

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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April 3, 2019

Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019
10:30 am

**Rev. Scott Spence will
present the message:**

Who is This?

Using the text:
Matthew 21:1-17

Worship Leaders
Kenny Steva
Michael Dunn

Children's Lesson
Evie Waack

Deacon-In-Charge
Joanne Lane

Acolytes
Rich and Kay Thuesen

April Ushers
Craig Driver
Peter Blankenfeld
Todd Ellison
Steve Peters

Holy Week 2019

April 17th 6:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer Service

April 18th 6:00 pm
7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday
Meal of Soup and Bread
Service

April 19th 11:30 am
12:00 noon
7:00 pm

Good Friday
Good Friday Processional (gather at Zion Lutheran)
Good Friday Ecumenical Service at First United Methodist
Good Friday Service of *Tenebrae*

April 21st 6:20 am
9:00 am
10:30 am

Easter Sunday
Easter Sunrise Service at RiverLoop Amphitheatre
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Worship Service with Communion

- LENTEN BIBLE STUDY -

~ What does it mean to follow Jesus? Does it cost anything? Does it ask anything? How can we do it by ourselves? Or as part of a faith community? What is this whole Christian thing about? You are invited to explore these questions (and more!) during our Lenten Bible Study. Led by Pastor Scott, this class will take a look at Discipleship and The Gospel of Matthew. We meet every Sunday at 9 or Wednesdays from 12-1 in the Chapel.

We will look at the following topics:

Week of April 7th: *When the Going Gets Tough*

Week of April 14th: *Disciples in the Making*

~ Lent Midweek Services are held every Wednesday Night at 6pm until April 17th.



Prayer Chain...

~ Sara Bruce, daughter of Bob and Beth Hurley is recovering at home from brain surgery. Gas cards would be appreciated as the family will be traveling back and forth to Iowa City multiple times in the months ahead. Thank you again for your prayers and support. If you have questions, please contact Gina Greene.



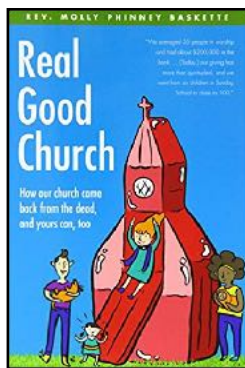
Pastoral Care

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 some one 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.

~ Scott

Greeter Reminder

Please remember to sign up on the large sheet in the Crossroads area if you would like to be a greeter. It is a fun way to meet and greet your fellow church members.



NEW BOOK STUDY

When: Thursday Evenings, starting April 25th
Time: 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner with discussion
starting around 6:30 pm
Where: First Congregational UCC Chapel
Title: *Real Good Church*
by Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette

* Rev. Baskette is a UCC pastor who writes openly and honestly about the experience of church renewal and gives practical steps for any congregation. You can purchase the Kindle Version on Amazon for \$10, the book from any online retailer or reserve a copy from Michelle in the office for \$20 by emailing michelle@firstcongucc.org or calling 234-8927. *Deadline to reserve a copy from the church is April 17th.*

Women's Breakfast

Due to the road construction on University Ave, the Women's Breakfast will be held at the Perkins on San Marnan Ave for the next 3 months. **Beginning this Saturday April 13 through Saturday June 8**, we will have the separate party room reserved. After June's breakfast, we will reassess if we want to continue at that location or change it up. If you haven't been to a previous women's breakfast, now is a great time to join us!! New location and new faces are always welcome!! Great food and great fellowship!! Call Michelle in the office, if you are able to join us!!

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 with Diana Paige and Evie Waack 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 *Discipleship*.

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

Saturday, April 13

9:00 am - Women's Breakfast at Perkins (*San Marnan, W'loo*)

Sun., April 14

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

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wed., April 17

12:00 pm - Brown Bag Bible Study
6:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer Service
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:00 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Service



Get to know your Confirmands:

Lucy Prescott is a 7th grader at Hoover Middle School, where she plays the clarinet. Her family includes her parents, Paul and Hannah, her brothers, Arlo and Crosby, her big dog, Rocky and two cats, Lola and Buddy. Lucy has been involved with dance for 5 years.



Spring Clothing Give-Away Update:

Thank YOU for Your Generosity!

Once again the Historic Church Row Neighborhood Clothing Giveaway was an amazing success. One hundred ninety-four recipients reduced tables piled high with donations to almost nothing in less than an hour. People were lined up 30 minutes before the doors opened. An extra-special note of appreciation to Kyle, our custodian, for transporting everything to First Baptist.



SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS AND OUR LOCAL THEATER

We are excited to announce that four of our members (Natalie Lindaman, starring as Junie B. Jones, Kari Lindaman, Emily Lindaman and John Mardis) will be performing in the upcoming play, *Junie B. Jones is NOT a Crook* at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. (225 Commercial St. W'loo)

The show runs APRIL 26, 27 & MAY 3, 4.
People can come early opening night, April 26 for FREE food. They are serving mac and cheese, chicken nuggets, lunch lady brownies, milk cartons and water.

You can purchase your tickets online at www.wcpbhct.org or by calling 319-291-4494.



What a horrible day for Junie B.! She is sure that someone stole her brand new mittens– whoever took her mittens needs to return them immediately. This hilarious and heartfelt story is based on the shenanigans of the incomparable Junie B. Jones created by Barbara Park.

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Order your Easter Lilies by this Sunday, April 14th...

Price: \$12.00 each

Please make checks payable to First Congregational UCC. Send your check and this order form to the church, place it in the offering plate, or email Michelle in the office. Your Easter Lilies can be picked up after the 10:30 Easter Worship Service.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total number ordered: _____ x \$12.00 = _____

In Memory of:

In Honor/Celebration of:
