

# *Sunday Celebration*

10:25 a.m. September 24, 2017

## **WELCOME TO FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH!**

*“Where you have a friend in Jesus and a friend in us”*

*“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).* This morning we recognize that this day is a gift from God. Together we celebrate that gift and gather together to worship the one who has given us this day. Welcome to all who have gathered in this place.

We gather to worship the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We schedule our worship service to begin at 10:25 am based on Hebrews 10:25 which states: *“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”* We extend a special word of welcome to our guests and visitors. We are happy you are here and hope you feel welcomed and the love of Jesus in this place.

We are a group of people who are seeking to honor God in our lives and to love one another. We invite you to join with us in this great adventure. We are committed to being a community of disciples of Jesus who seek to follow his example and teaching.

FCC is committed to helping parents focus on worship each Sunday by providing a friendly and caring NURSERY for children ages 3 and under. The Nursery is located out the east door just past the kitchen.

Today’s message is based on Acts 4:1-31 Message Title: ABC’s of Hospitality, Boldness. One of the first responses to the work of the early church was imprisonment and opposition. The followers of Jesus responded with boldness. Together we will reflect on the balance that is living our faith lives with boldness, but without being overbearing.

**FRIENDSHIP COMPANY** We will be dismissing all children age 4- 4<sup>th</sup> grade during the service to a special time of crafts, activities, and lessons that encourage children to worship God in age and ability appropriate ways. Visitors are welcome to walk their kids out and meet the teacher.

**Did the last announcement sound fun?** If you would like to be a part of helping kids 4-4<sup>th</sup> grade worship God in a setting and in ways geared for their age we continue to welcome extra help. Our Friendship Company Ministry is fully staffed, but could benefit from adding an adult to the rotation. Please talk to Kelly Vander Leest if you would like to look into this opportunity.

**THANK YOU SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS** The last couple of weeks many of our Volunteer opportunities to help Sunday Mornings be a welcoming time have been filled. THANK YOU to all who have committed to making Sunday AM a rich experience as a faith community. If you would like to participate in providing a snack, welcoming friends old and new to the service or helping in nursery there are still a few opportunities available for you.

**Adult Study during family nights:** This fall our adult study group will begin the year studying Becoming a Contagious Christian by Pastor Bill Hybels. This study offers encouragement and guidance for being a believer who can communicate about our faith naturally. Books are made available at Wednesday night. Right now is a great time to check out this study as it begins. There are multiple levels of involvement available with this group. If you would like a study guide or the additional chapter book that corresponds to it please let Dave McFarland know soon.

**ABC's of Hospitality** We are making our way through a series on hospitality. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the potential of getting to know new people or a new church? Over the course of this series we will take a look at how mission and hospitality interacted in the early church. Throughout the series we are learning simple steps to grow in hospitality as a compassionate church and people whose lives express Christian hospitality.

**Disaster Relief partnership opportunity** Following Hurricane Harvey and flooding many in Texas need assistance. Our own Melanie and Brianna Cooper have planned a trip for October 1-8 to go and help with disaster relief. Many people need help getting their homes ready to be safely occupied again. HERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN HELP: (1) Pray. Ask God to give them safety while traveling and serving. Ask God to show the love of Jesus through the work they do. (2) You can send supplies. In particular there is a need for trash bags, disposable rags, bleach, plastic work gloves, and face masks. **To donate for the relief effort please place items in the entry of Church by Tuesday September 26.**

**Combined worship service:** We have been invited to a combined service at 3pm on October 29 in Hull Iowa. This will be an opportunity to connect with and worship alongside of many individuals in the broader cluster of churches we are a part of. More details to come.

## September & October 2017

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24 SUN	9:30 a.m. Come early for Coffee, Juice and Snacks 10:25 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service
25 MON	
26 TUE	<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY RILEY WIEBESIEK!</b>
27 WED	<b>Last Wednesday of the Month</b> Break from Regular Family Night activities- See you next week <b>3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade class still has an activity- see handout from Joel</b> <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELON WIELENGA!</b>
28 THU	10:00 a.m. Worship Folder information due <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEVEN GARCIA!</b>
29 FRI	
30 SAT	
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## Serving God's Family

### TODAY

Greeters	Bev Olson
PowerPoint	Dave Vander Leest
Snacks	Sylvia & Ron Saline
Nursery	Leah Van Voorst

### SUNDAY, October 1

Greeters	Ron & Starr Nielsen
PowerPoint	Abigail Widjaja
Snacks	Wielenga's
Nursery	Christie Vos

### WORLD MISSIONARIES

Mike and Megan Ribbens – Johannesburg, South Africa  
Brian and Jen Young – Middle East

### HOME MISSIONARIES

Keo and Boonjun Phommarath – Siouxland Unity CRC,  
4 p.m. English Service - 601 Court Street, Sioux City, IA

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