

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 16, 2019

**Second Sunday
after Epiphany
January 20, 2019
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott Spence will
present the message:**

Into the Wild

Using the text:
Matthew 4:1-17

Worship Leader
Barbara Hatinger

Children's Lesson
Kay Leary

Deacons-In-Charge
Henry and Lynette Doepke

Acolytes
Greg and Michelle Holt

Greeters
Anna Kendall
Danny Steiber
(Sanctuary)

Tim and Vicki Ahrens
(Crossroads)

January Ushers
Craig Jensen
Dave Panicucci
Jeff Thompson
Rocky Petersen

**Annual Meeting & Potluck
Sun., January 27, 2019**



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

*You may pick up a copy of the 2018 Annual Report and
2019 Proposed Budget in Crossroads this Sunday to
review before the meeting.*

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

Please remember to bring a dish to share and your
own plates and silverware.

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

Scott will be doing Public Hours
from 3 to 5pm as follows:

- *1/16 - Fat Cup on 37 Fletcher
- *1/23 - Sidecar on 21 West Jefferson

Dinner Class

Our Dinner Class series is taking a look at Carol Howard Merrit's *Tribal Church* on Thursday evenings. 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 this week. Please let me know if you have any questions once you receive them.

~ Michelle

Membership Directories

Michelle will begin working on the new Membership Directory in February. Please let her know of any corrections to your family information or if you would like to send in a new picture by the end of this month. (319-234-8927 or michelle@firstcongucc.org)

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!

Long Journey for Sara

As you may know by now, Bob and Beth Hurley's daughter, Sara has a large brain tumor and will be having surgery to remove it. Two funds have been set up to help the family afford the travel and medical expenses. Thank you for any help you can provide. The family is truly appreciative of your support.

The "Sara Bruce Fund" is available for Veridian Credit Union Members or you can make a direct deposit by calling Beth Hurley at 319-234-6223.

You can also learn more about Sara's diagnosis and make a donation by visiting www.gofundme.com/longjourneyforsara.

**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*

Snow or Inclement Weather Closing Policy



During the winter months, not only heavy snow but also icy or extreme cold conditions can cause a Sunday Worship Service cancellation. If weather conditions seem questionable, check our Facebook page or watch the announcements on kwwl.com.

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 17

6:00 pm - Dinner Class w/potluck

Sun., January 20

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

Wed., January 23

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

Thurs., January 24

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

Sun., January 27

9:00 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Annual Meeting w/potluck

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

F I R S T C O N G R E G A T I O N A L U C C

It's Time for Super Bowl Subs!



Purchase a Ham, Turkey, or Veggie Sub for \$6 each or a Roast Beef Sub for \$7 each to go with your Super Bowl Snacks on Sunday, February 3rd.

Please Sign up in the Library with your choices by Sunday, January 27th.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the June Missions Trip. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth!