

Congregational Tidings



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

A weekly newsletter



June 17, 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.



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!**

Are You Having Issues Connecting Online?

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.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP!

Many thanks to Greg Holt and his worship team for a wonderful service last Sunday! Thanks to Natalie Lindaman, Mike Waggoner, Japhy Holt, Katy Forcum, Lauren Reisinger, Ahmad Madlock, Joel Waggoner, Michael Dunn, and, of course, our organist Hudson Lourenço and our videographer/editor/producer Luke Overton for putting all of the many, many pieces together into a beautiful worship service.

** THIS SUNDAY **

Join us this **Sunday, June 21st at 10:30.** All are welcome. Find the link on the First Congregational UCC Waterloo Facebook page. Meach Meacham will provide the sermon.

Nicaragua Shoeboxes

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!

We Missed You Last Wednesday!!!

Last Wednesday we had guest appearances from out-of-state church family members! Celeste was able to join for a short time before starting her own Prayer Service in California. It is always a blessing to see and hear Celeste! And Steve and Barbara Prust joined us from Wisconsin. Whoo hoo! What a pleasant surprise to visit with them. You never know who is going to show up on a Wednesday night ... how about YOU? :)



Best Wishes on your next chapter, 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 ...

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

- Remember Baby Aubrey in Iowa City ICU, friend of the Thompson's.
- Ann Bromley is in therapy after hip replacement surgery. She is at St Luke's Hospital Transitional Care Center, 8405 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 getting some rehab, PT, & OT.
- Lynette Doepke is recovering from back surgery.
- Zoe Lennox is healing after a successful foot surgery for a broken bone this past week.
- Richard Cook is recovering from a stroke in room 121 at Mercy One.
- Richard Grimm is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on June 24th.
- Please remember Dusty Johnson and his young family after the passing of their wife & mother, Jen Johnson, this past week.

BAZAAR NEWS

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

Thank you.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Jen Johnson. Jen died on Friday, June 12th. Dusty & Jen were fixtures in our church family several years ago. Dusty was our Director of Music and Jen was involved in choir and other church activities. Memorials for Jen may be sent to "Jen Johnson Memorial" at Veridian Credit Union, P.O. Box 6000, Waterloo, IA 50704. Online condolences may be shared at www.fryfuneralhome.com.



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.

**** Jackson McFadden**

(Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, MO)

Jackson will be attending the University of Missouri majoring in Biology. He is the son of Albert and Alison McFadden, grandson of Todd and Becky Ellison and great grandson of Donna Sheridan.

**** 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.

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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

DO UNTO OTHERS

The corona virus has given us many opportunities to look at what we do and how we do it, hasn't it? One of the most important things we do differently is wear the simple face mask. Either purchased, or gifted ... a simple bandana or made from scrap cloth we had around the house ... the mask is how we help keep covid-19 from spreading.



But the mask isn't for us, is it? The mask doesn't protect us, it protects everyone we may be around, whether a friend or a stranger. The mask is something we wear, hopefully proudly, for everyone else. It's sometimes hot. It's sometimes uncomfortable. But it tells the world we care enough about them to wear it.

It's the same reason we support our local restaurant by getting take-out instead of dining in. It's the same reason we give walkers wide berth when we pass on the sidewalk while at the same time giving them a wave in greeting. It's the same reason we remind each other to stay safe. Do Unto Others it means more than ever in these days, doesn't it?