

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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May 16, 2018

Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018
10:30 am

**Rev. Tim Ensworth will
 present the message:**

Community

Using the text:
 1 Corinthians 12-13

Worship Leader
 Lauren Reisinger

Children's Lesson
 Kay Thuesen

Special Music
As with rosy steps the morn
 Megan Grey

Deacon-In-Charge
 Janice Akin

Acolytes
 Ed and Eileen Dams

Greeters
 Richard and Joan Grimm
 (Crossroads)
 Ed and Eileen Dams
 (Sanctuary)



YOUTH SUNDAY:

Thank you to our youth for participating and leading the Youth Service on Sunday, May 6th. Thank you also to our devoted youth directors, Paul and Hannah Prescott and to all those who helped provide childcare during worship services or led a Sunday School class this past school year!

Your dedication to our youth is so needed and appreciated!





What a privilege - what a joy divine!

Working at First Congregational has fundamentally changed my career goals and the way that I lead musical ensembles. The church musicians' commitment, dedication, and love for musical excellence has been a bright light in my life the past two years, which resulted in some of the finest and most emotionally intentional music made in my life so far. Our church is uniquely blessed!

Some of my favorite memories include our presentation of Faure's Requiem with orchestra, staging Song of Mark with Celeste Bembry and Luke Fosselman in lead roles, and working with Tim to help create an all-encompassing and inclusive worship experience between music, ritual, and spoken word.

Please include both Luke Fosselman and Megan Grey in your prayers as they graduate and pursue the next chapter of their lives. Luke has been hired for the Boone Community School District in their IT department. Megan will be going off to New York City to perform with the Metropolitan Opera. Congratulations to them!!

*~ Ben Owen
Director of Music*

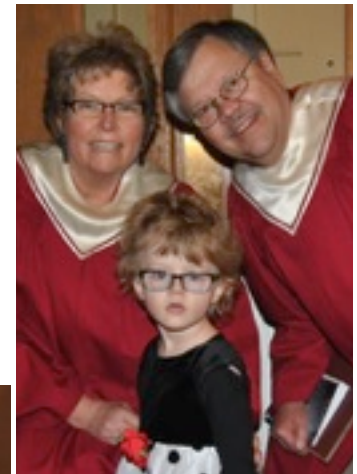
*Baptism of Kora Moore,
daughter of Kerston & Megan Moore*



AND



Our Church Family



Cedar Valley Chamber of Music Concert

The Ying String Quartet Anniversary Concert hosted by Cedar Valley Chamber Music will be Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 PM at Cedar Falls, First United Methodist Church (718 Clay St, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613)

Tickets are available at the door, or at cedarvalleymusic.org

3rd Annual S.T.E.P.S. by Kei-Che Showcase

June 1st ~ 6-8 pm
Cedar Falls Woman's Club
(304 Clay St. - Cedar Falls)

The Spring 2018 Youth program will be showcasing American Sign Language through Hip-Hop music. Their mission is to bridge the gap between the deaf and hearing communities. Two scholarships will be presented.

Cost is \$5 per person which will go toward the scholarships for the youth. For more info: 319-429-9504

Church Picnic June 3, 2018

The annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 3rd. Please save the date! We always enjoy a wonderful day of worship and fellowship!

Summer Guest Articles

I am still looking for a couple more people who would be interested in writing a guest article for Tidings during the summer months. Any church member is welcome to write something. If you would be interested, please contact me in the church office.



Lorraine Mae Schneider Heinick will celebrate her 92nd birthday with a card shower and family celebration. Lorraine resides at NorthCrest Specialty Care. Cards may be sent to her in care of her daughter, Janice Akin:
1425 West 11th St.
Waterloo, IA 50702

I will be your God through all your lifetime...I made you and I will care for you. I will carry you along and be your Savior. Isaiah 46:4 ~ We love you always and forever!

Vacation Bible School June 17 - 21, 2018



We are partnering with First Methodist who will be hosting the VBS.

If you are interested in volunteering or helping out this year, please contact Hannah at hannah@firstcongucc.org.

The theme this year is Rolling River Rampage - "Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!"

Neighborhood Opportunity

If you'd like to help beautify our church's surrounds, please join in the fun this Saturday, May 19th from 8-12:30 at the First United Methodist parking lot. Thanks for your support!

Graduations

It's that time of year again! Now is the time to let the church office know if you have someone graduating from high school or college. Please submit their names to the church office for publication in Tidings at a later date. Include future plans they may have in mind such as colleges they will be attending.



Donations Needed

The Community Partnership for Protecting Children supplies for "Essential Baskets" are low. These are available for those in need and are items that cannot be purchased with Food Stamps.

If you can provide any of the following please bring to church and we will see that they get delivered. Thank you.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Laundry Soap
- All Purpose Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Garbage Bags
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash/Bar Soap
- Laundry Baskets

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Return Service Requested

Create an endowment of love. Please consider including our church in your estate planning.

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Save the Date!! June 3, 2018 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

LOOKOUT PARK - Park Drive and Mandalay Drive, Cedar Falls

CHICKEN
AND DRINKS PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING SIDE-DISH, PLACE SETTING
AND AN EXTRA CHAIR



SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH AT NOON

