

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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November 14, 2018

**Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018
10:30 am**

Paul Prescott will present
the message:

Hope

Using the text:
Hebrews 10:23

Worship Leader
Paul Greene

Children's Lesson
Greg Holt

Special Music
Send Down Thy Peace, O God
Chancel Choir

Grace
Celeste Bembry

Deacons-In-Charge
Henry and Lynette Doepke

Acolytes
Paul and Gina Greene

Greeters
Jo Tefft
(Sanctuary)

Teri Graham
(Crossroads)

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 17, 2018

9:00 - 1:00 pm

It's time!

Bottom Drawer
gently used items



Baked Goods
yummy!

Jewelry
dress up!

Wreaths
made with love!

Grandpa's Shed
tools and sports

Crafts
cards, hats, hand towels,
decorations, crayon caddies, etc.

Books
lots and lots of books

Kandy Korner
homemade candies

Festival of Trees

buy raffle tickets for a chance to win your favorite tree!



Bazaar Luncheon

Adults \$ 7.00 Includes Sandwich or Soup
\$8.00 Includes Both; Children (12 and under) \$ 4.00

Tickets available at the door.

Barbecued Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Vegetable Beef Soup

Chips

Relish Tray

Decadent Desserts

Stewardship Sunday Update



To date we have received 62 pledges. 35 pledges have stayed the same, 17 increased and 7 have decreased. We still have 22 more pledges to receive.

If you have not turned in your pledge, Michelle will be making phone calls in the next few days or you can contact her in the office (234-8927) and give her your pledge over the phone to help us with our 2019 budget planning.

Thank you!

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 or give a donation. For more information call or text Ed Dams 319-231-6572, or email edams@mchsi.com.

Office Closed & Tidings

Please note that the church office will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving. Additionally, Michelle's office will be closed the week following Thanksgiving. We will not publish a Tidings on November 28th. We will resume Tidings on December 5th.

Ecumenical Service

The Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Kimball Avenue United Methodist Church at 4:00pm on Sunday, November 18th.

Adopt-A-Family

We will be partnering with Bunger Middle School once again this year for the Adopt-A-Family program. With donations from the church, we will purchase gifts for families in need. Envelopes will be in the Library or you may call or email Michelle if you would like one mailed to you. Please place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday or return to the office by November 18th. Thank you!

Advent Decorating

The Season of Advent is coming! You are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary after worship November 25th. A light lunch will be provided so please RSVP with the Church Office.

Advent Study Series

You are invited to an Advent Study Series led by Pastor Scott! Beginning November 29th we will be looking at UCC scholar Walter Bruggeman's Names for the Messiah. We will start with a potluck dinner at 6 with discussion beginning around 6:30. All are welcome!

Installation Service

Mark your calendars! Scott will be installed as Pastor and Teacher at First Congregational UCC at 3:30 on Sunday, December 2nd. The Rev. Ellis Arnold of Decorah United Church of Christ will deliver the sermon. Communion will be served. All are welcome!

Ride Needed

If you would be able and willing to give a ride to an individual to pick up her Thanksgiving basket at the NorthEast IA Food Bank in Waterloo on Monday, November 19th at 1:30pm, please contact Michelle in the office to coordinate. Thank you for your help! (319-234-8927 or michelle@firstcongucc.org)

Sunday School

Gathering (9:00 - 9:15am)

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.

Children ages pre-K - 5th grade meet with Jayne Slaughter in the upstairs Sunday School Room.

ADULTS

Adults will meet in the chapel.

Women's Book Study will NOT meet on 11/18 or 11/25 but will resume our discussion of Rachel Held Evans' book Inspired on 12/2 when we talk about chapter 4. It is not too late to join! Now's the perfect time to catch up and join in if you missed the beginning.

Weekly Events

Sat., November 17

9:00 am to 1:00 pm Annual Bazaar

Sun., November 18

9:00 am - Sunday School
9:00 am - Women's Book Study
10:30 am - Worship Service

Tues., November 20

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

Wed., November 21

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

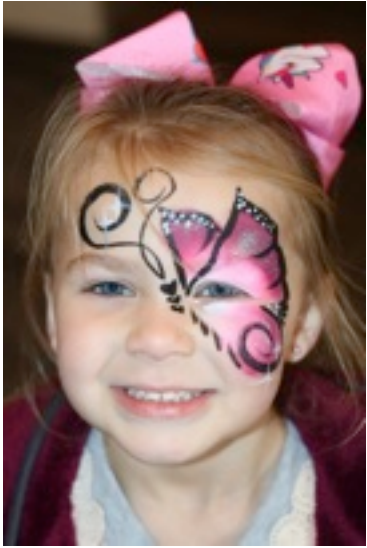
Thurs., November 22

Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

Fri., November 23

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PICTURES FROM THIS YEAR'S FALL FESTIVAL:



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

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BAZAAR News:

****ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!!**

Once your goodies are nicely packaged, please remember to label what you made. If it's not labeled and we don't know who made it- we end up having a basket of unknown items for free. With all the food allergies out there, need to make sure people know what they are getting. Thanks so much and HAPPY BAKING!!!

All baked goods, candy and hand made items should be brought to the church this Friday, November 16th.

FURNITURE DONATIONS

If you have any large pieces of furniture, bring those to the Crossroads on Friday November 16th.

TEAR DOWN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Also, we are in need of helpers at 1:00 pm for clean up and break down after the bazaar. The more hands, the quicker it goes. Remember, it takes a church village to have a successful Bazaar! We are so thankful for those of you who help in so many ways!