

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 8, 2018

**Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost
August 12, 2018
10:30 am**

**Paul Prescott will
present the message:**
Dream Small

Using the texts:
Luke 16:10
Matthew 13:32

Children's Lesson
Paul Prescott

Special Music
The Humble Heart Is Mine
John Mardis

Deacon-In-Charge
Bonnie Rickert

Acolytes
Dale and Barbara Hatinger

Greeters
Laurie Allbaugh
(Sanctuary)
Dale and Barbara Hatinger
(Crossroads)

I am content

I am content!
Time will come when no one remembers me,
Family, friends gone, leaving not a hint!
Nothing I have done, or built, is left to see,
My hard work, success, achievements, illusions!
Knowing this I am free,
Relieves me from endless confusion,
I am content.



Today, I love and hold you close,
Dearest wife, you my brothers, sisters,
Strangers become friends giving me hope!
Still, does not death come ever closer?
Yet joyfully we make plans for tomorrow?
Confront our terror, trust in something greater,
Accept the final loss that brings sorrow!
I am content.

Crossing through the dark waters of death,
I will forget what I left behind,
Except for when I loved without regret!
Not when I was right! but whenever I was kind,
Working for justice with humor our human majesty.
The moments I forgot myself were my best times,
The wise man of Ecclesiastes speaks of mortal frailty,
Be thankful, he says, "All else is vanity!"

I am content.
david walters

Please Remember Your Church Family

Here's some member updates and just a few who could use some thoughts from you this week:

- * Peter Blankenfeld had a stroke last Sunday and has now been moved to the Covenant Rehabilitation Center (3421 W. 9th St., Waterloo, IA 50701).
- * Scott Bessman is planning on going home this week.

Donna Sheridan, Skilled Nursing
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Condolences

Marie Kelch's father, Harold Wintz, 91, of Clarion, IA passed away at his home on July 29. Burial with military honors was at Hitesville Cemetery, Aplington, IA on Tuesday, August 7th. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2002. He is survived by two daughters, 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and several other relatives and many friends. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Marie and family during this time.

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!

Women's Breakfast at Perkins (University Ave.)

Marcia Johnson, Connie Jo Peirce and Beth Lauterbach will be at the Women's breakfast and would love to have any of you ladies who are available to join them at 9:00 am. this Saturday, August 11th.

Can You Help Paint?

There are a few areas around the church in need of painting in the next couple weeks. Please contact Skyler if you can help out with these small projects.

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. Thank you!

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.**

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