

# Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

Website: [www.lamonicofchrist.org](http://www.lamonicofchrist.org)

January 6, 2008

Judy Badder, Ron Ellis, Stu Sherman, Co-pastors

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

## NEW YEAR COMMUNION SERVICE

### A Time for New Beginning

Communication Time Marjie Foster

Interlude

A Time to Prepare Organ Prelude

Introduction to the Service Louita Clothier

A Time for Joy "Now Sing to Our God" NS 40

\* New Year's Hymn Insert  
"God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years"

\* Prayer of Invocation Barbara McKiernan  
Organ Response

A Time for Gratitude "Prayer for the New Year" Insert

A Time to Share Louita and friends  
Disciples Generous Response

Family Litany Anders Family

**Minister:** We give thanks to God for new beginnings.

**All:** We give thanks to God for a new year.

**Brian:** We give thanks for a new year, but we know with God's love, . . .

**All** . . . we can make a new beginning any time.

**Shannon:** When have hurt someone and need to ask for forgiveness,

**All:** . . . we can make a new beginning..

**Janelle:** When we need to make changes that will improve our relationships,

**All:** . . . we can make a new beginning.

**Steve:** When we need to change our life-style to improve our health,

**All:** . . . we can make a new beginning.

**Janelle:** When we need help in trying to live a Christ-like life,

**All:** . . . we can make a new beginning.

**Steve:** When we need to better respond to God's Holy Spirit,

**All:** . . . we can make a new beginning.

**Shannon:** God's love for us is always new; God never gives up on us.

**All:** God always offers us another chance.

**Brian:** God is always ready . . .

**All:** . . . to help us make a new beginning

**Minister:** God of new beginnings, we thank you for loving us and for giving us an opportunity to start again. Give us the courage and trust that we need to follow in your ways. Amen.

Communion Message Richard Clothier

A Time for Renewal *This Is a Time of New Beginnings* Insert  
1<sup>st</sup> stanza - Soloist

A Time for Commitment  
Blessing and Serving of the Bread  
Blessing and Serving of the Wine

Closing Prayer Les Gardner

\* Hymn of Faith *O God Our Help in Ages Past* HS 200

\* Sending Forth

\* Postlude

Organist: Jerie Gail Ramsey Trumpet Soloist: David Bolton

Presiding: Louita Clothier Speaking: Richard Clothier

Assisting: Barbara McKiernan, Les Gardner

Ushers: Dayle Robinson, Joan Green, Ava Gardner

A/V: Ron Ellis Bell Ringer: Brian Anders

Greeters: Carl & Florence McGuire

**HS**-Hymns of the Saints (big burgundy hymnal) **SP**-Sing for Peace  
(small burgundy hymnal) **NS**-Sing a New Song (small gold hymnal)

## Birthday Greetings to:

Janie Neeley	Jan. 6
Bobbi Ellis	Jan. 8
Gary Etcheson	Jan. 8
Joe Shelton	Jan. 8
Bob Ramsey	Jan. 9
Kimberly Killpack	Jan. 9
Leonard Boswell	Jan. 10
Ruth Leighbon	Jan. 11
Deborah Etcheson	Jan. 11
Derek Sutherland	Jan. 12
Bonita Booth	Jan. 12
Jennie D Watt	Jan. 12

## Upcoming Events

Wed. Jan. 9	6:00 p.m. Potluck
	7:00 p.m. Family Night
Sun. Jan. 13	9:30 a.m. Church School
	10:40 a.m. Communication Time – Linda DeBarthe
	Interlude
	Worship – Scott Ourth speaking
	Roy Shields presiding

## Our Mission

The Lamoni congregation is part of the worldwide Community of Christ that proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and builds communities of joy, hope, love and peace. Endeavoring to seek and implement God's will for our congregation, we identify four focus areas:

1. We will develop inclusive ministries that bring us closer to God in personal and corporate worship and through meaningful fellowship with each other.
2. We will build bridges with newcomers in our community and to others who have no church home to share the love of God and welcome them in Lamoni and in our congregation.
3. We will strengthen our understanding of the foundational religious beliefs that define our relationship to God, to our past, to the church, and to each other.
4. We will continue our efforts to discern the will of God and to implement those insights in our personal and congregational lives as we seek to establish His kingdom "on earth as it is in Heaven."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Next Sunday

Seventy Scott Ourth will share with us next Sunday on the theme, "Be Baptized." Roy Shields is in charge of the service. Invite your friends to come and worship with us. If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snethen (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

### Covenant Disciple Group Workshop

Are you looking for greater spiritual insight? Do you hear the call to be more in tune with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to have a better understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ? Are you hungry for spiritual food, spiritual friends, spiritual fire, taking a spiritual journey? Come, share with a small group; support each other in becoming more spiritual. Please mark your calendars now and register today for the Covenant Discipleship Group workshop facilitated by Carolyn Brock at the Lamoni Congregation on Friday evening and all day Saturday, January 11 and 12, 2008. Register by calling Linda Fisher at the Lamoni Mission Center Office (phone 641/784-3353) or email [lfisher@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:lfisher@cofchristlhmc.org). The registration fee (\$10) can be paid at the workshop.

### Missing

There is one Mighty Lite table missing from the church.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER EXCHANGE ASSIGNMENT FOR

January-February 2008

### HOST

Richard & Marsha Jackel
Dan & Becky Long
Rick & Ann Zieger
Bob & Jerie Gail Ramsey
Lila Oiler
Joan Green & Marie Hawley
Alma & Kay Blair
Florence & Carl McGuire
Joe & Diane Shelton
Glen & Vivian Campbell

### GUEST

Don & Barbara Breshears
Rod & Deanna Schall
Ron & Bobbi Ellis
Chub & Lorrie Long
Les & Ava Gardner
Dick & Lou Clothier
Virginia Walsh & Velma Ruch
Barb & Stan McKiernan
Nick & Merilou Hartwig
Jim & Pat Jones