

Congregational Tidings

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



A weekly newsletter



March 11, 2020

**Third Sunday
in Lent
March 15, 2020
10:30 am**

**Evie Waack will
present the sermon:**

*Radical Connection
Fasting From...
Barriers*

Scripture Reading
John 4:5-42

Worship Leader
Paul Greene

Deacon-In-Charge
Nancy Heinick

Acolytes
Janice Akin
Nancy Heinick

Greeters
David Allbaugh
Craig and Carmen
Driver

March Ushers
Bruce Jensen
Jim Stevenson
Bob Tefft
Rich Thuesen

Lent Sermon Series:

Lent is traditionally a time of spiritual focus and reflection, an opportunity for Christians to adopt a new faith practice or discipline. Each Sunday during this season our worship will focus on the idea of fasting-the concept of reducing or ending a habit or routine. Traditionally this has been associated with food but with the help of the Gospel of Mark we will look at many different types of fasting. **If you know of a family member or friend who are thinking about getting back into church, this is a great opportunity to invite them to FCUCC!**

March 15: *Guest Preacher Evie Waack* Mark 12:1-17
March 22: *Fasting From...Our Image* Mark 12:28-44
March 29: *Fasting From...Judgement* Mark 13:1-8,
Mark 13:24-37
April 5 (Palm Sunday): *Fasting From...Power*
Mark 11:1-11



Lent Book Study

Our Lent Book Study will take a look at *Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us* by Layton Williams. Williams is a PC(USA) pastor whose book is appropriate for our divided times.

The book can be purchased through the Church Office for \$15 or through Amazon. Join us Wednesday nights for a potluck at 6pm followed by this Book Study. All Are Welcome!

*(Please note - No Book Study on Wed., March 18th
while Pastor Scott is on vacation)*

**Fourth Sunday
in Lent
March 22, 2020
10:30 am**

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

*Fasting From...
Our Image*

Scripture Reading
Mark 12:28-44

Worship Leader
Diana Paige

Deacon-In-Charge
Cindy Thompson

Acolytes
Bob & Pat Brock

Greeters
Rocky & Mary Kay
Petersen
Sue Hummel
Marcia Johnson

Scott's Public Office Hours:

*3/11 - Side Car
(Downtown, W'loo) 1pm - 3pm

*3/18 - NO Public Office Hours

*3/25 - Starbucks
(1501 Flammang, W'loo) 3pm - 5pm

NE Association Meeting

The Northeast Association is holding its Spring Meeting on *Sunday, March 29th at Faith UCC Tripoli*. We will begin at 3 and hope to finish with Dinner and a program at 6. There will be many chances for fellowship, sharing new ministry ideas, and learning about the exciting happenings in our Association.

FCUCC is in need of two delegates to attend the meeting. Please let Pastor Scott know if you are interested. This is a great chance to meet fellow UCCers and to Be the Church in NE Iowa!

Women's Book Class

The Women's book study class will **NOT** meet on March 22. We will resume on March 29 with Part 5 of Present Over Perfect.



NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free 8-week mental health and wellness class led by trained peers for people with mental health conditions to help with their recovery. It offers respect, understanding, encouragement, and hope while building on the strength and resilience of participants.

It will run every Thursday from 6 to 8 pm starting April 23rd and ending June 11th. It will be held at the First Congregational Church in Waterloo (608 W. 4th Street). Registration is required and the deadline is April 3rd.

Call the NAMI office at 319-235-5263 for more information.

Office & Publishing News:

The church office will be closed **March 16 - 20th**. Pastor Scott will also be on vacation **March 14th - 21st**.

In case of emergency please call him via his cellphone.

There will be NO Tidings that week.

Deadline for the **March 22nd** Sunday Bulletin is 9am on Thursday, March 12th.

Bunger Journal Buddies...



Please return your journals as soon as possible so we can get them back to our Bunger students.

VBS Planning Meeting

We are partnering with multiple churches for VBS again this year. The first planning meeting will be held **March 12th at 5:30pm at Trinity**. Anyone interested in volunteering this summer are welcome to attend this meeting.

Sunday School

Gathering (9:00 - 9:15 am)

Youth and adults initially will meet in the chapel.

Classes (9:15 - 10:15 am)

Students 3rd - 5th grade will gather in the chapel with Katie Thomas.

Children ages pre-K - 2nd grade will meet with Jayne Slaughter in the downstairs children's nursery / classroom.

The Adult class meets in the Friendship Room.

Weekly Events

Sat., March 14

9:00 am - Women's Breakfast at Perkins

Sun., March 15

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

March 16 - March 20

Office Closed

Tues., March 17

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

Wed., March 18

6:00 pm - Potluck
6:30 pm - Choir Practice
7:00 pm - Youth Group

Thurs., March 19

6:00 pm - Bells Practice



Thank you to Bob Hurley!

Bob shared his time and talent by refinishing the cabinet doors and drawers in the Grin & Grow Kitchen. They look amazing!
Your help is greatly appreciated!



WORSHIP WHILE YOU WASH!

Here are some ways you can praise God in 20-30 seconds while you wash your hands!



SING A VERSE OF A HYMN!
THE DOXOLOGY
MORNING HAS BROKEN
BE THOU MY VISION

SING THE CHORUS OF
HERE I AM LORD
HOW GREAT THOU ART
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER



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Place
Stamp
Here

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



Through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, we are planting seeds of new life. Together, we are investing in communities worldwide: providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all. These are just a few ways the OGHS offering touches God's children, in addition to disaster relief and refugee initiatives.

Through your generosity, the world is a better place. But more is needed. You have an opportunity to plant seeds into the lives of others. Be a co-worker with God. Building, planting, watering...and trusting that God gives growth to all good gifts shared in faith. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your generosity!

We will collect this special offering during our Worship Service on Sunday, March 29th.