

CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

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Fellowship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Kristin Pike, Pastor

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

We are a movement of more than 3,000 congregations in the United States and Canada, committed to sharing the limitless love of God throughout the world. We worship in over 17 languages, in a variety of styles and settings. We are related to 15 colleges and universities and 7 seminaries and divinity houses where new leaders are nurtured. Our 31 regions, 14 general ministries, and ministry partners throughout the world make it possible for us to love and serve our neighbors from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Lord, give us the ability to speak not in languages of hate or greed, complacency or discontent, but in love and peace, mercy and kindness; in generosity and benevolence, in humility and patience, and in truthful words of encouragement. Amen



The United States was not officially founded as a Christian nation, though the majority of its founders were Christians and the nation's founding documents do acknowledge a creator. The U.S. Constitution establishes a secular government with no official state religion and guarantees freedom of religion, ensuring that the government cannot establish a state-sponsored church or favor one religion over another.

The Founding Fathers were aware of the dangers of religious persecution and sought to avoid the establishment of a state religion. They believed in the separation of church and state to protect religious freedom. "One nation under God" is the phrase added to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance in 1954. It signifies the belief that the United States is united under the divine providence of God. This addition was made during the Cold War era, partly to distinguish the United States from the officially atheist Soviet Union. The phrase is intended to be a patriotic expression of the importance of religion in the nation's heritage, rather than endorsing a specific religious viewpoint [according to The National Constitution Center](#).

The History of Independence Day

In 1775, people in the thirteen colonies began fighting the British under King George III for their own independence. On July 2, 1776, Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved, and the document was published. The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, 1776. Delegates began to sign the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776.

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations" throughout the United States. However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.

Interestingly, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826—exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration.

REGIONAL NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE UPPER MIDWEST

Praying Together

Join with Regional Minister Josh Patty for fifteen minutes of prayer on Thursday, July 3rd at 9:30 am via [YouTube](#) or Facebook. A recording of the prayer time will be available on regional [YouTube](#) and Facebook pages.

2025 Regional Calendar

July 1 General Assembly Q&A

July 3 Praying Together

July 12-15 Disciples of Christ General Assembly

BE A CAMP COUNSELOR!

Camp doesn't happen without volunteers. These people fill different kinds of roles: counselors, directors, nurses, chaplains, and general workers. The role with the most direct impact on the lives of the campers is the camp counselor. They get up with the campers, eat with them, lead them in groups, pray with them, plan with them, play with them, and share their stories and faith with them. It is sometimes very hard work. It is also some of the most rewarding work. If you want to make a difference in someone's life, be a counselor!

If you are interested in being a camp counselor or participating in camp leadership in some other way, please contact the [regional office](#), [Rev. Andrea Brownlee](#), or fill out our [new counselor interest form](#).

Campers appreciate receiving mail from their congregation so here's the address to write to them:

Name of Camper and Camp Session
c/o Christian Conference Center
5064 Lincoln Street
Newton, IA 50308

You can also email them:

campermail@newtonccc.org; please include camper name and camp name in the subject line.

Attending camp this year are:

Vincent Nordyke: Chi Rho Feb 28-Mar 2 & June 23-28

Bradyn Prall: CYF Feb 28-Mar 2; CYF Camp 1 June 23-28; CYF Camp 2 July 21-26; and Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2

Aaron Nordyke: Junior Camp June 16-21

Jacob Mott: Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2

Chase Zirkelbach: Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2

Evan Zirkelbach: Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2

Mark Prall will be a counselor at Junior 1 June 16-21 and Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2

The poster for 'Another Way' 2025 Camp Schedule features a list of camps and a QR code. The camps listed are: May 30-June 1 - Family Camp; June 16-21 - ADAM Camp; June 16-21 - Junior Camp 1; June 21-22 - Grand Camp 1; June 23-28 - Chi Rho Camp 1; June 23-28 - CYF Camp 1; June 30-July 5 - Junior Camp 2; July 7-9 - Beginner Camp; July 19-20 - Grand Camp 2; July 21-26 - Chi Rho Camp 2; July 21-26 - CYF Camp 2; July 28-Aug 2 - Adventure Camp; Aug 4-9 - Junior Camp 3; and Sept 15-17 - Senior Retreat. The poster also includes the text 'Save the date!' and a QR code with the instruction 'For more information, scan the QR code.'

PRAYER FOR COUNSELORS:

As your Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to go out into the world to share the Good News, so inspire the camp counselors for a summer of leadership and service at the Christian Conference Center Camp in Newton, Iowa. Equip them with the gifts necessary to care for, teach, and lead the campers who attend summer camp. Infuse them with a sense of holy purpose and help them to find joy in serving You through service to others.

PRAYER FOR CAMPERS:

We ask for Your blessings on these campers who will attend the Christian Conference Center Camps in Newton, Iowa this summer. Keep them safe and help them know that You are always with us, even when we are apart from family and home. May their time at camp be a time of growth in Your Spirit and delight in Your creation. We pray for a safe return and look forward to seeing the ways that You have worked in the lives of these campers through outdoor ministry.

CARLISLE COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS

A meal is served M-F at 11:00 a.m. (You may also request the meal be delivered to you.) 515-989-4367 for more details. If the Carlisle Community School District is closed due to weather, no meals will be delivered.

Most days activities begin around 10:00 a.m. and sometimes sooner:

Mondays: cards and games
Tuesdays: band starts between 9-9:30 a.m. --- cards/games after lunch
Wednesdays: Bingo 10-11:00 a.m.
Thursdays and Fridays: cards and games

THE MEAL SITE IS DESPARATELY NEEDING A VOLUNTEER DRIVER ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AT THIS TIME AND SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS. PLEASE PASS THE WORD! Only takes an hour a day to help others. Reach out to Mary at 515-989-4367. THANK YOU!

ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS

***Free Breakfast: Middle River Friends Church
1st Saturday each month
8:00-9:30 a.m.***

Carlisle Area Historical Society Breakfast
Randleman House Adults \$10
2nd Saturday each month
8:00 -10:00 a.m.

***Free Breakfast: Masonic Lodge, Hartford
3rd Saturday each month
7:00-10:00 a.m.***

ONGOING FOOD PANTRIES

***Middle River Friends Church, 4057 S 23 Hwy
Mon & Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m.***

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1100 Market St
2nd & 4th Tues, 4-5:30 p.m.

School Food Pantry, 430 School St.
1st & 3rd Thurs, 4-5:30 p.m.

CCA Blessing Box, Carlisle Christian Church
305 Market St., North side of bldg
Open 24/7 (toiletries, deodorants,
batteries, laundry items, etc.) (no canned
items are needed during this HOT weather!)

VOLUNTEERS:

The Middle River Friends Church is needing volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays Noon to 2:30 to help with the food pantry. Please contact Kathy Zeliadt at 515-975-3815 if you are interested in helping. THANK YOU!

The Carlisle Care Center is needing volunteers to come and read to the residents; or to do crafts with them. They are also looking for any men who are handy to come build some things with our gentlemen. If interested, please call the facility and ask for Missi Reiland or Jennie. 515-989-0871

Community United Presbyterian Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 13th through Thursday, July 17th. VBS will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. each evening and a light meal will be served. Children four years of age up to those who just completed 5th grade are invited attend. To be added to the registration list contact Ann Polito at 515-681-9519.

THANK YOU

Thank you for sharing your "pot luck"! It was delicious. Phyllis and Pat



Come join your family and friends at the Carlisle Christian Church on July 4th to watch the parade which begins at 9:30 a.m. We will be handing out sausages on a stick, water, favors, and providing restrooms during the parade. We will also have tents for shade. See you at the celebration!

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Stamps are on the rise yet again, therefore, we need to ask:

How would you like to receive your Newsletter? 1) by mail; 2) reading on our website; 3) sent to me via email; 4) I no longer wish to receive the newsletter. Please call the office at 515-989-0176 or send an email Carlisle.cc@q.com with your preference. Please let us hear from you soon as to not interrupt your delivery. THANK YOU!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Zoe Saunders 7/3
Clare Hall 7/4
Nina Graham 7/7
Bryar Killen 7/10
Cole Dayton 7/16
Lori Rankin 1/17
Mykaela Graham 7/20
Justin Chastain 7/21
Taylor Dayton 7/22
Rhiannon Chastain-Hall
7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Rodger and Laura Rothfus
7/16

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I love you Lord Jesus. I praise you Jesus. Amen

Our friends in Care Centers: Katie Hakes Gordy Kain Joe Lang
Patsy Overton

Friends & family members: Cathie Berg Karin Doss Rodger Rothfus
Randy Skoglund (Sandee Zirkelbach's
brother) Travelers/Vacationers
Campers and the Counselors Nancy Tri-
plett's Family

REMEMBERING MILITARY PERSONNEL

Justin Miller (NC) Tara Wesner (IN) Josh Wesner (IN)

**"May the Holy Spirit strengthen me,
protect me, encourage me and guide
me today and all days."**

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN ACTION

June 2025

Dear Friends:

Whether you contributed to our food pantries, Operation Backpack program, Thanksgiving program, Spirit of Christmas program, donated to the Scouts annual community food drive or donated at some point throughout the year or regular donations throughout the year we certainly would not be able to provide these programs WITHOUT your ongoing donations! Providing assistance for utilities, rent, groceries and supplies continues to be a great need throughout the entire year, and with your generosity, we are able to assist those families with that need.

Last Thanksgiving and Christmas season we had record numbers of families to assist in our communities. The need continues to be evident. Our food pantries have been busy and there have been numerous other requests for financial assistance as well. CCA currently has two pantries available in the community each month, located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 PM and also at Middle River Friends Church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, as well as the Carlisle Christian Church Blessing Box with limited items available 24/7 by the back door. The Carlisle Community School District also has a food pantry on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month as well as occasional pantries at the Hartford School.

Our Spirit of Christmas Program consisted of 120 area families this year-- the largest group we have ever assisted. It is only due to your generosity that we are able to be of service to so many families. If your family, work place or social group might be interested in assisting a family next year, please contact us early in October so that we can make plans. The program has grown so much, our churches are trying hard to keep up! Donations to CCA may be sent to area churches year round (please make check payable to CCA) or mailed directly to me at 325 N. First Street (Kayla Price, CCA Chairman) or my church, Carlisle Christian Church, 305 Market Street, Carlisle, IA 50047. Again, thank you all so much for your assistance !! Your compassion and generosity means so much to many families here in our community. Questions regarding our program may be directed to Kayla Price (515) 989-0625.

Kayla Price, Chairman
Christian Community in Action

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

BRIEFLY FROM THE BOARD

May offering \$12,493.00, May expenses \$6,876.86, May budget \$7,458.33. Fundraising info has been sent to the congregation regarding "The Lift." Donation was made to the Carlisle Community School for Y-Camp at Boone for 5th graders. No Bible Study in July. Kayla Price was approved as new Board Secretary for the remainder of 2025 and also for 2026. We will be serving pancake/sausage on a stick, bottled water and providing restrooms during the 4th of July parade. Boy Scouts requesting our assistance with prizes for "July 4th Duck Pond." No July potluck. Currently collecting monetary donations as well as limited school supplies for "Operation Backpack." Please remember to check lights, fans, appliances, lock all doors, use garbage and recycling cans appropriately. Currently working on developing a camp fee form so it is easier for CWF to reimburse the church. Please keep our many campers/camp counselors in your thoughts and prayers. We hope you have a great camp experience at the Christian Conference Center in Newton! Next CCC Board meeting Monday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD, Dan Crum, Chair

Happy Summer, I hope yours is going great! I wanted to give you an update on our project to install a lift for better access to our fellowship hall. Hopefully, you have received a letter explaining the project and the cost that go with it. I am happy to report that as of this writing, we have received over \$30,000 for the project. I hope and Pray that you will consider giving in what every way God moves you. We will keep you informed of what we have raised and of our next steps. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Pastor Kristin.

It being summer, things are a bit slower, but we will be planning and getting ready for Fall as it get closer.

I hope this finds that you are doing well and rejoicing in the goodness of our God! Blessings!

WORSHIP, Judy Watkins, Chair

We want to thank Rev. Bob and Sandee Zirkelbach for filling in while Pastor Kristin was out for two weeks with her daughter's wedding activities. We appreciate the Zirkelbach's time and passion preaching God's Word.

FINANCE, Cheree Miller, Chair

We are discussing ideas for future Local Mission Projects; purchasing pool passes for families in need; summer school snacks; providing free water on hot summer days at the pool, etc.

May Offering:	\$12,493.00
May Actual Expense:	\$6,876.86
Overage/Shortage:	\$5,616.14

PROPERTY, Craig Price, Chair

Recent concerns:

1. West door was left unlocked.
2. Fan left running in coat room.
3. Plastic bag of cans left outside of West door.
4. This past winter a space heater was left on, was found on a Monday morning.
5. Trash bags have been placed in recycle container and recycle material has been placed in garbage container.
6. Heater in the coat room was running because thermostat was set at 75 degrees. Thermostat was turned down but heater continued to run. Roberts was called to address the problem. They shut the heater off for the summer and will look into what the problem is this fall when they check all of the furnaces during their annual maintenance check.
7. We apparently have a neighbor who has a dog that likes to take care of his business on our property. Some of our members have relayed concern as to the dogs questionable disposition, so everyone please be aware of the potential for a dangerous confrontation with this dog which is believed to be a Pit Bull. The Carlisle Police have been notified of our concerns.

Since we have many people involved with the cleaning of the church we need to be vigilant when it comes to making sure doors are locked, lights are turned off and equipment and appliances are turned off.

The Resource Committee is scheduling volunteers from our congregation to help clean the church building. Our goal is to have enough volunteers each week, so that no one must clean the church by themselves or not more than once every couple of months. If you would like to join our "cleaning" crew, please sign up on the form in the coat room asap or call and leave a message at the church (515-989-0176). Thank you, and we appreciate everyone and everything you all do for our church.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—CONTINUED

COMMUNITY LIFE, Louanna Pezzetti, Chair

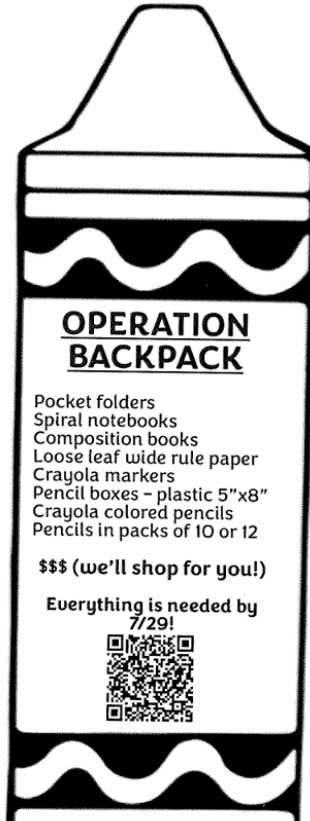
Our free clothing garage sale and luncheon were held on May 30th and 31st. Household items were priced or via a free will offering and proceeds went to the chair lift project. A \$1,000 donation was given that brought the total to over \$1,670. Summer clothes that were left over were given to two Helping Hand locations in Des Moines. The shoes were given to the Carlisle library. Fall clothing was pulled to be given away at our Fall give away on October 3rd.

Our Summer ice cream social was postponed from June 18th to Wednesday, June 25th due to weather. Justin, CW Smith, and their band entertained us with their music. Fiss ice cream, homemade syrup, homemade desserts, and great music was enjoyed by all!

For the third year we'll be giving away sausage on a stick and water during the Fourth of July parade. The restrooms will be available during the parade. Tents will be up to keep you out of the sun and rain. Come join us in front of the church on the 4th.

EVANGELISM, Kayla Price, Chair

The Evangelism Committee is currently working on collecting supplies for "OPERATION BACKPACK" to be held in early August. For over 20 years, our program has provided back packs and supplies for children so that they may arrive at school on the first day next fall with the supplies needed for a successful school year. Items that are most needed include pocket folders, (paper and plastic), spiral notebooks (wide and college rule) composition books, lose leaf wide rule paper, "Crayola" brand markers, small and large classic colors, plastic pencil boxes 5 by 8 inches, "Crayola" brand colored pencils, pencils in packs of 10 or 12 and always monetary donations as we will shop for you. We order many items in bulk to get better prices. Please note that teachers do request very specific items, brand names, etc. We will be collecting actual supplies until July 29th. Monetary donations accepted at any time! Please contact Kayla Price with any questions (515)250-2231. Please make checks payable to "OPERATION BACKPACK."



CWF, Linda Robinson, President

Our next meeting is Monday, September 8th at 1:00 p.m. in which Judy Watkins will take over as President.

July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due		Parade Activities beginning @ 9:30 a.m.	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Post-sermon discus- sions	Worship, Education, Community Life @ 5:30 P.m.		Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Carlisle Care Center @ 1:00 p.m.	Finance, Property, Evangelism @ 5:30 p.m.		Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due Board Items due			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
No potluck	Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Pastor Kristin is out of the office	Pastor Kristin is out of the office	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Pastor Kristin is out of the office Bulletin Items due Newsletter Items due	Pastor Kristin is out of the office	Pastor Kristin is out of the office	
27	28	29	30	31		

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit!
Matthew 28:19

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