

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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September 9, 2020

**WANT SOME
FUN?**

How is
Pete?

What a chatty
bunch tonight!

Did you
see ...

It's
September

Hi, Lynette!

I have never
laughed so
hard

I love these
guys!

I love these
folks

Hi, everyone!

**JOIN US AT 6:30
EVERY WEDNESDAY
ON ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 896 9847 7798

Or Dial: 312 626 6799

Password: 554196

Questions? Call Paul Greene: 319-404-4940

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89698477798?pwd=K25ERitRYmk3MFZnMHZCYVNSNGY2Zz09>

F.C.U.C.C. Reopening Committee

Our committee has been meeting weekly discussing the “HOW” to reopen safely **when the time is right**. We are reviewing the possibility of opening in stages, with small group meetings and then expanding to resume some form of worship. Our discussions include the number of people, seating, spacing, ventilation, locations and safe entering and exiting the building. As of now our church is closed and will remain so until acceptable virus conditions permit otherwise. Stay safe and healthy!

~ Tim Ahrens

This is the website we will be watching for virus conditions: <https://www.blackhawkcovid19.com/>

Bazaar Update



The Bazaar Committee met back in June and decided that the Annual Christmas Bazaar will be cancelled for this year. This decision did not come easily, but we felt it was the best decision given the circumstances we are facing. Thank you for your understanding.

Did You Ever Notice?

Did you ever notice how the more you help and care for other people the better you feel? And not just feel good because you did something Good, but YOU feel better ... the angst has diminished, the stress is lowered, the tensions are fewer, the joy is easier to find, the nights are less sleepless, the smiles come more quickly. Wow! Try it ... you'll like it!



Reach Out and Touch Someone

Pastor Bret has asked us to consider being on the Caring Connection Member Care Team. What a great idea! We all love to hear from others and we all enjoy reaching out to our church family to check-in. Many of you are already doing it, so let's make it official and just keep right on doing it while being on the Team. Please submit your name in to Bret, Michelle, Anne, or Paul to be included on the CCMCT.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you have not submitted your birthday or anniversary to be announced in our Tidings, please let Michelle know the date and she will publish it the month before. Thank you!

Happy 1st Anniversary to Jeff and Abbey Athey!!

In Our Hearts and Minds and Prayers ...



Please let Pastor Bret, Michelle, or Paul know of those we should be keeping close
Blessings and peace for all struggling with health and loss, especially in these trying times;
Lorraine Heinick and her family as she recovers in Northcrest from Covid-19;

Jayne Slaughter, Ila, and her family as Ila waits for an explanation of her seizures;

Continued prayers for teachers and students as continue a new way to do school;

And more prayers for Pastor Bret as he gets closer to being able to move to Iowa. He is so very ready ... and so are we!
He wants so much to be here with us!

New Security at Church



NOTICE! We are changing the code required to disarm the security system to the church office areas (office manager office, pastor office, youth director office, RE supply room).

This is NOT the security code to enter the church building from the outside.

Very few people have reason to arm/disarm the security system protecting the office areas.

If you believe you have reason to enter the office areas and have not been given a new code to disarm the security system, please contact Michelle or Paul immediately.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE OFFICE AREAS WITHOUT THE CODE! If you do, the alarm will sound. The police will be alerted. The police will arrive.

JOY is Everywhere Around Us!!!



On a wooded, but sunny, grassy trail alongside a wind-blown lake my grandson was running behind his small terrier while hanging on to the long leash. Izzie, the dog, was in a bigger hurry than the two-year-old Zachy. He was struggling to keep up, but was giggling and laughing uncontrollably and wanted nothing more than to have it continue forever. Molly, his mom, turned to me and said “Unmitigated Joy!” She was right. It was for Zachy. And it was for the two of us watching and hearing Zachy enjoy Life so much. And it was for me watching my Molly watching her son enjoy Life so much. Joy is everywhere! Find it! See it! Embrace it! Hold it close! Remember it!

Beth & Bob Hurley have found Joy!!
They have welcomed their newest
Great-Granddaughter, *Ava Lea Goodin*,
into this world!
Congratulations, Bob & Beth!



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

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Due to COVID-19 health concerns, the Church Office and Building continues to be closed. You can reach the staff during this time via the following:

Questions?

Email us at fcuccoffice@gmail.com.

Pastor Bret: revbmyers@yahoo.com

Youth Director Abbie: abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com

Music Director Luke: firstconguccmusic@gmail.com

Organist Hudson: hudson.lourenco7@gmail.com

Office Manager Michelle: fcuccoffice@gmail.com

Custodian Kyle: k.lindaman79@gmail.com

Here are ways you can stay in touch:

*Check your personal email for regular updates from Church Leaders and Staff. Not signed up to the church email? Please contact our office manager, Michelle.

*Facebook: First Congregational UCC Waterloo, Iowa
(@FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa)

*The FCUCC website: www.firstcongucc.org

*Our Youtube Channel: FCUCC Waterloo

*Wednesday Night Zoom Gathering 6:30pm - 7:30pm

*And of course by reading *The Tidings!*