

# Congregational Tidings



*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

A weekly newsletter



October 2, 2019

## *This Sunday in Worship*

**World Communion  
Sunday  
October 6, 2019  
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott will  
present the message:**

*7 Signs: Spirit-Filled  
Worship*

**Scripture Reading**  
Isaiah 29:13-16

**Worship Leader**  
Kay Thuesen

**Deacon-In-Charge**  
Beth Hurley

**Acolytes**  
Craig and Nancy  
Mahood

**Greeters**  
Laurie Allbaugh  
Diana & A.J. Paige

**October Ushers**  
Gordon Lauterbach  
Kelly Conrad  
Jonathan Yarngo  
Peter Steva



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The offering this year will be held on **Sunday, October 6th** as part of our World Communion Sunday. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work.

This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

October 6th is also World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the

Church. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.



The Waterloo High School Jazz Group will be sharing their gifts with us in worship.

Please give them a warm welcome!

## 7 Signs of a Vital Congregation SERMON SERIES

- October 6: Isaiah 29:13-16  
*Spirit-Filled Worship*
- October 13: John 13:35  
*Caring Relationships*
- October 20: 1 Corinthians 12:13-31  
*Why Church? Why Here?*

## Reformation Sunday October 27th

Congregational Town Hall -  
*Where do we go from here?*

## Food Pantry Help Needed

I am looking for a couple more volunteers to help put together food bags tomorrow, **Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 2pm.** If you know you will be able to help and haven't already rsvp'd, please email me at [michelle@firstcongucc.org](mailto:michelle@firstcongucc.org). This way I can get in touch with you just in case there are any changes. Thank you, Michelle

## Bazaar Chair Meeting

There will be a meeting immediately following worship this Sunday, October 6th in the Fellowship Hall for all Bazaar Chairs.

## Historic Church Row Fall Clothing Give-Away

Please bring donated items to the church crossroads until 10/17. To help arrange items on Friday, October 18 from 9 to 5 or distribute on Saturday, October 19 from 9 to 10:30, please call/text 319-504-3212.

## Need a Ride?

Do you need a ride to get to the Doctor, to church, to an appointment, to run an errand or to meet with a friend? Through a generous gift from the Goodrich Fund, the church will be setting up an account for church member rides through Dolly's Taxi. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Gina Greene, Deacon's chair at [ggreene1124@gmail.com](mailto:ggreene1124@gmail.com) or 319-404-8840 to arrange a ride. Rides can not be promised unless scheduled 48 hours in advance. Short notice rides will be subject to availability. Dollys can transport a rider in a wheelchair but only has 1 van for this purpose. Let us know how we can help. Thanks.

## Operation Warm

Please remember those 7,000 children in our community who need winter coats and are unable to afford them. These new coats cost \$17.00 each because we work with a Foundation which can purchase in bulk.

Call Steve or Liz Thorpe:  
319-984-9139.

## Public Office Hours

Join Pastor Scott at SideCar Coffee in downtown Waterloo today, and SideCar on Ridgeway next Wednesday from 3-5pm.

## Hosta Plants Needed!

Please contact John Mardis if you have hostas you could donate.



Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke.

**We hosted this Life Line Screening event in April and are pleased to host again on October 16th here at First Congregational Church.** Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

For more information and to register for this event and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441, text the word circle to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).



## 2019 Third Quarter Financial Status

The Church Operating Budget is in good condition. At the end of September, we were 75 percent of the way through our budget year. Current Pledge income was at 72 percent and Total income was at 66 percent. So, pledge income is slightly behind budget. Please make

an effort to keep your pledge payments up to date. Total income is below budget because we have elected not to transfer budgeted subsidies from the Endowment because funds are not yet needed. Total Expenses were 62 percent, lower than budgeted. This is because we did not have a Director of Youth Ministries the first half of the year, and all Boards are underspending their budgets. If you have questions about the Operating Budget or your pledge status, please contact Michelle.

~ Dave Allbaugh  
Treasurer



# November 8th & 9th

## Church

### *Visioning Event*

## More Details Forthcoming



## Living with Gun Violence

### What It Means for Our Neighbors

presented by

### Rev. Abraham Funchess

Pastor of Jubilee United Methodist Church Waterloo

hosted by

### The Canterbury Forum

[www.canterburyforum.net](http://www.canterburyforum.net)

### Sunday, October 27th

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church

2410 Melrose Drive, Cedar Falls

### Program starts at 7:00 PM

Open to the public

No admission charge

### Sunday School

#### Gathering (9:00 - 9:15 am)

Youth and adults initially will meet in the chapel.

#### Classes (9:15 - 10:15 am)

**Students 6th grade and up** will gather upstairs in the Murphy Youth Room with Diana Paige.

**Students 3rd - 5th grade** will gather in the chapel with Katie Thomas.

**Children ages pre-K - 2nd grade** will meet with Jayne Slaughter in the main floor Sunday School classroom.

**Pastor Scott's Adult class** will meet in the lounge.

The **Women's Class** will meet in the Friendship Room.

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### Weekly Events

#### Wed., October 2

3-5pm - Community Office Hours

at Cup of Joe (*Cedar Falls*)

6:00 pm - Potluck

7:00 pm - Pastor's Class

Youth Group

Choir Practice

#### Thurs., October 3

2:00 Food Bag Assembly

5:30 Bells Practice

#### Sun., October 6

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

(*World Communion Sunday and Neighbors In Need Offering*)

#### Mon., October 7

Community Meals

#### Tues., October 8

6:00 pm - Trustee's Meeting

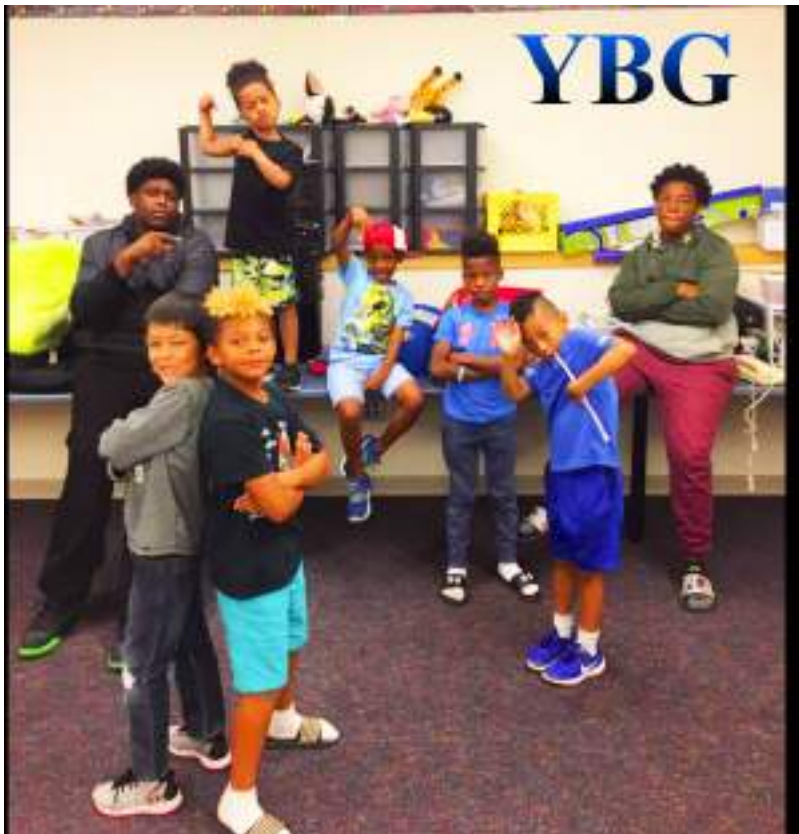
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Here

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

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## Hip Hop Literacy 319 Fundraiser

**October 13th at  
6:30pm**

**First Congregational United  
Church of Christ**





## Crop Walk Results

The CROP Walk is a community-wide event sponsored and organized by local congregations and groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. It was held last Sunday, September 29th at 2:00 pm.

Our church helped raise \$460.00! Thanks to everyone who gave.

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### “The Youth Caravan Program”

Beginning in the late 1940's, for twenty years they came together each summer for training; and then fanned out across the US, providing leadership and assistance in churches, camps, conferences, community agencies. Some of the teams of young people, age 17 and up, were "stay put," spending six to eight weeks in a church-related community center. Others were part of traveling teams of four spending a week in each location for five to six weeks, immersed with resident youth.

The "Youth Caravan Program" started in the Evangelical & Reformed Church. It was led throughout its history by a remarkable woman named Ethel A. Shellenberger (1910 – 2001). Ethel was born in eastern Pennsylvania, grew up in the German Reformed Church, graduated from Ursinus College and taught junior high school for 13 years. In 1945 she became staff Secretary of the E&R Girls Guild, then Associate Director of E&R Youth Work, and, later, of Camps, Conferences, and Caravans in the new United Church of Christ. Ethel's devotion to this work enabled her to serve on the UCC national staff until her retirement in 1975. Throughout her life she remained an active member of her local church, St. John's UCC in Lansdale, PA—teaching Sunday School until age 88.



The United Church of Christ was shaped by Ethel's fierce commitment to youth. Caravan training and service exposed many young people to key UCC leaders and thinkers all over the country—educators, theologians, missionaries and social activists. Summer experiences changed young lives and many Caravanners later felt called to church vocations. Some returned to enrich churches "back home." Ethel A. Shellenberger made it all work. She never compromised standards. She knew, challenged, and valued every Caravanner. She lived the New Testament words she shared with Caravanners at the end of their service, "never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord."