

# 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 23, 2018

## Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

10:30 am

**Rededication of stained  
glass window of the boy  
Jesus in the Temple**

**Rev. Dr. Dane Sommer will  
present the message:**

*The Uncontrolled, Undefined  
Presence of God  
in our Times and Spaces*

### Using the texts:

Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17

### Worship Leader

Tim Ensworth

### Children's Lesson

Gina Greene

### Special Music

*Urlicht*

Megan Grey

### Deacon-In-Charge

Nancy Mahood

### Acolytes

Paul and Gina Greene

### Greeters

Lynne Ensworth  
(Sanctuary)

Barb Mardis  
(Crossroads)

## From Your Search Committee...

ALLELUIA! THE SEARCH MAY BE OVER! Your Search Committee has selected a candidate to be our next Senior Minister. You will have the opportunity to meet him and his family on Saturday evening, June 16th. We will provide more details as plans are finalized. You will be able to RSVP your interest to attend the gathering. We apologize for the lack of detail today. It's all happening very quickly.

You will be getting information on the candidate and his family as soon as we are allowed to share!! He will conduct the worship service on Sunday, June 17th. Immediately after the service we will hold a congregational meeting to vote acceptance of our next Pastor.

Please help us welcome him with a full sanctuary on Sunday, June 17th! Your presence, your voice, and your vote are all very important!

The months of work by the Transition Committee and the Search Committee AND the generosity of Pastor Tim giving us 18 months to search have made this day possible. We will thank them officially soon.



### NOTICE:

The First Congregational United Church of Christ in Waterloo, IA will hold a special Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 17, 2018. All members are urged to attend.



## God is Good...

Several months ago I mentioned in a staff article that my husband and I had put our house on the market and originally were doubting that it might sell. I had read a devotional about having confident faith and so I chose to put my trust in God. I had learned the Bible verse Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you..." from an early age in church. So

instead of the worry and doubt that I was feeling, I changed to a different mindset. I told my husband, Greg, that maybe the reason our house was not selling was because the house that God planned for us to move to wasn't on the market yet. That gave us both a sense of relief and so we waited.

We ended up taking the house off the market from December until April 26. We had our first open house after re-listing on May 6th. The house sold on May 10th! We were excited and a little nervous at the same time as one of the conditions for the sale was that the closing date would be June 22nd! That gave us a little over a month to be out of the house and hopefully find a new one! Thankfully my parents had told us that we could stay with them if needed so it was nice to know we wouldn't be homeless. We looked at four houses in the next 6 days. One of those we both loved and we were told by our realtor that it wouldn't last long. I asked Greg if we should go home and pray about it and he said, "we already have prayed about it and I think this is it." We made an offer on Wednesday, May 16th and the seller accepted the next day...and agreed to a closing date of June 22nd!

The exciting thing about this house is that it had just been listed the same day that we looked at it. Which means, "the house God planned for us to move to wasn't on the market yet" last fall! Our house sold only one week before we bought our new home. I truly feel like this was God's perfect planning. We do not know what the future holds for us but God sure does. God is Good...God is Great!

~ Michelle Wolfe  
Office Manager

**Please Note:**  
The office will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.  
Also, the office will only be open from 8am to Noon:  
Tuesday, May 29th through Friday, June 1st

## Week Events

**Thurs., May 24**  
Meals on Wheels

**Sun., May 27**  
10:30 am - Worship Service  
(Dane Sommer Preaching with Stained Glass Window Dedication)

**Mon., May 28**  
Memorial Day  
(Office Closed)

**May 29 - June 1**  
Office Hours:  
8am - Noon

## Upcoming Events

**Fri., June 1**  
6:00 - 8:00 pm - Spring Youth Program by Kei-Che Showcase  
(Cedar Falls Woman's Club - 304 Clay St., Cedar Falls)

**Sun., June 3**  
11:00 am - Church Picnic and Worship Service at Lookout Park  
(Park Dr., Cedar Falls)

**Thurs., June 7**  
5:30 - 7:30 pm - Summer Family Resource Fair at First United Methodist Church  
(614 Randolph St., Waterloo)

**June 17 - June 21**  
5:15 - 7:30 pm - Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church  
(614 Randolph St., Waterloo)

**From Tim ...**

My mother, Kathi Ensworth, died Monday evening at about 9:30 pm. I was able to spend a very special and meaningful last day with her. Her dying now is a gracious gift from God for her and for me and for her family. She died knowing that she was well-loved.

She was well-loved by you, too, and I am grateful for the welcome and care you have given her and the support you have given me during her six years in Iowa. She will be cremated and I will take her ashes with me to Maine where my sister and brother and I and the rest of our family will plan a celebration of her life. Again, thank you ...

**Donations Needed**

This is the final week to donate to the Community Partnership for Protecting Children. If you are able to donate, please bring items by this Sunday. A great big thank you to those that have already been able to support this need.



**Lorraine Mae Schneider Heinick** will celebrate her 92nd birthday on May 25th 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](mailto:hannah@firstcongucc.org).

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



**Congratulations to our 2018 Graduates!**

**Best of luck in your future endeavors!**



**\*\* Lauryn Doepke**

(Dubuque Senior High School)  
Lauryn will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall.  
Grandparents: Henry & Lynette Doepke

**\*\* Jarred Goodrich**

(East High School, Waterloo)  
Jarred will be attending The Salon Professional Academy for Barbering.  
Grandparents: Bob & Beth Hurley

**\*\* Diane Rolf**

(Don Bosco High School)  
Diane will be attending UNI this fall majoring in social work. She is the recipient of the Pauline Barrett Endowed Scholarship and the Distinguished Scholar Award Scholarship from UNI. Diane is also receiving the Elizabeth Naebers Scholarship and the Peg Mullen Scholarship.  
Grandparents: Bob & Beth Hurley

**\*\* Andrew Grimm**

(West H.S., & Hawkeye CC, W'loo)  
Andrew received his degree in Network Administration & Engineering at Hawkeye while finishing his High School classes!  
Parents: Chad & Constance Grimm  
Grandparents: Dick & Joan Grimm

**\*\* Lillian Walker**

Lillian graduated High School this spring and will be studying Social Anthropology at St. Andrews University in the fall.  
Parents: Bradley & Elizabeth Keith Walker  
Grandmother: Katinka Keith

**\*\* Jessica Stewart**

(North Central College, Naperville, IL)  
Jessica graduated with a double major in Business Management and Business Marketing with a minor in coaching. She will start working as the event coordinator for Hu's Assisting in Plainfield Illinois.  
Parents: Greg & Amy Tilley  
Grandparents: Dale & Evie Waack

**\*\* Amanda Jo Franke**

(University of Wyoming)  
Amanda graduated with her BSN-RN. She will be working at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Sheridan WY.  
Parents: Bob & Patty Franke  
Grandparents: Russ & Kathy Franke

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*June 3, 2018*

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

**LOOKOUT PARK** - Park Drive and Mandalay Drive, Cedar Falls

CHICKEN AND DRINKS PROVIDED

ANYONE WHO IS ABLE IS ASKED TO BRING A SIDE-DISH,  
PLACE SETTING AND AN EXTRA CHAIR

**SERVICE 11:00 A.M.**

**LUNCH AT NOON**

