



# New Song Notes

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*Mission: To invite all to know Christ, celebrate God's presence and be Christ's body in the world.*

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## Calendar



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| TODAY |    | -Holy Eucharist —10:00 a.m.<br>-Community Hour, Downstairs — 11:15 a.m.<br>-Spirit School led by Bob Sessions, "Christian Response to Climate Change"—<br>11:30 a.m.            |
| Jan.  | 16 | -TED Talk & Light Meal: "Why do we fall for charismatic leaders?" — 5:30 p.m.<br>- Choir Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m.  |
| Jan.  | 17 | -Morning Prayer Service at Lantern Park — 10:00 a.m.  |
| Jan.  | 20 | -Vestry Meeting, Upstairs — 11:30 a.m.  |
| Jan.  | 21 | -Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration, Bethel AME Church, 411 S.<br>Governor St., Iowa City, Guest Speakers, Musical Performances, Prayer &<br>Refreshments — 2:30 p.m. |
| Jan.  | 27 | -Spiritual Formation led by Bill Kupersmith at Prairiwoods — Time TBA   |
| Feb.  | 3  | -New Song Annual Meeting following Eucharist — 11:15 a.m.   |
| Feb.  | 6  | -Choir Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m.  |
| Feb.  | 16 | -New Song Vestry Annual Retreat, Old Brick — 9:00 a.m.- ca. 2:00 p.m.   |
| Feb.  | 24 | -Spirit School: Christopher Epting leads, "Using the Book of Common Prayer as a<br>Resource for Lent" — 11:30 a.m.  |

## News and Announcements

### *January Prayer to End Racism — for an end to slavery:*

*“O God of liberty and justice: we live in a nation in which the institution of human bondage was once a legal and accepted practice. We give thanks for those who worked and fought, at great personal sacrifice, to bring about an end to that cruel and oppressive system in our own land, and we pray that governments and authorities everywhere in the world might be led to make a quick end to the enslavement of any human being, throughout Earth.” Amen*

### **TODAY'S SPIRIT SCHOOL FOCUS: OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Join us this morning at 11:30 a.m. Upstairs as we ponder one of the greatest threats humans have ever faced: “Our Warming and Thinning World: A Christian Response to Environmental Crises.”

### **SEARCH NOW ACTIVE TO FILL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION ASAP**

In order to find and train a replacement for Samantha, who will terminate her employment on Jan. 24, a search committee consisting of Nancy Reincke, Bob Sessions and Jim Conger has been formed. A new job description has been circulated. This is a part-time position with flexible hours, paid vacation days, and includes health insurance and a pension plan. Please contact committee member and put them in touch with likely candidates. Please submit applications by January 16.

In case a new person has not been found or is not yet ready to take over operations right away, Avery Wills has agreed to cover upcoming publications such as the Annual Report, materials for the Annual Meeting. Thank you, Avery!

### **TED TALK SET FOR JANUARY 16, “WHY DO PEOPLE FALL FOR CHARISMA?”**

Mark your New Year calendar now for the TED Talk set for 5:30 p.m., Jan. 16. The topic “Why do People Fall for Charismatic Leaders?” will focus on techniques used by leaders to sway audiences and persuade them to do things they might not ordinarily do. A provided meal will greet participants at 5:30 p.m. and the TED talk, followed by discussion will run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Don't miss!

### **VOLUNTEER AS A NEW VESTRY MEMBER**

There are nine vestry members who meet for a few hours once a month. In our mutual ministry at New

Song this is a group whose duty is to set our agenda for the coming year, and to serve the congregation through thoughtful and consensual guidance. A term lasts a maximum of three years, This year James Robinson and Nicola Brookman-Amissah will complete their terms and step down.

We encourage all of you to consider serving New Song in the capacity of vestry members. Meetings are mostly about how to best serve one another as a congregation., Speak to Nicola and James if you are curious. If they reach out to you, please consider this wonderful form of ministry.

### **ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 3; MUTUAL MINISTRY WILL BE OUR FOCUS**

Each year New Song takes a day to reflect on the past year and to anticipate how to ready ourselves for the next. It involves putting together the Annual Report, voting on the proposed budget, and electing new members of the vestry. It also gives us time to dream a little; and ask ourselves how we might prepare for the year ahead.

This year members of New Song will review how important it is for all of us to participate in and contribute to New Song's family; it also involves discerning how our work helps us to fulfill our mission “to invite all to know Christ, celebrate God's presence and *be* Christ's body in the world.”

Please plan to attend this most important day in the annual life of New Song. A delicious lunch will also be served!

### **CRC LIST MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018**

Christopher Epting, New Song's representative to the CRC (Consultation of Religious Communities of Johnson County) shares info about CRC's 2018 sizable impact on our community: CRC raised \$42,000 for the Common Fund to distribute to folks who faced eviction; through the Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive, it is keeping 1400 people warm; CRC supports the Center for Worker Justice, which helps low wage workers achieve social and economic justice; CRC help support 20+ persons from Mt. Pleasant who were detained by ICE; the CRC also supported Inside Out Reentry program formerly incarcerated persons to build new lives. The long list of CRC's good work will continue next week.

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Jan. 15 — Jim Conger  
Jan. 19 — Chris Schuster