

# 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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June 20, 2018

**Fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
July 24, 2018  
10:30 am**

**Rev. Tim Ensworth will  
present the message:**  
*Shalom*

**Using the text:**  
Isaiah 2:2-5

**Worship Leader**  
Lauren Reisinger

**Children's Lesson**  
Diane Highnam

**Special Music**  
Aaron DeSantiago

**Deacon-In-Charge**  
Jill Jensen

**Acolytes**  
Craig and Nancy Mahood

**Greeters**  
Ed and Eileen Dams  
(Sanctuary)

Gary and Linda Waldon  
(Crossroads)

## **THE SEARCH IS OVER!! THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY!**

JOY is what I experienced last Sunday morning as I watched our sanctuary fill with familiar faces. The JOY welling inside me was fostered by the faces themselves. Yes, the faces I enjoy and appreciate most every Sunday were there and I always look forward to seeing them. But there were also faces of our church family who made a special trek from far away ... faces of church family who aren't able to get out easily ... faces of church family who are hurting, physically or emotionally, and had ample reason to take a 'pass' for the day, but didn't ... faces who had important duties elsewhere, but shared their time with us. All of them chose to spend this special Sunday at Home with their church family.

While developing our Church Profile for the pastoral search, our Transition Committee came to realize just how extraordinary our church family is. And our Search Committee came to the same realization as they talked about you with so many pastoral candidates and as they returned back to our Profile over and over again as the guiding light to the Right candidate.

We are very fortunate to have Scott Spence as our new incoming Senior Minister as First Congregational UCC in Waterloo, Iowa unfolds a new chapter in its history. The enthusiastic, unanimous support from all of you demonstrates our appreciation. BUT Scott Spence will also come to realize how very fortunate he is to be leading the extraordinary church family found in all of you. Thank you, Church Family!

Alleluia!

*Paul Greene, Moderator*

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## Weekly Events

**Thurs. June 21**

5:15 pm - Last Night of VBS  
(First Methodist Church)

**Sun., June 24**

10:30 am - Worship Service

## Want to help?

The Ensworths will be loading a rental moving truck on Friday, June 29. There is much to load at two locations and we could use some helping hands!

If you can help, please meet Tim at 9:00 am at Added Self-Storage, Unit J-8, at the corner of West 27th and Union Streets in Cedar Falls.

Thanks!



## Graduations

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### \*\* Lilli Meyers Medhus

(George Washington University)

Lilli graduated with her nurse practitioner and midwifery degrees.

Parents: Joel and Laura Thorpe Meyers  
Grandparents: Steve and Liz Thorpe

### \*\* Lt. Pete Meyers

(West Point, NY)

Lt. Meyers graduated with a BS in Nuclear Engineering and Physics. He graduated with honors (top 3% in a class of 1200).

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## Nicaragua Shoe Boxes



In the last 16 years you were in line to help the kids and young moms in Nicaragua. Since we started this project we have shipped 650 ton of aid to 17,000 moms at our shelter and shoeboxes to 30,000 kids. These aren't just gifts, these boxes keep kids in school and change their lives.

In this, our 17th year, we need your help again. Connie Jo and Jayne Slaughter will be continuing the tradition. You can pick up boxes to fill or give money so they can fill boxes and bags for the moms. We started this project with two and now have over 5,000 helping us in eight states.