

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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August 1, 2018

**Eleventh Sunday after
Pentecost
August 5, 2018
10:30 am**

**David Sheridan will
present the message:**
Light Breaking Through

Using the text:
Ephesians 4:1-16

Children's Lesson
Beth Hurley

Special Music
*O Lord, Thou Hast
Searched Me Out*
Beth Hurley

Deacon-In-Charge
Nancy Mahood

Acolytes
Bob & Jo Tefft

Greeters
Henry & Lynette Doepke
(Sanctuary)
Connie Jo Peirce and
Jim & Nancy Stevenson
(Crossroads)

Meet our new Music Director!

My name is Luke Overton, and my wife Cristen and I are recent additions to the Cedar Valley. We moved to Waterloo in August of last year in order for me to assume my position as the director of choirs at Waterloo West High School. Having grown up in Wayland, IA, this was a wonderful opportunity for me to return home after years spent living and teaching in Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. Both Cristen and I attended Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL for our undergraduate degrees, and I returned again in 2015 to obtain my Masters degree. Cristen and I have loved living in Waterloo and exploring all that the Cedar Valley has to offer. We are excited to find a church community to join, and for me to be able to use my gifts in music to help with worship.

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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. Some are recovering from an illness and some simply can't get to church like they used to. 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, Room E14
Ravenwood Specialty Care
2651 St Francis Drive
Waterloo, IA 50702

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

Donna Sheridan, Skilled Nursing
Pinnacle Specialty Care, Room 215
1223 Prairie View Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Dick Grimm
714 West 3rd St
Waterloo, IA 50701

Sunday School News:

We are looking for volunteers to lead Sunday School. If you are interested or know someone who is please contact Hannah- hannah@fistcongucc.org

Food Pantry:

Our food pantry is doing great! We have helped many people. Our hours are Tuesday's 1-3 and Fridays 9-11. We could use some help during these times. If you are able to help please contact Michelle in the office or sign up on the sheet in the library.

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National Night Out

The Church Row Neighborhood Association will be celebrating National Night Out this coming Tuesday, August 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm across the street at Washington Park....You are invited to join the festivities.

Food, Music, Games, Custom Cars, and lots of fun. Please bring lawn chairs. If you can help set up, serve, take pictures, or with games, call or text Ed Dams at 319-231-6572 or email edams@mchsi.com.

In the case of rain we will go to Trinity Lutheran gym.

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies, Melon...

If you'd like to help contribute to National Night Out, our church is tasked with providing a few treats (4 dozen cookies, 1 watermelon). Please text/call Laurie @ 504-3212 for more information. Thank You for your support!

Nicaragua Shoe Boxes

If you aren't able to shop or don't like to shop but would like to help with the Nicaragua Shoe Boxes, you're in luck!! Connie Jo and Jayne will shop for you. Make a donation and write Nicaragua in the memo line. \$35 is the average price per box and in the past we have filled as many as 65 boxes with your generous donations!! Look forward to shopping for you!!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

Dear First Congregational Church Family; The time has arrived (August 1 -11) that I will travel to Kenya in partnership with the north-end Waterloo Antioch Baptist Church delegation to serve Kenyan children. I am grateful to you for your kindness and love, your prayers, and your financial support which has afforded me this opportunity. My heart rejoiceth with thanksgiving! Keep us covered in prayer as we pray for you. Thank you so very much!Peace be with you.

~ Celeste



Thank you for all the prayers, cards and well wishes during my surgery.

~ Peter Blankenfeld

NAMI Family-to-Family (August 30 - November 15)

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free 12-week class for family members or partners who have adult relatives with mental illness. It includes current research about mental illness; information about medications; effective treatments to promote recovery; problem solving and communication techniques; and coping with worry, stress, and emotional overload. The class will be held here at First Congregational every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:30pm starting August 30th and ending November 15th. Call Leslie Cohn at the NAMI office at 319-235-5263 if you have questions or want to register for the class. **Deadline to register is Aug 8th.**