

# Congregational Tidings

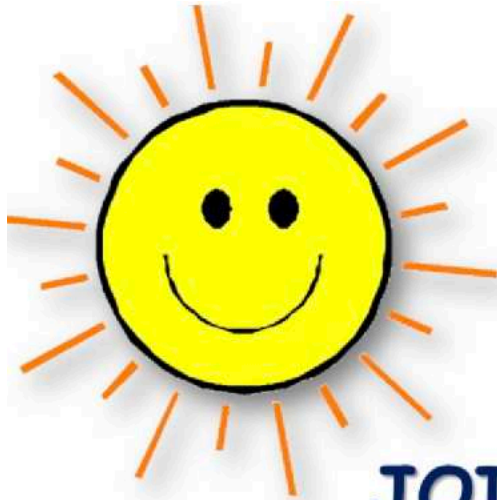


*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

A weekly newsletter



June 3, 2020



**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!!**

**LET'S GET TOGETHER!!**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**6:30 – 7:30 PM**

**JOIN ON ZOOM**

laugh!

just  
chat!

smile!

bring a  
friend

share  
your  
joys

what's  
up!

see  
familiar  
faces

catch  
up!

**Time:** 06:30 PM  
**When:** Every summer week on Wednesday  
**Join Zoom Meeting**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89698477798?  
pwd=K25ERitRYmk3MFZnMHZCYVNSNGY2Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89698477798?pwd=K25ERitRYmk3MFZnMHZCYVNSNGY2Zz09)

**Meeting ID:** 896 9847 7798  
**Password:** 554196  
**Dial:** 312 626 6799

**Questions? 'Just give me a call! :)**

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Paul Greene  
319-404-4940

\*\* If you can't join by Zoom, you can still join by phone. Just call 312-626-6799. You'll have to enter 896 9847 7798# at the prompt after dialing in. We'd love to HEAR from you even if we can't SEE you.



## **\*\* This Sunday \*\***

Join us for a VIRTUAL summer picnic, this **Sunday, June 7 at 10:30.** All are welcome. Find the link on the First Congregational UCC Waterloo Facebook page. Gina Greene will be sharing the message "*Where do you find God?*" (BYOB: Bring your own Basket.)



I would like to say thank you for all the cards of sympathy at the loss of my granddaughter, Allison Anderson.

*~ Lois Johnson*



## **Nicaragua Shoeboxes**



In the last 18 years you were in line to help the kids and young moms in Nicaragua. Since we started this project we have shipped tons of aid thousands of shoeboxes to kids. These aren't just gifts, these boxes keep kids in school and change their lives.

In this, our 19th year, we need your help again. monetary donations for BOTH shoeboxes and layettes are now being accepted in the church office. You may donate by mailing a check or online through our website, [www.firstcongucc.org](http://www.firstcongucc.org). Thank you in advance!



thank  
you!

Thank you for the kind cards and thoughtful gifts that we received Friday from our church family. We wish you nothing but the best and ask only that you keep us in your prayers as we move on to where God is calling us next. Know that God will be with you always and that our Creator's care and love surround you all your days.

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make God's face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up God's countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26

Love,

Scott, Tara, Leah & Miriam Spence



Our condolences to the family and friends of Duane Weiden. Duane died on Thursday, May 28th at the age of 92. Some may remember him from working in maintenance here at First Congregational Church several years ago. You may find his full obituary here: [https://wfcourier.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/duane-d-weiden/article\\_d61dc1d0-5dbf-5158-9579-173cd3b47ff7.html](https://wfcourier.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/duane-d-weiden/article_d61dc1d0-5dbf-5158-9579-173cd3b47ff7.html).

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## ***A Note From Our Moderator***

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

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# Congregational Tidings

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Stamp  
Here

*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

A decorative border of black graduation caps with colorful tassels (red, blue, green, yellow, purple) surrounds the central text.

## 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](mailto:fcuccoffice@gmail.com)

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