

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 29, 2018

**Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 2, 2018
10:30 am**

**Meach Meacham will
present the message**

**Children's Lesson
Meach Meacham**

**Special Music
Siena Fah**

**Deacon-In-Charge
Beth Hurley**

**Acolytes
David & Shelli Panicucci**

**Greeters
Marcia Johnson
(Sanctuary)**

**Henry & Lynette Doepke
(Crossroads)**

Nicaragua Shoe Boxes



We are trying to wrap up the final shopping for the Nicaragua Shoe Box project. If you do not want to do the shopping but would still like to contribute, please give as soon as possible. Each shoe box costs approximately \$ 35.00. Thank you for your support of this worthy project.

****Nicaragua Shoe Boxes are due this Sunday, Sept. 2nd****

Weekly Events

Wed., August 29
5:30 pm - Bells Practice
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Mon., September 3
Labor Day
(Office Closed)

Sun., September 9
9:00 am - Sun. School
10:30 am - Worship
(Rally Day)

Sun. September 2
10:30 am - Worship

Wed., September 5
5:30 pm - Bells Practice
7:00 pm - Choir Practice



A Season and Time

I love sitting outside on these cool late summer nights listening to the cicadas singing their song. They seem to be singing particularly loudly recently. There are also many other signs in nature of the waning summer days. Acorns and walnuts are falling, hummingbirds seem a little more frantic, and the seasonal birds are emptying my feeder every day now in anticipation of their long trip to come.

The summer always seems to be too short here in Iowa. It seems just when we get used to the warm days, it is all too soon turning to cold winds and eventually the dreaded ice and snow! But as the Bible tells us, “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, RSV). Even though we do enjoy the summertime, we need to remember that there is beauty in every season; the colors of fall, the bright new flowers of spring, and the beauty of the quiet snowfall on a cozy winter night.

As such, our church is also experiencing a change of seasons. We hate to give up the warmth of staff we have grown to love, yet we look forward to welcoming our new minister and music director. This is the time to remember there is beauty in change in this “season and time” for our church.

The following is a poem I wrote a couple of years ago as I was enjoying the song of the cicada. Let it help us to remember the beauty in change.

Last Song of Summer

The last song of summer
is a deafening chorus
of those about to depart.

They sing in unison
a lament that
each understands.

Until at last a sullen silence
announces the quiet
calmness of winter.

Adult Sunday School:

How does the Bible relate to my life TODAY?

If this question peaks your interest, then join Evie Waack for Adult Sunday School. We will delve into the scripture lessons and stories selected each Sunday for our worship.

The focus each Sunday will be the scripture verses, lessons or stories selected for worship that Sunday. We will use ancient ways of reading the Bible to consider what relates to our lives today. Scripture can still come alive and speak to us in the Twenty-First Century!

No preparation is required. Come as you are...

Starting September 15 in the Chapel
 9:00 All Ages Gather for Fellowship
 9:15-10:15 Sunday School



Trip to Spook Cave Sat., September 29th (McGregor, Iowa)

Please join us for a guided boat tour through Spook Cave. Cost is \$13 for ages 13 and up and \$9 for ages 4-12. The tour is about 35 minutes long. We will leave the church at 9am that Saturday morning and arrive in McGregor at 10:30 am. Please bring food for a picnic lunch in the campground following the tour.

R.S.V.P. to Michelle@firstcongucc.org or call the office at 319-234-8927.



Below are some items that have been requested several times, but tend not to be available from the food bank.

- ~ Peanut Butter
- ~ Canned Tuna
- ~ Canned Chicken
- ~ Toilet Paper

Any donations of these items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already donated!



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Join us for
Sunday School Sept 9!!

We will be painting kindness rocks to hide around the community and be able to follow them through our church Facebook page. It will be a great time of fellowship with treats to enjoy!

Please let Paul or Hannah know if you plan to be there so we have enough supplies for everyone. Also remember to bring a paint shirt to cover your nice church clothes.

Fellowship Begins at 9:00 a.m.



Sunday School Begins at 9:15 a.m.

Labor Day



The office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day Holiday.



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F I R S T C O N G R E G A T I O N A L U C C



What: Welcoming the Spence Family & Rally Day!!

When: Sunday Sept 9

Following service join us for a grill out
provided by our Religious Education Board

Who: Everyone!!

Join us for the kick off to Sunday School

Fellowship at 9:00 in the Chapel

Sunday School 9:15-10:15

We will kick off the year with a fun project for ALL ages!!