastoral care and nurture of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
July 11, 2027	First Christian Church, Panora, IA Noelridge Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, IA	Casey Brown Stasia Fine	Daniel Romero Angelo Luis Andre'a Cleaveland	**General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**
July 18, 2027	Nichols Christian Church, Nichols, IA First Christian Church, Fort Madison, IA	Marcia Heil Leslie Dalstra	Lisa Grace Dawn Ingram	**Christian Church in Tennessee**
July 25, 2027	First Christian Church, Clarinda, IA Prairie City Christian Church, Prairie City, IA	John Eilers, Interim	Emily Steeples Bob Pickerell Carla Hillyer	**North American Pacific/Asian Disciples** – connects and supports Asian/Pacific congregations and leaders
August 1, 2027	First Christian Church, Sac City, IA Lenox Christian Church, Lenox, IA	Mark MacWhorter	Peggy Stott Sylvia Larssen Wally Reher	**Christian Church in Arizona**
August 8, 2027	Lacona Christian Church, Lacona, IA Community Church of Christ, Sloan, IA	Kevin Livengood Kody Killian	Phil Coe David Digby	**Obra Hispana** – facilitates, promotes, supports' & coordinates the work of Hispanic ministries
August 15, 2027	United Church of Ira, Ira, IA First Christian Church, Osceola, IA Rehoboth Christian Church, Des Moines, IA	Dan McNeal Asani Samuel	Linda Lighthall Mike Omundson	**National Convocation** – supports and strengthens the involvement of predominantly African American congregations
August 22, 2027	United Christian-Presbyterian Church, Bedford, IA First Christian Church, Fairfield, IA		Adam Frieberg Tom Burns	**Christian Church in South Carolina**
August 29, 2027	Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, IA Runnells Christian Church, Runnells, IA	Roy Karlen Katie Russell-Hainline	Kristin Peters David Vernon	**Christian Church in Florida**
September 5, 2027	First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, IA Central Christian Church, Waterloo, IA	Jolene James Anna & Henry Brewer-Calvert	Cheri Gelner Shirley Martinson Dennis McKee	**Christian Church in Kentucky**
September 12, 2027	Chariton Christian Church, Chariton, IA Kellogg Christian Church, Kellogg, IA	Gray & Rachel Fredericks	Traverce Harrison Jim Wakelin Sue Woods	**Christian Church in Alabama-Northwest Florida**
September 19, 2027	Bondurant Christian Church, Bondurant, IA West Des Moines Christian Church, West Des Moines, IA	Jayme Harvey Randy, Mark & Luke Ehrhardt Brian Nixon Nicole McBride	Richard Guentert Randy Allman Jay Lott	**Disciples Church Extension Fund** – offers loans to ministries for building (and ways for people to invest), as well as building assessments, fundraising resources and help for new church starts and congregational revitalization

September 26, 2027	Downtown Disciples, Des Moines, IA First Christian Church, Keokuk, IA	Debbie Griffin David Turner Janel Quinlan Cathie Courtois	David Cobb David Nash Lynda Lee	**Reconciliation Ministries** – fights against the primary causes of racism in North America, supporting local, regional, and general programs
October 3, 2027	First Christian Church, Creston IA Christian Church Disciples, Rock Rapids, IA	David Clark, Interim Corilee Boer	Caila Rinker Kristin Van Heyningen Doris Kinton	**Christian Church in Nebraska**
October 10, 2027	First Christian Church, Cedar Falls, IA Capitol Hill Christian Church, Des Moines, IA	Robert Fread Craig Robertson	Ron Keith Terry Halstead Katy McFall	**Central Rocky Mountain Region** – includes Colorado, Wyoming, northwest New Mexico, east Idaho, Utah
October 17, 2027	First Christian Church, Center Point, IA St. Charles Parish, St. Charles, IA	Kevin Jones Darin Feikema	Emily Guentert Mark Hall Alan Berneman	**Christian Church in Canada**
October 24, 2027	First Christian Church, Nevada, IA Islanders Fellowship Church, Sioux City, IA	W. Mike Albert Retnick Suta	Courtney Rife Dennis Arnold Ana Wilson	**Global Ministries/Division of Overseas Ministries** – Our overseas mission work which we do jointly with the United Church of Christ
October 31, 2027	United Church of Christ, Atlantic, IA Exira Christian Church, Exira, IA	Heather Santi-Brown Glen Meyers	Ryan Osler Tim Diebel Jason Grow	**The Great River Region** – includes Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi
November 7, 2027 FALL BACK	First Christian Church, Minneapolis MN First Christian Church, Red Oak, IA	Dan Adolphson A J Baratta	Laurie Feille Don Hiscox Mike Armstrong	**Christian Church in Georgia**
November 14, 2027	Howard Street Christian Church, Colfax, IA First Christian Church, Hedrick, IA	Josh Burns	Candice Brown Glenda Hughes	**Living Waters Region** – includes Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin
November 21, 2027	First Christian Church, Laurens, IA United Protestant Church, Silver Bay, MN	Rita Cordell Dave Harvey, Interim	Lisa Baker Lynda Carlson Suzi Moore	**Higher Education and Leadership Ministries** – work in partnership with 17 colleges, 10 seminaries and 80 campus ministry programs
November 28, 2027 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	New Virginia Christian Church, New Virginia, IA Bladensburg Christian Church, Ottumwa, IA	Darin Feikema Larry Smith	Jim Cord Mary Dyer David Doty	**Christian Church in Greater Kansas City** – includes Missouri and Kansas in the Kansas City metropolitan area.
December 5, 2027	First Christian Church, Newton, IA Urbana Christian Church, Urbana, IA	Brian Kleinschrodt Pamela Gibbs	Dennis James Eric Johnson	**Christian Church in West Virginia**
December 12, 2027	Waukee Christian Church, Waukee, IA	JP Channels Julie Cornelius	Wendy Manuel Larry Naylor Heather Thonvold	**Christian Church of Mid-America** – includes most of Missouri and the Greater St. Louis area in Illinois
December 19, 2027	Drake Avenue Christian Church, Centerville, IA Covenant Christian Church, Urbandale, IA	Gary Brooks Loren Strait	Carla Nelson Andrew Packman Diana Robertson	**Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada**
December 26, 2027	Oakland Christian Church, Oakland, IA Redfield Christian Church, Redfield, IA	 Doug Jones, Kyle Dredge	Marilyn Scott McKinna Shinners	**Christian Church in the Upper Midwest** – includes Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota