

# 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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October 10, 2018

**Twenty-eighth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
October 14, 2018  
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott Spence will  
present the message:**  
*Who Do You Serve?*

**Using the text:**  
Joshua 24:1-26

**Special Music**  
*How Firm a Foundation*  
Chancel Choir

**Deacon-In-Charge**  
Janice Akin

**Acolytes**  
Bob and Pat Brock

**Greeters**  
Bob and Beth Hurley  
(Sanctuary)

Paul and Gina Greene  
(Crossroads)



## Potlucks with the Pastor

Congratulations! We have just passed the one-month anniversary of me being the Pastor and Teacher here at First Congregational UCC. There have been many meetings, several sermons, a wonderful Welcome Luncheon, a baptism, and of course many a cup of coffee and good conversation in our time together. I want to thank all of you for being such a supportive community to my family as we settle in to our new homes here in Waterloo.

Now that we are off and running, **I would like to take this month as an opportunity to get to know you a little better.** I believe that no matter who we are or where we come from that we all share one thing in common: we have to eat. And it is in those times that we share a great meal and good conversation that wonderful things can happen. Barriers fall down. Dreams are shared. The Body of Christ is truly alive and vibrant.

**So I would like to extend an invitation to something I call “Potlucks with the Pastor.”** It’s a chance for us to get to know each other a little better, for me to learn more about our church, and for us to share our dreams and hopes for the future of this church. **We will start around 6 with a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall and will begin our chat around 6:30ish.** I envision us wrapping up around 7:30. The church will provide for childcare.

Because we are a large congregation and so that everyone who wishes to speak can be heard we will have several potlucks this month. **My hope is that we can arrange these alphabetically by last name. Here is our schedule:**

- \*Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: Last names starting with A-F
- \*Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: Last names starting with G-L
- \*Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>: Last names starting with M-R
- \*Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: Last names starting with S-Z

I know we all lead very busy lives so that if you cannot make it to your designated time please come on another Thursday. I do ask that you please RSVP with Michelle ([michelle@firstcongucc.org](mailto:michelle@firstcongucc.org) or 319-234-8927) in the Church Office with your name, date, and what you are bringing so that we have a good idea of what to expect. I look forward to some fine Iowa cuisine and even better conversation! God bless.

~ Pastor Scott

## Sunday School News:

Our Sunday School Mission this year is Cedar Valley Hospitality House. Join us for Sunday School on Sunday, October 21st to hear Joni Hansen speak talk about all they provide for the Cedar Valley.

We are in need of one more Sunday School teacher. If you or you and another person would like to share this opportunity to teach our children, please contact Hannah.

## Mark Your Calendars



The Church Row will be holding our annual clothing giveaway again on **Saturday, October 27th from 9am to 10:30am** at Sacred Heart.

Please collect your extra clothes, bedding, and towels and drop them off in the Crossroads at church when you come on Sunday.

## Chamber Music Concert

The chamber music concert at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Waterloo will be on Sunday, October 28, at 3:00 p.m. This concert is sponsored by First Congregational Church and American Guild of Organists Cedar Valley Chapter. Please see the next page for more information. This program is free and open to the public.

## We Need Your Help

Veteran Affairs and the Church Row neighborhood are working together to remodel a home at 1417 West 4th St. and make it available to a veteran family at an affordable price. We need your support. Please volunteer to help remove wall paper on 10/16 from 1-4pm or give a donation. For more information see the flyer in Crossroads, call or text Ed Dams 319-231-6572, or email edams@mchsi.com.

Also, Fall gardening at Irving School is scheduled for Thursday, 10/18 from 4pm to 6pm if you would like to help.

## How Can I Help with the Bazaar?

### Let Us Count The Ways!!!

1. Come to the Bazaar and bring friends.
2. Buy luncheon tickets.
3. Donate money to defray the luncheon food costs.
4. Bake! Bake! Bake!
5. Make Candy.
6. Come and Buy a Quilt.
7. Bring in homemade/grown jams, pickles, squash, plants, herbs.
8. Return jelly, canning jars.
9. Donate wire hangers and wired ribbon for wreaths.
10. Bring in new or barely used items for the "Bottom Drawer."
11. Donate tools, sporting goods, fishing gear for "Grandpa's shed."
12. Knit crochet, sew items for Handmade table.
13. Volunteer to serve at the luncheon.
14. Volunteer to set up/take down tables
15. Take and post flyers.
16. Donate an item, Theme basket, group meal, movie tickets, dinner out (Be Creative) for the Silent Auction \*\*
17. Donate jewelry.
18. Donate books.
19. Volunteer to help with one of the tables to give others a break.
20. Think of new ideas for next year!!!

\*\* Ideas for the Silent Auction are endless: A themed basket, a dinner event, yard work or snow shoveling, a special piece of art or photography- as you come up with ideas- please contact Gina Greene. [ggreene1124@gmail.com](mailto:ggreene1124@gmail.com). In advance for all you do. Thank you.

### Desserts Also Needed...

Again, we are asking for amazing desserts for the bazaar lunch. Just like last year we want the people to be awed by the food and desserts! So, we would like pies, layer cakes or cheese cakes from scratch to be made by those who like to bake. Please let Nancy Mahood know and she will add you to her list. A great big THANK YOU in advance!

## Sunday School

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

Youth and adults meet for singing, praying, and mission news in the chapel

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

#### CHILDREN

**Students 6th grade and up** will gather upstairs in the Murphy Youth Room with Paul & Hannah Prescott. The youth will learn how being "Plugged In" to God can make their lives even better!

**Children ages pre-K - 5th grade** meet with Jayne Slaughter in the upstairs Sunday School Room. The children will learn to tie scriptural truth into their own lives.

#### ADULTS

**Adults** will meet in the chapel. Join Pastor Scott and Evie Waack to discuss how the Bible relates to our lives today.

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## Weekly Events

### Sat., October 13

9:00 am - Women's Breakfast at Perkins

### Sun., October 14

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

### Wed., October 17

5:30 pm - Bells  
7:00 pm - Choir

### Thurs., October 18

6:00 pm - Potluck with Pastor (A - F)

*The First Congregational United Church of Christ  
and  
American Guild of Organists Cedar Valley Chapter  
Presents*

# Chamber Music Concert

J.S. Bach - Concerto for Oboe and Violin with Strings, BWV 1060  
F. Handel - Organ Concerto, "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale"  
J. Haydn - "Benedictus" from Little Organ Mass  
W. A. Mozart - Church Sonatas in F and D Major

Featuring

Dr. Daniel Kaplunas, violin Dr. Heather Peyton, oboe  
Miah Han, Dr. Karen Black, Anne Hoekstra, organ  
Dr. Mitra Sadeghpour, soprano  
Taemin Han, director



**Sunday, October 28, 2018  
3:00 pm**

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Child care service will be provided

**First Congregational United Church of Christ  
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## Please Grab your Name Tag...

In order for Pastor Scott and his family to get to know us better, we

will have the name tag board in the library for the next few Sundays. Please pick up and wear your name tag and return it to the board before you leave each Sunday.

Thank you!

## Office Volunteer Needed:

Our office manager, Michelle, will be traveling to meet her new niece in North Carolina. We are looking for volunteers to cover the phones while she is gone.

Times still needing coverage are  
Thurs., October 18, 9am to noon & 1pm to 4:30pm  
and Fri., October 19: 9am to Noon

Please let Michelle in the office know if you could help.

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## FALL FESTIVAL



Sunday Oct 21 at 3:00

Join us for outdoor fun with a hayride, apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, an instrument petting zoo 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 21st.

We will begin the eating/judging at 5:30pm.

The more chilis the better!

