

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 23, 2019

**Third Sunday
after Epiphany**
January 27, 2019
10:30 am

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

Beatitudes

Using the text:
Matthew 5:1-20

Worship Leader
Paul Greene

Children's Lesson
Gina Greene

Deacon-In-Charge
Gina Greene

Acolytes
Tara and Leah Spence

Greeters
Marcia Johnson
(Sanctuary)

Sue Hummel
(Crossroads)

January Ushers
Craig Jensen
Dave Panicucci
Jeff Thompson
Rocky Petersen

Annual Meeting & Potluck
This Sunday, January 27, 2019



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
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 Public Office Hours:

Scott will be doing Public Hours from 3 to 5pm on January 23rd at 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.

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.

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)

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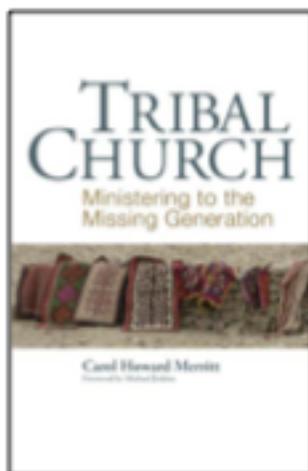
Dance Marathon Donation Opportunity

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



And so we start another year but this isn't just the beginning of another year, is it? This is the beginning of a new chapter in the Life of First Church. This is an opportunity we rarely have in our church family due to the typically long tenure of our senior ministers. We searched, and found, the spiritual leader who we believe can take us, as a church family, to where WE want to go and to be the people WE want to be. We made that clear in our church profile. And now we have that opportunity ... the time is NOW! It's time for us to all participate in molding the Future of First Church! One opportunity to participate is Pastor Scott's book discussion of "Tribal Church - Ministering to the Missing Generation" every Thursday night. The potluck starts at 6:00 and the discussion at 6:30.

Our Future is in Our Hands! Paul, your moderator

Atlanta Hospital Campaign

In 1959, Robbins Fischer (my Father) was a professional fundraising campaign manager. Groups building a private school, church, hospital, or other major capital campaign, hired his company. That spring, Dad went to Atlanta, GA to organize fundraising for the first hospital in the South that would serve both Blacks and Whites. He had two offices and two secretaries, one in a major Black-owned bank and one in a White bank. The campaign's goal was to raise half of the funds from each community. Dad met Martin Luther King, Jr., but worked more with MLK, Sr. on possible donor lists and introductions. He would start out many mornings with a list of potential donors to meet and no schedule. When he returned to his office in the Black bank around 5 PM, his secretary knew exactly who he had seen and when.

When school was out, Dad rented a house so that Mother, Grandfather, and the 3 of us girls could join him. (I enjoyed the climbing tree in the back yard and the stream down the street where the neighbor kids hunted crawfish together.) One afternoon I came in from the backyard just in time to hear Dad pick up the phone in the living room and say "hello." (He did not see me standing in the kitchen doorway.) A man's voice on the other end said: "I am from the White Citizen's Council (one name for the KKK)." Dad said: "Who is this? What's your name?"

"My name isn't important, we have a message for you, Yankee. We don't like what you're doing. We don't need your kind and your radical ideas down here makin' trouble. You keep on raisin' money for that hospital and it could be dangerous. We know where you live. We've seen your girls playing in the yard. Go back North Yankee, before something happens to them."

Dad replied: ""Who are you, you coward! Give me your name and I'll have police at your house in ten minutes!" He held out the now dead phone, looked at it and set it down. I slipped back outside.

At the party celebrating the campaign's successful completion, I overheard one of the Black leaders tell Dad "Mr. Fischer, you didn't know it, but the last six months you have been the most protected man in Atlanta."

The hospital was built and was one more step toward racial integration in Atlanta.

~ *Barbara Hatinger*

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 24

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

Wed., January 30

5:30 pm - Bells

7:00 pm - Choir

Thurs., January 31

Meals on Wheels

NO Dinner Class this week

Sun., February 3

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

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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 this Sunday, January 27th.

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