

Congregational Tidings

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!



A weekly newsletter



May 27, 2020



FAREWELL TO THE SPENCE FAMILY

*A Prayer for the Spence Family
from your Church Family:*

*Father God, As we say farewell
to the Spence Family we entrust*

*them into your care. We pray for happiness and joy to be
ahead of them, for wisdom and guidance to be beside them,
and for grace and truth to be behind them, pushing them
onward into your goodness.*

Amen.

(Living Prayers)



Say Goodbye to
Our Pastor and Family

Dear Scott - With Appreciation for Your Leadership -

What We Pray For You:

GUIDANCE

For the paths your feet will follow...

COMPASSION

for those you are called to help.

What We Give To You:

APPRECIATION

For your leadership...

THANKS

For your encouragement

What We Wish For You:

STRENGTH

To stand for what is true and right,
even when there is opposition...

COURAGE

To press on, even when you have a
staff that isn't as awesome as us! 😊

~ Your Staff

Michelle, Kyle, Katie,
Luke, and Hudson





Time has been flying by and standing still at the same time. Here we are already at the end of May ... it doesn't seem possible to be nearing the halfway mark of 2020. And yet, the beginning of March, the beginning of the pandemic here, feels like years ago. Regardless of where we feel we are, June is right around the corner and it is sadly time for us to say "Goodbye" to the Spence family.

It doesn't feel right to say goodbyes without the church family potluck, without sharing of stories and laughs, and without some tears and hugs. But we are where we are and we trust it will all end soon, but sadly not soon enough for us to gather for this goodbye. We have to trust, too, that the Spence family knows they are in our thoughts and our prayers, that we appreciate what they brought to our church family ... their music, their sharing, their smiles, and their vitality. They will be missed.

Our church family will enter its next chapter a little better than its last because of the Spence family. We hope they can say the same. Our best hopes, wishes, and prayers for health and happiness will follow the Spences wherever the next stop on their journey may be. Blessings always!! Shalom!!

Paul



Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020



Please join us on Facebook or our Youtube channel for our Worship Service with communion. You are invited to wear red to symbolize the Holy Spirit. We will have Communion during the service. All Are Welcome!

Coffee and Cookies Time!

Join us this Sunday following the Worship Service from 11:30-12:30 for a special Coffee and Cookies Time with a Liturgy of Leaving for Pastor Scott via Zoom! This is another time to connect with your church family. We look forward to seeing you!



COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 health concerns, the Church Office and Building is closed. You can keep in touch with the church staff during this time:

Questions?

Call 319-234-8927 or email us at fcuccoffice@gmail.com

(Messages will be checked periodically)

Youth Director Katie: katie@firstcongucc.org

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Custodian Kyle: k.lindaman79@gmail.com

Here are ways you can stay in touch:

*Check for updates from Church Staff via email.

*Facebook: First Congregational UCC Waterloo, Iowa (@FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa)

*The FCUCC website: www.firstcongucc.org

*Our Youtube Channel: FCUCC Waterloo

*And of course by reading The Tidings!

** Weekly Events **

Wed., May 27

7:00 pm - Prayer Service via our Facebook page

Fri., May 29

3-5pm - Community Coffee Hour via Zoom

Sun., May 31

Sermon: *One Body, Many Gifts*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13r



Birthdays & Anniversaries



June Birthdays

June Anniversaries

3	
Todd Ellison	
Phil Martens	
Jennifer Wells	
4	
Sally Walker	
Nancy Mahood	
5	
Becky Ellison	
8	
Cliff Highnam	
Anne Hoekstra	
Shirley Kappel	
Callie Ann Holdiman	
9	
Zailey Lynne Sheridan Casteel	
10	
Andrew Akin	
	11
	Molly Thiele Weber
	Kay Thuesen
	15
	Frieda Biesanz
	Jane Young
	17
	Susan Peters
	19
	Danielle Conrad
	25
	Natalie Lindaman
	28
	Cindy Wells
	29
	Andrew Thoreen
	Michelle Wolfe

	1
	Jeff & Peggy Essmann
	4
	Phil & Becky Martens
	5
	Craig & Sharon Holdiman
	8
	Steve & Kay Leary
	11
	Tom & Courtney (Rickert) McCaffrey
	19
	Brad & Jodi Casteel
	Jim & Nancy Stevenson
	Rudy & Jan Bernhard
	26
	Brian & Molly (Greene) Bishop
	Greg & Anne Hoekstra
	Bruce & Jill Jensen
	27
	Robert & Jill (Jensen) Mejia



Donna Koweil Scholarship Opportunity

FCUCC has been given a tuition grant again this year from the Donna Koweil Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to students who are members of FCUCC and have successfully completed at least one year of schooling. Deadline to submit an application is May 31, 2020. If interested, please contact Michelle in the office for an application and cover letter which explains the scholarship in more detail. (fcuccoffice@gmail.com)

~ Marcia Johnson & Connie Jo Peirce



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, 2020.

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

C O N G R E G A T I O N A L

Graduations

Now is the time to let Michelle in the office know if you have a family member who has graduated from high school or college.

Please include future plans they may have in mind such as colleges they will be attending or jobs they have been offered.

Mail to: 608 W. 4th St, Waterloo, IA 50701 or
Email: fcuccoffice@gmail.com

We will list the graduates in an upcoming issue of Tidings.