

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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WE'RE FAMILY!!

IT'S TIME TO CHECK-IN

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:30 - 7:30 PM



JOIN ON ZOOM

laughs ... smiles ... share joys ... smiling faces ... virtual hugs ... just chat ... catch up ... see old friends ... laugh some more ... smile some more ... share some more ... chat some more ...



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.

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!**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP!

Thank you to Meach for delivering a thought-provoking and hopeful worship service last Sunday. We are so blessed to have so many in our church family with the ability to share meaningful thoughts. And a big thank you to Sabrina and Jimmie for their part reading scripture. A wonderful service!

** THIS SUNDAY **

Join us this **Sunday, June 28th at 10:30.**

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

Tom Rehling will provide the sermon.



"Birthdays are special to me. I reached my 95th God-given day. A party was planned at Friendship Village but had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. I pray the trouble will end soon and we can get another day. I want to thank my friends for the lovely get well and birthday wishes. It made me so happy, that was the best medicine for me. Thank you, Thank you from my heart."

~ *Hildegard Larsen*

BAZAAR NEWS

Until further notice, we are not accepting bottom drawer items. Thank you for your cooperation.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Collins.

Margaret died last Tuesday, June 16th in Chicago. We have missed Margaret's presence among us for some time. No service has been planned as yet. Locke Funeral Home will be making arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Margaret A. Collins Memorial Scholarship at Allen College. Online condolences may be shared at lockefuneralhome.com.



Best Wishes on your next chapter, Katie!!

Katie Thomas, our Director of Youth Ministry will be pursuing her Master of Divinity at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia ... as much as we are excited for her, we are sad to see her leave. We want to thank Katie for all the love she has shared with our church family. This Sunday will be her last Sunday with us. Please keep Katie and her fiancé, Coco, in your prayers as they transition to their new life down South.



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!

- Baby Aubrey is out of the ICU in Iowa City and back home (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.
- Richard Cook is recovering from a stroke in room 121 at Mercy One.
- Richard Grimm's hip surgery has been postponed while they run more tests.

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!



Birthdays & Anniversaries



July Birthdays

2	10	22
Henry Doepke	Lynne Ensworth	Ashley Blankenfeld
3	Prince Yarngo	Herb Williams
Joan Grimm	11	23
5	Karen Jensen	Laurie Allbaugh
Brad Casteel	13	25
Ross Jensen	Lynne Longseth	Jill (Morris) Jensen
6	Hayden Corson	26
Jim Johnston	14	Paul Prescott
7	Eileen Dams	28
Rich Akin	17	Andrew Lee
8	Cindy Thompson	Lee Jensen
Josh Kleitsch	19	30
9	Beth Hurley	Ariel Driver
Braden Farmer	Leah Reisinger	Ruth Swanson
Kay Leary	20	31
	Bruce Jensen	Zoe Lennox

July Anniversaries

2
Ryan & Christine (Ellison) Gallagher
5
Dan & Sue Hummel
12
Joe & Sarah Paveleski
28
Jesse & Amity Buck
30
Roger & Joanne Lane
31
Stan & Sara (Rickert) Faust
Patrick & Molly (Thiele) Weber



Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates!

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Best of luck in your future endeavors!

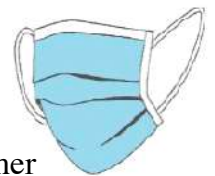
**** David Robert Sheridan**

(Chicago Theological Seminary)

David graduated with a Master of Divinity on May 15th. He is the son of Donna Sheridan and the brother of Ginni Casteel and Becky & Todd Ellison.

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?



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

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