

# 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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July 18, 2018

**Ninth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
July 22, 2018  
10:30 am**

**Cliff Highnam will  
present the message:**  
*And in Other News...*

**Using the texts:**  
II Peter 1:1-7

**Worship Leader**  
Dave Panicucci

**Children's Lesson**  
Cliff Highnam

**Special Music**  
*Impromptu in Gb Op. 90 No 3*  
Ben Owen

**Deacon-In-Charge**  
Joanne Lane

**Acolytes**  
Greg and Michelle Holt

**Greeters**  
Bob and Jo Tefft  
(Sanctuary)

## Please Remember Your Church Family ... ..

In this hectic, full life we create for ourselves sometimes taking time for our church family slips between the cracks. We have quite a few family members who could use a card just letting them know you're thinking about them or better yet a visit. We'll all be there sometime, won't we? Here's just a few who could use some thoughts from you this week:

\* Scott Bessman  
Ravenwood Specialty Care  
2651 St Francis Drive  
Waterloo, IA 50702

\* Jeff Rickert, Room 159  
ManorCare Health Services  
201 W Ridgeway Ave  
Waterloo, IA 50701



\* Peter Blankenfeld  
148 Rachael St.  
Waterloo, IA 50701



If you or someone you know needs a visit, assistance, or just a card from church family, please let Michelle know at the church office 319-234-8927 or michelle@firstcongucc.org. We want to include information in every Tidings about who could use some comforting words, a shoulder to lean on, or a helping hand. We just need to know!! Thanks!!

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## Rules are Rules ... even in the UCC

Upon Tim's retirement he became unavailable to our congregation for weddings, funerals, baptisms, or other official acts of the clergy. It's tough, but it's an important UCC rule meant to protect incoming and outgoing pastors. As we have done every summer while Tim is gone, we have church row clergy "standing in the wings", if needed. Each week has a specific church row pastor ready and willing to help. Please contact Michelle in the church office at 319-234-8927 or Paul Greene, Moderator at 319-404-4940 if assistance by clergy is needed. Thanks for understanding!

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## This is Your Opportunity to Save a Tree ... read on

If you would prefer to receive Tidings as an email attachment in the future rather than hard copy in the mail, please contact Michelle in the church office at either 319-234-8927 or at [michelle@firstcongucc.org](mailto:michelle@firstcongucc.org). (If you prefer to continue getting it in the mail you don't need to contact Michelle.)

- She will need to know:**
- Your email address (please double-check to make sure it's correct)
  - If it's okay to use your email for other church-related communication
  - If it's okay to add your email address to the next printing of the church directory



## Planting Seeds will Never Be Easier than this ... are you in??

The more people who know what's going on at First Congregational UCC, the better ... right? We want to *plant as many seeds* as we can in our community and world. To that end, we invite you to add people to receive an electronic email version of Tidings each week. This could be anyone who you believe would like to know what has happened or all the good things that are going to happen at First Church. Our Tidings will be full of good information that should be shared with more than just our church family. Interested others could be family members, neighbors, friends, co-workers ... anyone. It doesn't matter where they live or if they already have a church home.

Help us *Plant More Seeds*, won't you? If you know anyone who may like weekly information through our Tidings, please contact Michelle in the church office at 319-234-8927 or at [michelle@firstcongucc.org](mailto:michelle@firstcongucc.org) with the information below. (Of course, anyone preferring *not* to receive Tidings for any reason will be taken off the list immediately.) It doesn't cost us a nickel and it may just make someone's day a little brighter!

Michelle will want to know:

- The email address of the person you think would like to receive Tidings
- Whether they are a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker, or other

Thanks for Helping Us Grow Our Garden!! Plant More Seeds!!