

Congregational Tidings



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

A weekly newsletter

March 17, 2010

Bluegrass Music



Sunday, March 14, 2010

Worship at 10:30 am

Rev. Tim Ensworth will deliver the
message:

'Unreasonable love'

Using the Text: John 12:1-8

Deacon-In-Charge

Phyllis Boatman

Greeters

Connie Stevens & Helen
Lippold(Sanctuary)

Jacquelyn Eden (Crossroads)

ADULT FORUM

March 21- 'Update on Nicaragua'
with Steve & Liz Thorpe

The Bluegrass group, Damascus Road, will be playing music for our service this week. This group features our own banjo player, Greg Holt, who will be backed by some first-rate musicians. They are singer Racheal Sittig, who is the choir conductor at South Waterloo Church of the Brethren; David Stamp, a local attorney, who plays guitar and keyboard in a group called Deja Vu; John Stortz, an assessor, who has been the guitar player for Raldo Schneider for many years. (He also plays a mean dobro) and Mike Waggoner, a professor at UNI and a formidable bass player. They will harmonize and pluck through several songs including: Will the Circle Be Unbroken, I'll Fly Away, Shall We Gather at the River, and Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand. Come join us and sing along.

Lenten Schedule 2010

Sunday, March 21
 10:30 am John 12:1-8 (Duty vs. Love)

Wednesday, March 24
 6:30 pm Simple Evening Liturgy (Iona Community)

Sunday, March 28
 10:30 am Palm Sunday Service

Wednesday, March 31
 6:30 pm Simple Evening Liturgy (Iona Community)

Thursday, April 1
 7:00 pm Meal of soup and bread
 8:00 pm Service of Communion and Tenebrae

Friday, April 2
 12:00 noon Ecumenical Good Friday Service (at Sacred Heart)
 8:00 pm Good Friday Service (at First Congregational)

Sunday, April 4
 6:47 am Easter Sunrise Service at George Wyth State Park
 10:30 am Easter Sunday Service

We invite you to share with us, and with Jesus, the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Each Wednesday throughout Lent, we will meet in the sanctuary for a simple half hour service of word and song and sharing and prayer, based on a model from the Iona Community. We also invite you, as you choose, to join us in a discipline of fasting for Lent, skipping the Wednesday evening meal or all of Wednesday meals. We will have fruit juices available each Wednesday for your refreshment as we gather after worship.

Good Spirits Book Group...

Good Spirits Book Group invites you to join them for any of their gatherings that appeal to you!



Here are the dates we will meet, and the book we will be discussing at that time.....

March 22 - 6:30 pm

Sue Hummel's home
The Help by Kathryn Stockett

April 19 - 6:30 pm

Kay Thuesen's home
Little Bee by Chris Cleave

May 17 - 6:30 pm

Katinka Keith's home
book is yet to be decided



Time's running out to order your Easter Lilies.....

Orders may be placed through March 25.

PRICE: \$10 each

Please make checks payable to First Congregational UCC. You may send your check and order form to the church or place in in the offering plate. You may also call the church office at 234-8927 **before March 25** to place your order(s). Please pick up your Easter Lily after the 10:30 worship service.

Lilies given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Thank You....

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping at the March 8, 2010 Community Meals:

Carolyn Clausman
 Helen Lippold
 Rocky & Mary Kay Petersen
 Dixie Burg
 Kathleen Dabney
 Shirley Kappel
 Donna Sheridan
 Pete Blankenfeld
 Doug Casteel
 Bonnie & Don Bessman
 Keith Jorgensen
 Liz Thorpe

If I forgot someone, my apologies. All of you are greatly appreciated!

Peggy Essmann

Lion's Club Book Sale.....

The Lion's Club Book sale will be held April 22, 23, 24, & 25, at Crossroads Center by JC Penney. If you have books to donate, please call 233-9800 or 231-9876, and they will arrange for pick up.

Volunteers Needed

 The Membership / PR Committee is in need of volunteers to help at the upcoming Pancake Breakfast being held on Fri., April 9. If you are interested, please contact one of the following committee members: Rex Boatman, Jeff Rickert, Joanne Lane, Dave Panicucci, Chuck Dalton, or Maxine Martens.

Weekly Events

Sunday, March 21

9:15 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Worship Service
 5:30 pm - FOCUS Group

Monday, March 22

9 am - Quiltmakers

Tuesday, March 23

6 pm - PARABOLA
 6 pm - BELLS

Wednesday, March 24

7:30 am - Men's Bkfst. @ Wloo. Village Inn
 6:30 pm - Lenten Service
 7 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 25

Meals On Wheels

Join us after worship services....

Join us after worship services this Sunday, March 21, for a brief informational meeting about RAGBRAI. Anyone interested is more than welcome!

Class for Families with Individuals with Mental Illnesses

The Black Hawk County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will offer a free 12-week class for family members of individuals who have mental illnesses or mental disabilities such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar, panic, obsessive-compulsive, borderline personality, co-occurring brain and addictive disorders. The class will begin on Thursday, April 8, and meet on Thursdays, 6:00-8:30 pm, at First Congregational Church in Waterloo. To register, contact Black Hawk County NAMI by April 1 at 235-5263 or email namibh@questoffice.net. NAMI Black Hawk also provides support groups for adults with mental illnesses and mental disabilities.



If you missed last Sunday's movie, a retelling of Jesus' story of the prodigal son featuring members of our youth groups, you missed something good! You can find this movie (sadly minus the music track, because of copyright issues) and others done by our youth on YouTube! The address for this movie is:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rym_mRVJv-8.

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