

Congregational Tidings



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

A weekly newsletter



October 9, 2019

**Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 13, 2019
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott will
present the message:**

*7 Signs: Caring
Relationships*

**Scripture Reading
John 13:35**

**Worship Leader
Cliff Highnam**

**Deacon-In-Charge
Janice Akin**

**Acolytes
Jim and Nancy
Stevenson**

**Greeters
Meach Meacham &
Jimmy
Jayne Slaughter & Eva**

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



**Hip Hop
Literacy 319
Fundraiser**

October 13th at 6:30pm

First Congregational UCC

**This Sunday's Sermon
continues the 7 Signs Series
with *Caring Relationships*
and John 13:35**



**Thank you to the West High
Jazz Group combo who
performed this past Sunday.
They truly were an
enjoyment!**

7 Signs of a Vital Congregation SERMON SERIES

October 13: John 13:35

Caring Relationships

October 20: 1 Corinthians 12:13-31

Why Church? Why Here?

As part of our 7 Signs of a Vital Congregation Series Pastor Scott asks several questions at the end of the sermon. Here are the questions from our look at Spirit-Filled Worship.

- What are the core reasons that we gather for worship?
- What would a visitor say about our worship?
- Is worship a community effort? Are people of all ages/backgrounds included?
- Does we explain, teach and educate people about why we do what we do?
- How does our worship challenge, ignite, educate and transform people?
- Does worship meet people where they are? How do people share their stories?
- Can you name times when God's wonder was experienced in worship?
- How open are we to change in worship? Are we too focused on being perfect rather than being authentic?
- Do all cultures, races, languages, genders, ages, all diversity find a sacred place to worship? Is worship enriched by their unique traditions and styles?

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 on Ridgeway today and Starbucks by Crossroads (1501 Flammang) next Wednesday from 3-5pm.

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.

Reformation Sunday October 27th

You're invited to a Congregational Town Hall - *Where do we go from here?* You can drop your questions in the big red box in Crossroads or email them to Michelle before the 27th.

Attention Youth:

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 13 from 2:00 - 4:00pm there will be an opportunity for middle and high school youth fellowship with youth from the Church Row community. Youth in middle and high school are welcome to meet at Byrnes park in Waterloo for a couple hours of games, snacks, and fellowship with other young people. This is a great way to get to know youth outside of our church and to grow with our Church Row neighbors. I hope to see you there! -Katie Thomas

Thank you to our Volunteers!

~ Thank you to John Mardis who did some touch up paint to the basement.

~ We also thank Ginni Casteel, Anne Hoekstra and Kay Thuesen for putting food bags together for our pantry.

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 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.

Hosta Plants Received

Thank you to those who donated hostas! We do not need anymore.



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, to register for this event and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or call 1-888-653-6441.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED:

Thank you to all those who donated toward this offering.
We have received over \$800 to date.



November 8th & 9th

Why? Weekend:

A Church Visioning Event

Hope to see you there!

Coming Soon:



November 10th -
Stewardship
Sunday

November 3 -
All Saints' Sunday



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.

Weekly Events

Wed., October 9

3-5pm - Community Office Hours at SideCar (Cedar Falls)

6:00 pm - Potluck

7:00 pm - Pastor's Class
Youth Group
Choir Practice

Thurs., October 10

5:30 Bells Practice

Sat., October 12

9:00 am - Women's Breakfast at Perkins

Sun., October 13

9:00 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship

6:30 pm - Hip Hop Literacy 319

Mon., October 14

Community Meals

Tues., October 15

7:30 am - Men's Breakfast at Village Inn

Congregational Meeting



To Members of First Congregational United Church of Christ Waterloo, Iowa:

A Called Congregational Meeting is scheduled to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, October 27th in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the congregation of the current roof repairs being completed on our church building and to discuss the funding sources to be used for those repairs.

The meeting is planned to be very short. Please plan to attend. If you have questions please contact our Moderator Paul Greene or Church Treasurer Dave Allbaugh. Thank you.

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

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

FALL FESTIVAL



Sunday, Oct 20 at 3:00

Join us for outdoor fun with a hayride, apple bobbing,
pumpkin carving, and more!

Then warm up inside with our chili cook-off! Sign up in the library
before the event. Please bring your chili by 5:15pm on the
20th. We will begin the eating/judging at 5:30pm.

The more chilis the better!

