

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 11, 2018

**Third Sunday of
Easter**
April 15, 2018
10:30 am

Rev. Tim Ensworth will
present the message:

Humility

Using the text:
Job 42:1-6

Worship Leader
Laura Kaliban

Children's Lesson
Lynne Ensworth

Special Music
I Hear a Voice A-Prayin'
Chancel Choir

Deacon-In-Charge
Connie Jo Peirce

Acolytes
John and Barb Mardis

Greeters
Mike Sherman
(Sanctuary)

Bob and Jo Tefft
(Crossroads)

Moving Help Needed:



Alice Schneider is moving to Friendship Village and needs some volunteers to help her move this **Sunday, April 15th**. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at her house (315 Byron Ave. - W'loo). If you are able to help, please join us then. If you have a pick-up that will be helpful!





My hope for you is that all is well.
 My hope for you is that you are healthy.
 My hope for you is that you find peace and happiness.
 My hope for you is to be free of doubt and despair.
 My hope for you is to find your way, and to show others your hope.
 My hope for you is that you may never lose hope.
 My hope for you is to understand.
 That all this hope is what bring us together, keeps us together and sustains us all.
 Day after day week after week year after year.
 It's hope.

“This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God’s gift to us.”

Romans 5:5

Paul Prescott
 Director of Youth

Sunday School

Gathering (9:00 - 9:15 am)

Youth and adults meet for singing, praying, and mission news.

Chapel

Classes (9:15 - 10:15 am)

CHILDREN

Students 6th grade and up will gather upstairs in the Murphy Youth Room with Lauren Reisinger.

Children ages 1st - 5th grade meet with Lynne Ensworth in the main level Sunday School Room.

Children up to Kindergarten age meet with Jayne Slaughter in the upstairs Sunday School room.

ADULT FORUM

Adults meet in the chapel.

Weekly Events

Thurs., April 12

Meals on Wheels

Sat., April 14

9:00 am - Women’s Breakfast at Perkins

Sun., April 15

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

Tues., April 17

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

Wed., April 18

5:30 pm - Ukuleles
 5:50 pm - Bells
 7:00 pm - Choir

Spring Clothing Give-Away

The Church Row Neighborhood Coalition is once again sponsoring the spring clothing give-away **this Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 - 11:30 am at First Baptist Church** (434 Baltimore Street - Waterloo).



Summer Services:

If you are interested in leading a service this summer, including sharing the message, or have some 'suggestions' please let Gina Greene know (ggreene1124@gmail.com). We will follow-up with 'suggestions' as needed. Thanks!

"Help Beautify Our Neighborhood"

Spring is here! The Church Row gardeners will be at Irving School on 5th Street, **Thursday, April 19 from 4-6 PM** if you would like to help mulch, prune, weed, please plan on joining the fun!

"An Intimate Eve of Jazz with Celeste Bembry and Pantera Roxa"

A fundraiser is being held on Friday, April 20th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Center for the Arts (225 Commercial ~ Waterloo)

Tickets are \$50.00/person and can be ordered by emailing celestelea@yahoo.com

Proceeds will go toward a Mission Trip to Kenya.

2018 First Quarter Financial Status

Overall, the Church Operating Budget is in good condition. At the end of March, we were 25 percent of the way through our budget year, so both income and expense should be close to that number. Current Pledge income was at 27.5 percent and Total Income was at 30.1 percent, more than budgeted. Total Expense was 26.3 percent, slightly higher than budgeted.

We are also tracking pledge payments for our Capital Campaign to restore the Rose stained glass window and improve the sanctuary sound system. We are in the third, and final year of the capital campaign. Office Manager, Michelle Wolfe, reports that 26 pledge units have pledges due this year. If you are one of them, please plan to make your final pledge payment in the coming months. If you have questions about either the Operating Budget or the Capital Campaign, please contact Michelle.
Dave Allbaugh
Treasurer



Zachary Stanley Bishop was born April 1, 2018 weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz. Congratulations to parents Brian and Molly Bishop; grandparents Paul and Gina Greene; great-grandparents David and Marian Greene; and uncle Tyler Greene!

Pastoral Relations Committee

Our church pastoral relations committee is comprised of five church members mutually chosen by the board of trustees and our senior minister. Current members include Kay Thuesen, Keith Jorgensen, Peter Blankenfeld, Barb Mardis, and Steve Thorpe.

A pastoral relations committee "seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and members of the congregation." The committee serves as an advisory group to the pastor, sharing "ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations, and concerns of the congregation with the pastor." And the committee serves as a support group for the pastor, interpreting "roles, functions, and needs of the pastor to the congregation."

Do feel free to contact any member of the committee with your ideas, dreams, or concerns.

CONDOLENCES:

Dan Hummel's mother, Betty, died on April 6th. A memorial service will be held at the Friendship Village Chapel (600 Park Ln - W'loo) on Thursday, April 12th at 11:00 am.

Please keep Dan and Sue in your thoughts and prayers.



We still need help with **EVERYTHING** from supervising booths and serving food the day of the event to making pasta salad and baked beans beforehand. Sign-up sheets are in the library. **This is an All-Church Family Outreach so let us ALL sign up to help!**

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Family FUN Day

SATURDAY
APRIL 28, 2018
11 am - 3 pm

**Admission and
food is free!**



All are Welcome!

