

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 20, 2019

**Seventh Sunday
after Epiphany
February 24, 2019
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott Spence
will present
the message:
*All Are Fed***

**Using the text:
Matthew 14:13-33**

**Worship Leader
Gina Greene**

**Children's Lesson
Evie Waack**

**Deacon-In-Charge
Joanne Lane**

**Acolytes
Cliff and Diane
Highnam**

**Greeters
Bob and Beth Hurley
(Sanctuary)**

**Craig and Nancy
Mahood
(Crossroads)**

**February Ushers
Gordon Lauterbach
Kelly Conrad
Jonathan Yarngo
Peter Steva**

Pictures from Parents Night Out





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. Two practices will be offered this coming Sunday - 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.

Pastor Scott's Community Office Hours This Week:

Wednesday, February 20th

THE TEA CELLAR

209 State Street
Cedar Falls, IA

3:00 - 5:00 pm



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 or join us during the Sunday School Hour each Sunday.

~ Our Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6:00 on March 6th. The imposition of ashes will be offered and we will serve Communion. All are welcome.

~ Lent Midweek Services will begin March 13th. Services will start at 6:00. All are welcome.

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 21

6:00 pm - Dinner Class

Sun., February 24

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

Confirmation Class will follow worship

Wed., February 27

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Pastor Scott's Community Office Hours

5:30 pm - Bells

7:00 pm - Choir

Thurs., February 28

Meals on Wheels

6:00 pm - Dinner Class

Memorial Services



Jeff Rickert Memorial Service:

~ The memorial service for Jeff Rickert will be held this Saturday, February 23rd at 10:30 am here at First Congregational UCC. There will be visitation from 9am until the service and a luncheon following the service.

Larry Garlock Funeral Service:

~ Larry Garlock's funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday morning, March 9th at Locke Funeral Home (1519 W. 4th Street in Waterloo). Visitation will take place an hour before the service.

Pastoral Care

One of the most important functions of ministry is providing care and support in times of need. Please contact the church office, Diaconate Chair or contact me directly (919) 265-8902 if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care. Due to HIPAA regulations, churches are no longer contacted when their members are in the hospital so please contact us in case of emergency. Thank you.

~ Scott

Prayer Chain...

~ Sara Bruce, daughter of Bob and Beth Hurley is back home following brain surgery in Iowa City. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Iowa, Nebraska & South Dakota Conferences

The collaborative staffing of the Tri-Conference Ministries



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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The First Congregational UCC

Board of Fine Arts

Presents:

Sunday, March 10, 2019

2:00 pm

Free and Open to the Public

An Afternoon of Chamber Music with



Ross Monroe Winter
violin



Julia Bullard
viola



Hannah Holman
cello