

A MISSIONAL CHURCH

Hus Church is seeking to become a “missional” church. A missional church calls people into a relationship with Christ, equips them for following Christ, and encourages them in the exercise of their ministry as part of God’s mission in the world. We do this by looking to the Bible as God’s Word, developing healthy relationships through the work of God’s Holy Spirit, and providing an atmosphere that frees people to explore where God is calling them to serve.

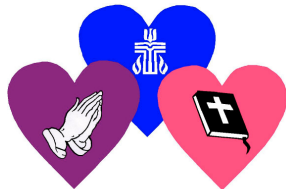
We emphasize discipleship rather than membership. In discipleship, every person is invited to discover a ministry about which they are passionate and are gifted by God to do effectively.

A missional church is a “blessing place,” where people are free to unleash their imaginations and do great things in grateful response to God’s love.

At Hus Church every member is a minister. We want to be a faithful church that helps every member find his or her area of service. The scriptures are clear that every Christian has been called to ministry, and that the Holy Spirit has given each believer special gifts for the accomplishment of their ministry.

The staff and elders at Hus Church seek to lead first of all by faith and example, and next by equipping and training people for effective mission.

Please consult the Hus Church Ministry Guide for more information.



SHARING THE BLESSINGS

A Brief History of Hus Church

The origins of Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church are found in the Christian fellowship of Bohemian Protestant pioneers, who met regularly for worship over a 40-year period, despite the lack of a trained clergy.

In 1874, Cedar Rapids manufacturer, T.M. Sinclair, allowed Czech Evangelicals of the city to meet in his box factory. Three years later, he built Hope Mission Chapel on a hill behind St. Wenceslaus Church. Sunday school was conducted in English and worship in Czech in those early services.

The congregation was formally organized on March 10, 1889, with about 100 members as the Czech Reformed Church and was renamed the Fourth Presbyterian Church later that year. Hus Church as it is known by many of our friends, is just one of several churches in the Cedar Rapids area with many members of Czech roots. On May 2, 1889 the congregation managed to buy their own building by buying the Congregational Church's building, which was moved to the corner of Ninth Avenue and Seventh Street. This building was dedicated in July of the same year. To accommodate a growing congregation, a new church was built in 1915 and was renamed Husuv Pametni Presbyterni Chram (Jan Hus Memorial Presbyterian). This was the location for the church until 1973. In 1972, ground was broken for the present building and then in May 1973 the current building was dedicated.

The first pastor for Hus Church was Rev. Vaclav Hlavaty. He came to the United States as a candidate of theology in 1890 and arrived in Cedar Rapids at Christmas time where he preached at Hus. The congregation at Hus called him to be their pastor on January 7, 1891 and he was ordained shortly after.

Services were conducted entirely in the Czech language until 1932, and then in Czech and English until about 1954. Only English services have been conducted since then.

The church counts as its spiritual forefather, the Bohemian martyr, Jan Hus, who was burned at the stake in 1415. His appearance before the Council of Constance is pictured in the painting now hanging in the narthex. The original was painted by the famous Czech painter, Venceslas Brozik, and can be seen in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Hus PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Hus Church Purpose

Inviting Seekers To Become Believers
Equipping Believers To Become Disciples
Inspiring Disciples To Become Servants

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*Hus Presbyterian Church is an evangelical fellowship of the
Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Weekly Events

Sunday

9:30 AM Worship Celebration
11:00 AM Sunday School for all ages (Aug. - May)

Tuesday

8:30 AM Quilters
1:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

7:30 AM Marion HS Bible Study (during the school year. Please contact us for summer meeting times.)
5:15 PM Dinner (free-will offering)
5:45 PM Youth Group (the 1st Wednesday of each month is pizza & movie night so we start at 5:15 PM. We meet during the summer at 5:30 PM)
6:45 PM Choir Practice (Aug. - May)
8:00 PM Worship Team Practice

Thursday

12:30 PM Prayer Warriors
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Saturday

9:30 AM Hus Racing League (2nd Saturday of each month February through November)

What else do we do?

- ✚ Bible studies - please contact the church office for dates and times.
- ✚ Concerts
- ✚ Mission work

What's in the works?

- ✚ Alpha for youth and adults
- ✚ Small group expansion
- ✚ Worship for youth & young adults
- ✚ Parenting workshops and marriage conferences

Please check the calendar at www.huschurch.org for the most current schedule and list of events.



Exploring GOD's World

Rotational Sunday School

The children meet in the Fellowship Hall at
11 AM each Sunday.
Parents pick up their children
from their classrooms at Noon.

*See the Hus newsletter each month to learn which
classroom your children will be in.*

What is Rotational Sunday School?

The Workshop Rotation Model for Sunday School began in 1990 when a Presbyterian Church in Chicago decided it was time to reinvent Sunday School or close it down. By 1995 enough churches in the Chicago area had successfully adopted the Model to call it a movement. www.rotation.org was created in 1997 to provide resources, lesson plans, and community for the grassroots movement.

"We weren't trying to invent a new model, -we were just trying to solve our problems," said Melissa Hansche, D.C.E. at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. What problems is she referring to?

Bored kids and teachers	Declining attendance
Lack of Bible literacy	Drab and uninviting classrooms
Sedentary teaching	Expensive curriculum
Poor teacher preparation	Trouble recruiting teachers

The decline in Sunday School is one of the worst kept secrets in the Church. Some say "it's a sign of the times." Others of us wonder out loud whether the traditional model EVER worked. (Where are all those kids we had in our Sunday Schools back in the so-called "good old days" of the 50's and 60's? They're at home reading the Sunday paper.)

Here's the Workshop Rotation Model in a nutshell: Teach major Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multimedia workshops: an Art workshop, Drama, Music, Games, A-V, Puppets, Storytelling, Computers, and any other educational media you can get your hands on. Teach the same Bible story in all of the workshops for four or five weeks rotating the kids to a different workshop each week. And here comes the extremely teacher friendly part: Keep the same teacher in each workshop for all five weeks -teaching the same lesson week after week (with some age appropriate adjustments) to each new class coming in. The results, says Linda Beckham, D.C.E. at Tampa's Palma Ceia Church are astounding. "The kids love it, the teachers love it, and we can't ever imagine going back to the old way."

-taken from an article by Neil MacQueen on www.rotation.org.

MISSION STATEMENT: INVITE, EQUIP, AND INSPIRE

Our mission is to be a living display of God's love so that we may invite people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, equip them through knowing the Word and living in the Spirit to become authentic disciples of Jesus, and to inspire them to daring and imaginative lives of service and mission in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all and the only Savior of the world.

VISION

The vision of Hus Church is to be a dynamic congregation with many kinds of people whose lives are united in total and passionate commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord, Leader, and Savior.

We will be a people who gather together in joy and in love, celebrating God's presence in our lives through worship that is attractive to seekers and believers alike, proclaiming to today's world the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We will be faithful in our study of the Bible, so we will know in our hearts and minds the truth of God's Word, and we will be guided by this truth in all we say and do.

We will be known for living in the power of the Holy Spirit, who transforms us and who sends us out into the world to speak of Christ and to serve others in His name.

We will be open and honest about our successes and failures, relying completely upon God's grace in Jesus Christ to sustain us in our relationships with each other and with those who are struggling in the world around us.

We will be the living body of Christ reaching out to offer ourselves in service to others in Christ's name, and we will demonstrate our trust in God by doing God's will in the world through daring, imaginative, and innovative mission.

Core Values

- ✚ Proclaiming Christ In The World
- ✚ Living Life United In Christ
- ✚ Celebrating God's Love
- ✚ Living And Growing In Word And Spirit
- ✚ Serving Faithfully In Christ's Name
- ✚ Submitting Our Resources To The Reign Of God