

The Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RUNNELLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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**OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND ONLINE
AT 10:30 AM**

PUMPKINVILLE

Sunday, October 18 — 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The church will reserve a fire ring/picnic area and provide the meal. Join us and enjoy:

- A hayrack ride to the pumpkin patch
- mini-maze
- straw train
- straw jump
- granary
- bonfire
- hot dogs
- marshmallows
- pumpkins and gourds for purchase

*Please email or call the church to sign up
by October 11th.*

⇒ Call 966-2587 or

⇒ Email: runnellscc@gmail.com

**Please bring a face mask as the owners
have requested masks to be worn in cer-
tain areas of the farm.**

**Pumpkinville is located at:
618 Center Ave S, Mitchellville**

PUMPKIN PAINTING

RUNNELLS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT
10.04.20 - 2-4 PM

**Tuesday, October 30
6-8 PM**

Join our **Trunk or Treat** in our church park-
ing lot! Decorate your car trunk and fill it with
yummy treats. Children will go trunk to trunk to
get treats and tell their best jokes!

*Please be in the parking
lot by 5:50pm.*

***Trunks needed**
Contact Sheila Aukes
for more details.



Pastor Katie's Notes

Dear RCC,

Fall is my favorite season! I love football and sweater weather. I love drinking hot coffee on a chilly morning and coming home to warm soup for dinner. Most of all, I love the colors of fall. Some of the trees in Runnells are already starting to turn yellow, orange, and red and they are stunning.



Years ago I saw a photo of brilliant fall foliage with the caption, “The trees are about to show us just how beautiful it is to let things go.” Now I think of these words every year when the seasons change. I think it is a good lesson in resurrection.

The symbols we use for resurrection are often symbols of springtime--flowers popping up through the soil and butterflies emerging from their cocoons. But the trees bud in the spring only after the leaves are dropped in the fall; the tomb is empty only after the cross; new life only comes after death. Fall is a good reminder that some seasons are for letting things go so that new life can grow.

I wonder if we might be in such a season now. I wonder if some of us are carrying things we could let go of, like a grudge that is consuming us or a commitment that is weighing us down. I wonder if our church could be carrying things we could let go of, like a ministry that uses our time and talents but isn't life-giving to our congregation or community anymore. I wonder if sometimes we need to pray for permission, courage, and strength to let things go, trusting that since God brings new life out death, God can bring new life out of these things, too.

If you find yourself in such a season this fall, let the trees remind you that it can be beautiful—and faithful—to let some things go.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie

RCC Youth Group News

The RCC Youth Group resumed activities on September 20 with an afternoon of lawn games at church. The group plans to meet only outdoors this fall. In October the youth will go fishing at the Dawson's pond on October 4 and will join the rest of the congregation at Pumpkinville on October 18. The church will buy tickets for 6-12th graders to go through the Pumpkinville corn maze, so we ask that parents rsvp to the church office by October 11 to sign their kid(s) up.



For more information about Youth activities, contact a youth sponsor:

- Shelia Aukes
- Pastor Katie
- Jake Hainline

October Mission News

For the month of October, we will continue our focus on Runnells Elementary. The school is collecting items for indoor recess. Here is the wish list:

- legos
- magna tiles/magnetic building activities
- spirograph drawing kits
- play cards
- uno cards
- beach balls
- balloons
- red solo cups
- puzzles
- coloring books or activity books with markers + crayons + colored pencils
- pool noodles
- hot wheels cars
- speed stack
- large dice
- any balls
- bowling set
- cones
- hula hoops
- colored string for bracelets
- matching games
- etch a sketches
- origami paper and books
- 20 Questions game

We will collect items at Sunday worship. You can also contact Sheila Aukes for contactless pick-up at your home.

—Sheila Aukes

email: sierrailvolo@gmail.com or phone or text: 515-707-7590

The RCC Book Group is reading: **He's Gone** by Deb Caletti

Join us on Zoom for the discussion on **October 28th at 7 pm.**

From Amazon: "What do you think happened to your husband, Mrs. Keller?" The Sunday morning starts like any other, aside from the slight hangover. Dani Keller wakes up on her Seattle houseboat, a headache building behind her eyes from the wine she drank at a party the night before. But on this particular Sunday morning, she's surprised to see that her husband, Ian, is not home. As the hours pass, Dani fills her day with small things. But still, Ian does not return. Irritation shifts to worry, worry slides almost imperceptibly into panic. And then, like a relentless blackness, the terrible realization hits Dani: He's gone. As the police work methodically through all the logical explanations—he's hurt, he's run off, he's been killed—Dani searches frantically for a clue as to whether Ian is in fact dead or alive. And, slowly, she unpacks their relationship, holding each moment up to the light: from its intense, adulterous beginning, to the grandeur of their new love, to the difficulties of forever. She examines all the sins she can—and cannot—remember. As the days pass, Dani will plumb the depths of her conscience, turning over and revealing the darkest of her secrets in order to discover the hard truth—about herself, her husband, and their lives together.

"A thought-provoking and moving exploration."—New York Times bestselling author Erica Bauermeister

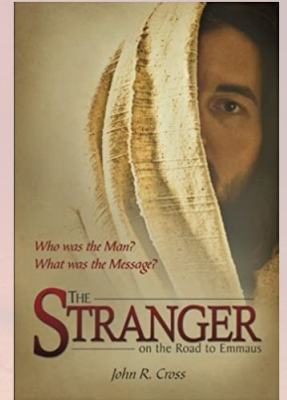


A DIFFERENT KIND OF BOOK GROUP

The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus by John R Cross

I would like to invite whomever is willing to read the above book to join in on a different kind of book group. We will agree to read a chapter a week or a chapter every 2 weeks, whatever works for the group. Then we will each email our thoughts, ideas, and questions on that chapter to each other. This book is going to challenge your thoughts and beliefs. It is not written by a disciple of Christ author. We will not have to agree or believe everything this author says. I want to have a very open and honest discussion via email about what you get from each chapter. I want people to be kind and considerate of each other's views and thoughts. If you would like to try this type of low key book group please email me at jtgaudette@gmail.com and order your book from Amazon. I would like to start the book group by October 18th if everyone can get their books by then.

Tammy Gaudette
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jtgaudette@gmail.com



Prayer Concerns

All Military Personnel and Veterans

Gary Beck

Jeremy Biondi, friend of Jason Boos, *who is hospitalized at Mayo*

Lisa Bistline

John Browers

Theo Bullington

Diane, Tammy Feeley's sister, *who is hospitalized with colon cancer*

Belva Freel

Greg Frye *(nephew of Colleen & Jim Adkins)*

John & Norma Grinstead

Myrna Hunt

Mary Kohlhof

Sherman Lane *(Shannon Lane-St.Pierre's father)*

Dale Miller

Wanda Mitchell

Linda Phelps *(Steve Bishop's cousin, undergoing breast cancer treatment)*

Doug Redhead

Mari Rowe

Jennifer Sieck, *Jeff & Lorena Robbins' daughter, awaiting medical test results*

Betsy Simonsen

For the safety of everyone working in health care and education, for the health of all students, and for leaders governing in this crisis.

In an effort to keep our prayer concerns current, names will remain on the list for four weeks.

At that time names will be removed unless you have called the office to ask that a name remain on the list and give an update on the person's well-being. Thanks for your help!

Prairie Vista Village
2785 1st Avenue South
Altoona, IA 50009

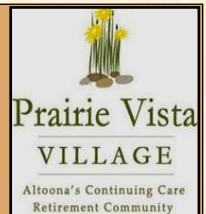
Dorothy Bowers—#231

Bill Henry—#122

Doris Miller—#153A

Nancy Moore—#242

Laverne Gulling—#217



The Shores at Pleasant Hill:

John & Norma Grinstead

1500 Edgewater Dr,

Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

Valley View Village:

Jeanne Vermie

2555 Guthrie Ave. Bldg. C

Des Moines, IA 50317

Home Communion—Due to Covid-19, our elders are currently unable to take communion to our remote members. Once it is safe again, please contact elder chair, Deb Bracewell at 515-669-8739, if you or someone you know would like to receive communion at home.



Christian Education For All

Due to Covid restrictions, we won't be holding our regular Sunday School Classes, but have come up with new Christian Education opportunities.

Pre-K through 5th grade:

This coming Sunday I will have bags available for the Sunday school kids that are pre k through 5th grade. The bag will contain the lessons for the month of October. The kids can work with their parents on each lesson during the month. Take pictures and share how you are incorporating church school into your "New Normal."

If you need me to deliver your bag please let me know.

Tammy Gaudette 515-707-3715

6th through 12 grade:

Katie Temple will be sending a weekly text or uplifting and thought provoking scripture. Please email the church with the phone number that would like to sign up for the weekly text. If you have questions contact Katie Temple at 515-975-7125.

All Ages:

You are invited to join in an online Zoom Bible Study beginning October 20 for 6 weeks on Tuesday night ending on November 24th. We would gather at 7:00 p.m. The study will last for 1 hour. We will be exploring the Old Testament books of history which will include Joshua through Esther. We will discuss how the books cover some of the same time periods and also some of the lesser known people found in these books that have had a significant role in the Jewish community. The only "book" you will need for the study is your favorite bible so you can read the books as we study them. You are able to join Zoom by phone as well as computer and any visuals we might use in the class will be provided in print to you prior to the class. If you would like to participate, please contact JoAnn Thomas by email at revthomas77@gmail.com or by phone at 641-840-9287.

NICARAGUA PRESENTATION

On Sunday, October 18th, Katie Temple will share her experience from the Mission Trip to Nicaragua that she and Seth went on earlier this year. This was the first trip to use money from Marti Mission Fund. Worship will be outdoors, weather permitting.

Runnells Christian Church

The Body of Christ:



Building



Growing



Serving

Place
Stamp
Here

Runnells Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Pastor: Rev. Katie Russell Hainline—515-669-6036

Council Chair: Tammy Gaudette

Church Admin/Bookkeeper: Deb Bracewell

Church Admin: Sue Howard

Choir Director: Mike Miller

Children's Choir Director: Tammy Feeley

Bell Choir Director: Sheila Aukes

Pianist: Tammy Feeley

Custodian: Leonard Northway

Nursery Attendant: Ann Hammen

Address Service Requested



Has your address
changed?



Keep us
posted!

(U. S. Post Office requires P.O. Box 30 on all church mail.)

2020-2021 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Tammy Gaudette—Chairperson

Bill Ingle—Vice Chairperson

Pam Jordan—Secretary

Deb Bracewell—Elder Chair

Kristin Danley-Greiner/Denise Pfister

—Education Co-Coordinators

Jon Gaudette

—Finance Coordinator

Sheila Aukes

—Missions/Evangelism Coordinator

Jeff Robbins/Blair Phipps

—Property Co-Coordinators

Jill Simonsen/Katie Temple

—Worship Co-Coordinators

SEPTEMBER 2020 COUNCIL SUMMARY

The council met on September 9th, 2020 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Missions will be collecting underwear for Runnells Elementary.

The Covid Ad-Hoc team recommendation is that worship continues outside as long as weather permits. Planning is underway for World Communion Sunday, All Saints Day, and Advent—all ideas are welcomed.

Bill Ingle, Jeff Robinson, and Blair Phipps are getting quotes and designs for a new outdoor sign.

Youth Group kicks off on September 20. All fall youth events will take place outdoors.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 30, 6-8 pm.

We discussed other options since current Covid recommendations do not allow for the traditional event.

—Submitted by Pam Jordan