

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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February 13, 2019

**Sixth Sunday
after Epiphany
February 17, 2019
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott Spence
will present
the message:**
*Parable of the
Two Kingdoms*

Using the text:
Matthew 13:24-43

Worship Leader
Anne Hoekstra

Deacon-In-Charge
Bonnie Rickert

Acolytes
Jeff and Cindy
Thompson

Greeters
Craig and Nancy
Mahood
Miriam Spence
(Sanctuary)

Laurie Allbaugh
(Crossroads)

February Ushers
Gordon Lauterbach
Kelly Conrad
Jonathan Yarngo
Peter Steva

Super Bowl Subs Pictures

(February 3, 2019)





Confirmation

Please keep the students in your thoughts and prayers during the next several weeks of confirmation.

This month we will be discussing the history of our church and the UCC, UCC Statement of Faith and the Bible.

Youth Choir

Sunday, March 3rd, our youth choir will perform during the worship service. Each Sunday this month two practices will be offered - During Sunday School and during worship following the children's lesson.

Annual Directory

Michelle is currently working on the Directory. If you would be available and would like to help put the directories together the end of this month, please contact her at michelle@firstcongucc.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JEFF RICKERT

Saturday, February 23rd

Visitation will be from 9:00 am until the service at 10:30 am. A luncheon will be served following the service.



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.

WORSHIP

Black History Month

Starting this weekend, Danny Steiber will be doing a "Reflections on Black History" during the worship service each Sunday in February.

Coming Up in March - Lent Events

~ A Brown Bag Bible Study on Discipleship and the Gospel of Matthew will be offered twice each week in March. Beginning on Wednesday, March 13th from noon to 12:45 bring your lunch and join us or during the Sunday School Hour each Sunday.

~ Ash Wednesday Service will be March 6th at 6:00 p.m. Communion will be served.

~ Lent Midweek Worship with Soup and Sandwiches will be held each Wednesday evening starting on March 13th. Time to be announced.

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 looking at *Tribal Church*.

Women's Book Study meets in the Friendship Room looking at Nadia Bolz-Weber's *Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People*.

Upcoming Events

Thurs., February 14

6:00 pm - Dinner Class

Sun., February 17

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

Confirmation Class will follow worship

Tues., February 19

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

Wed., February 20

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

Thurs., February 21

6:00 pm - Dinner Class

Sat., February 23

10:30 am - Jeff Rickert Memorial Service

Prayer Chain...

~ Sara Bruce, daughter of Bob and Beth Hurley underwent brain surgery on Friday. She is in recovery. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Condolences



~ Our condolences to the family of Lorraine Reeves who died Saturday evening. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. A memorial service will be held later this year. Sympathy cards can be mailed to the family in care of Lorraine's son, Lincoln Reeves at:

300 W. 5th St. #446
Charlotte, NC 28202

Iowa, Nebraska & South Dakota Conferences

The collaborative staffing of the Tri-Conference Ministries



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Join us for the first ever joint meetings of the Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota conferences of the United Church of Christ June 14-15-16, 2019 at the [Tri-Faith Initiative](#) in Omaha, Nebraska. The Tri-Faith Initiative is one in which three faith institutions – [Temple Israel](#), [Countryside Community Church UCC](#), and the [American Muslim Institute](#) — committed to build three houses of worship and a shared Tri-Faith Center together on one parcel of land. We are so grateful for their hospitality!

Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in being a delegate!

You are invited to join First Congregational UCC, Anamosa, IA, in celebrating the Installation of their pastor and teacher, Rev. Rodger Good.

When: February 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Where: First Congregational UCC
(107 E 1st Street, Anamosa, IA 52205)

If you are not able to attend in person, you may send a card or note of well-wishes to Rev. Good and the congregation!

Clergy are invited to wear robe and red stole and process during the service.

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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



Parents Night Out



**The Youth will be hosting a Parents Night Out
on Friday, February 15th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
for ages 2 through 5th grade.**



Want to take your valentine out to dinner but don't have a sitter?



Now you do!



**Please rsvp to the office by Thursday, February 14th with
the number of kids you will be dropping off.**



Cost is \$10 per child.

