

Congregational Tidings



*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

A weekly newsletter



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January 9, 2019

Baptism Sunday
January 13, 2019
10:30 am

Pastor Scott Spence will present the message:

Washed in the Water

Using the text:
Matthew 3:1-17

Worship Leader
Nancy Mahood

Children's Lesson
Scott Spence

Deacon-In-Charge
Evie Waack

Acolytes
Janice Akin
Nancy Heinick

Greeters
Rich and Kay Thuesen
(Sanctuary)

Tara and Miriam Spence
(Crossroads)

January Ushers
Craig Jensen
Dave Panicucci
Jeff Thompson
Rocky Petersen

THANK YOU PAUL & HANNAH!

Last Sunday we honored Paul and Hannah with a reception after the worship service. We thank you both for the service you have provided for our youth the past two years as Youth Directors.

Thank you so much for your dedicated service!!

Thank you also to the RE Board for providing the lunch that was enjoyed by all who attended.



**Scott's January
Public Office Hours:**

Scott will be doing Public Hours as follows:

- *1/9 - Sidecar on 1850 W Ridgeway
- *1/16 - Fat Cup on 37 Fletcher
- *1/23 - Sidecar on 21 West Jefferson

Dinner Class

Starting tomorrow night, January 10, our Dinner Class series will be taking a look at Carol Howard Merrit's *Tribal Church*. This is a great chance for our FCUCC to discuss what it means to be a truly multi-generational church for the Cedar Valley. Potluck dinner starts at 6 and discussion begins at 6:30.

All are welcome.

2019 Offering Envelopes

2019 Offering Envelopes are available on the table under the bulletin board next to the church office.

Contribution Statements

End-of-year giving statements will be mailed out next week. Please let me know if you have any questions once you receive them.

~ Michelle

Women's Breakfast

Come join other church ladies this Saturday, January 12th for breakfast at Perkins. Beth Lauterbach assures at least two other ladies will be there ready to welcome you!

January Community Meal

Last week's Tidings had the January Community Meal listed incorrectly. The correct date is next Monday, January 14th.

Flower Chart



The 2019 Flower Chart is now available in the Crossroads area. Please stop by and sign up now to secure the special dates in your life!

Women's Book Study

Starting Sunday, January 20th the Women's Book Study group will be reading Nadia Bolz-Weber's book, *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*. You can find the book at the library, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, etc. All women of the church are invited to participate in what is sure to be a lively discussion. We meet from 9:15 to 10:15am in the Friendship Room on Sundays. See you there!

"Ask Me Anything" Sermon

If you missed Church on Sunday, December 30th, you missed something special. For his sermon, Pastor Scott answered questions submitted by members. It was enlightening to hear his answers to questions like, "Which religion has it right?" and "What happens after I die?" Those of us in attendance now know. If you missed it, the good news is that he plans to do it again in the future.

**University of Iowa
Dance Marathon
Donation Opportunity**



On the weekend of February 1st, I will again be participating in the University of Iowa's 25th Annual Dance Marathon, benefiting the University of Iowa Children's Hospital in the heart of Iowa City. I will be joining thousands of other University of Iowa students in a 24-hour marathon that

involves dancing, eating, participating in games and activities, and listening to patients' heartwarming stories. We will do all of this while standing and without any sleep or caffeine.

As a leadership member, I have been challenged to raise at least \$1000 before our big event. I am well on my way at \$684 but still have a ways to go. If you're interested in supporting me in my efforts, check out my fundraising page:

<https://donate.dancemarathon.uiowa.edu/payment/19197> .

For more information about our organization please visit our website: <https://dancemarathon.uiowa.edu/about/> .

Thank you in advance from the University of Iowa Dance Marathon family

~ *Katherine Kaliban*



Thank you to everyone who remembered us this Christmas Season with cards, gifts and baked goods! Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

~ *Staff of First Congregational Church*

Sunday School

Gathering (9:00 - 9:15am)

Youth and adults meet for singing, praying, and mission news in the chapel

Classes (9:15 - 10:15 am)

CHILDREN

Students 6th grade and up will gather upstairs in the Murphy Youth Room

Children ages pre-K - 5th grade meet with Jayne Slaughter in the upstairs Sunday School Room

ADULTS

Adults will meet in the chapel

Women's Book Study meets in the Friendship Room

Upcoming Events

Thurs., January 10

Meals on Wheels
6:00 pm - Dinner Class w/potluck

Sat., January 12

9:00 am - Women's Breakfast at Perkins

Sun., January 13

9:00 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship

Tues., January 15

7:30 am - Men's Breakfast at Village Inn

Wed., January 16

5:30 pm - Bells
7:00 pm - Choir

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Create an endowment of love. Please consider including our church in your estate planning.

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Annual Meeting & Potluck Sun., January 27, 2019



The potluck will be held right after the church service with the Annual Meeting to follow.

Last Call...

Calling All Church Members!!! If you would like to serve on a board or a committee this upcoming year, step right up! It's a good way to get involved in church projects and a great way to be generous with your talents. There are openings in several of the groups. Please contact Diane Highnam at 319-240-2849 or diane.highnam@cfu.net. You can also contact the church office. THANKS for your help!

All Board Chairs, please have your report Michelle by this coming Monday, January 14th.