

Congregational Tidings



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

A weekly newsletter



June 10, 2020



RAIN OR SHINE!!

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89698477798?pwd=K25ERitRYmk3MFZnMHZCYVNSNGY2Zz09)

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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.

Are You Having Issues? ... I Mean Virtually?

We have new ways of worshipping and gathering right now and we want to make sure everyone is able to join in. Being a part of worship, social gatherings, and meetings requires:

- a computer of some sort
- access to the internet
- the know-how to use them



If you are not able to participate in worship, social gatherings, or meetings, please let us know. Call the church office at 319-234-8927. Please leave a message if no one answers. We're going to figure out ways of getting every member of our church family able to join in with all of us. That includes you! **WE MISS YOU!**

**** This Sunday ****

Join us this **Sunday, June 14th at 10:30.**

All are welcome. Find the link on the First Congregational UCC Waterloo Facebook page.

Greg Holt will provide the sermon, *Harbingers, Blessings and Miracles.*



Nicaragua Shoeboxes

Since we started this project we have shipped tons of aid to moms at our shelter and thousands of shoeboxes to kids.

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. Thank you in advance!

Where Were You Last Wednesday???

We missed YOU and you missed the conversation! And you missed out on the Word of the Week ... *ephemera*. We didn't know there was going to be a word of the week, but evidently there is. :) We discovered we all have a lot of ephemera around the house. Join in on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. You never know what you might learn!



We have suspended the Men's Breakfast since March 16. The world pandemic raged and now appears to be on the ebb. We have had civil unrest

and that appears to have dissipated. The great American economy contracted and now begins its recovery.

Restaurants now accept groups up to ten in number. So the Men's Breakfast is restarting its First and Third Tuesdays meetings beginning June 16. All men are welcome to attend.

Maybe the world is ready for our solutions to these problems. We can discuss over breakfast.

~ Jim Stevenson



Best Wishes to Katie!!

Katie Thomas, our Director of Youth Ministry will be ending her time with us this month. She is pursuing her Master of Divinity at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia ... very exciting for her!

We want to thank Katie for all the love she has shared with our church family and our youth over the past year. We will miss her! Please keep Katie and her fiancé, Coco, in your prayers as they transition to their new life down South. Best wishes, Katie!!

Church family members needing your prayers ...



We know of a few family members who need our thoughts and prayers this week. If you know of anyone, please let us know. We need and want to know how everyone is doing!

- Lynette Doepke was scheduled for back surgery on Tuesday, June 9th.
- Zoe Lennox was scheduled for foot surgery on Wednesday, June 10th.
- Jen Johnson, wife of our former music director, Dusty, is in ICU in Iowa City for a heart condition.
- Richard Cook is in room 121 at Mercy One recovering from a stroke.

**BAZAAR
NEWS**

Until further notice, we are not accepting bottom drawer items.

Thank you.



Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates!

Best of luck in your future endeavors!

**** Katherine Kaliban**

(University of Iowa)

Katherine graduated on May 16th with a BFA in Art, and minors in Human Relations and Psychology. She plans to attend Mount Mary University in Milwaukee to work on her Masters of Science in Art Therapy. Katherine is the daughter of Kurt and Margaret Kaliban.

**** Lauren Reisinger**

(University of Northern Iowa)

Lauren received her Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration majoring in Human Resource Management. She is currently looking for employment opportunities.

Lauren is the daughter of Chris Reisinger and Kevin & Brooke McConnell and granddaughter of Tim and Vicki Ahrens.

**** Leah Reisinger**

(Hawkeye Community College)

Leah graduated with an AAS in Early Childhood Development. She is currently looking for employment opportunities. Leah is the daughter of Chris Reisinger and Kevin & Brooke McConnell and granddaughter of Tim and Vicki Ahrens.

**** Japhy Holt**

(Cedar Falls High School)

Japhy will be attending the University of Iowa studying Pediatric Physical Therapy with a minor in Dance. Her parents are Greg and Michelle Holt.

**** Katy Forcum**

(Cedar Falls High School)

Katy will be attending the University of Iowa pursuing a degree in Optometry. Her parents are Russ and Beth Forcum.

**** Ian Klopfenstein**

(University of Iowa)

Ian will be entering law school at the University of Michigan this fall. He is the grandson of Roger and Joanne Lane.

**** Preston Kane**

(East High School)

Preston is the son of Sara Bruce and grandson of Bob and Beth Hurley.

**** Jackson McFadden**

(Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO)

Jackson will be attending the University of Missouri majoring in Biology. His grandparents are Todd and Becky Ellison.

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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

Leah & Miriam Spence sent these 'Thank you's' to our church family:



Dear church family,
 I will miss you. Thank you for the
 friendship you have given us.
 When we move, I hope you will
 keep in touch. I thank every
 one of you for helping us. A
 special thank you to Jayne and
 Katy, for being there always. Good
 bye church family, I hope to keep in
 touch. Love, Leah