

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 25, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

10:30 am

Lauren Reisinger will
present the message:

Acceptance

Using the text:

Acts 10:34-48

Worship Leader

Tim Ensworth

Children's Lesson

Cliff Highnam

Special Music

Keep Not Thou Silence

Chancel Choir

Deacons-In-Charge

Jeff and Bonnie Rickert

Acolytes

Tim Ahrens

Leah Reisinger

Greeters

Bruce and Jill Jensen

(Sanctuary)

Jim and Nancy Stevenson

(Crossroads)

Family Fun Day



First Congregational Church

608 W 4th St
Waterloo

Saturday April 28th 11-3

-Bouncy House-

-Petting Zoo-

-Face Painting-

-Food-

-Games-



Free Event!



Weather Permitting



When I regularly played the trombone, I would play a sour note (more than) every once and a while. Generally, I could just adjust the slide, firm up my embouchure, or check my tuning slide in order to fix the sound.

When I play the piano, I often hit wrong notes. I can separate my hands in practice to perfect each passage or slow down the entire passage to increase my accuracy. If the piano is out of tune, I can pay a tuner to make it sound better.

The voice, though, is harder to control. There are no slides, valves, or keys to visually show where the singer's pitch is. Additionally, a singer cannot blame any instrument for their sound. Because of this, singing people can tend to equate the sound of their voices to their own value - and especially for amateur singers, they can be quick to judge their voice as "bad," "tone-deaf," or (as my students say) "gross." Some people tell themselves early on that they cannot sing, therefore they go entirely through life without ever really trying to. What a sad existence! In reality, singing is a skill that can be built - even so, there are no "bad" voices! So, sing confidently.

Isaiah says this about this coming of Jesus: "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." I can guarantee that your voice will sound better than mountain-singing.

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 26

Meals on Wheels

Sun., April 29

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship Service

Tues., May 1

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

Wed., May 2

5:30 pm - Ukuleles

5:50 pm - Bells

7:00 pm - Choir



Collene Peirce turns 80 on April 29. She would love to hear from you!! Feel free to send her a birthday card:

3726 Memory Lane
Waterloo, IA 50701



Our First Congregational Church is hosting a **Family Fun Day** this Saturday, April 28th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. All children are welcome.

Cost is free, thanks to our Board of Missions and funds from the Bazaar! Come and bring your friends to a fun afternoon on the church lawn by the playground!

If you are able to help by supervising a booth, please come this Saturday!

This is an All-Church Family Outreach so let us ALL sign up to help!

Family Choir

On May 6th we will have a family choir perform at our 10:30 worship service. Anyone interested in participating can meet in the sanctuary on May 6th at 9:00 am to learn the arrangement of "Amazing Grace." It will be fun to see how many congregation members and their families we can get involved! Any questions, please contact Ben.

Want to Stroll Through the Neighborhood?

The Neighborhood Newsletter distribution is scheduled for anytime after 8:30 AM, Tuesday, May 8th.

The Church Row Coalition is asking for volunteers to help with this to publicize the annual clean-up scheduled for May 19th.

If you're interested, please call or text 504-3212 before May 6th at noon. Thanks for your consideration!

Let's help our sister, Connie!

Few things bring encouragement like a good meal. On April 24, Connie Jo Peirce had a cornea transplant performed in Iowa City which will require her to take four weeks of bed rest.

Lynne Ensworth is organizing volunteers who will prepare and take a meal to Connie during her recuperation. If you can help out, please text or call Lynne: (319) 240-8470.

Summer Guest Articles



I am looking for anyone who would be interested in doing a guest article for Tidings during the summer months of June, July, and August. Any church member is welcome to write something. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please email me at michelle@firstcongucc.org or call me at 234-8927.

Thank you in advance!

~ Michelle

Community Meals Needs You!

We are in need of some volunteers to help with Set up from 2:00 to 4:15pm on the second Monday of each month.

If you want to help every month that would be great! If you would like to help once per quarter or even once per year, that would be great too!

Please contact Liz Thorpe (319-984-9139) or Michelle in the office (319-234-8927) if you can help in this way.

Lost & Found

We have collected hats, jackets, a necklace, eye glasses, and misc. other items. If you have lost anything lately, please check with Michelle in the office. Thank you!

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Youth Sunday
May 6, 2018
10:30 am



A special offering will be taken during this service. The proceeds will go to our Sunday School Fundraiser in Moldova.

La VIA Community Center is an after-school program that helps children-at-risk enjoy a place that they feel safe, accepted and valued.

(You can place your regular offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.)