

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
January 3, 2024



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

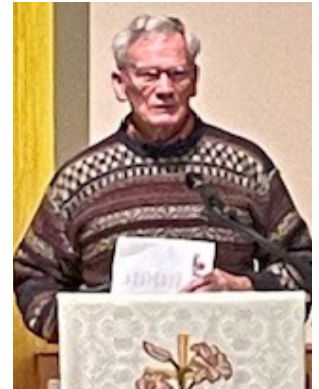


PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Pat Geadelmann for serving as our preaching pastor last Sunday, to Rev. Jim Altenbaumer for being our worship leader, and to Diane Highnam for her mini message. Thank you to John Mardis for providing special music.

**You can watch the service by clicking on
Rev. Geadelmann's Picture.**

We welcome back Rev. Amy Wiles this Sunday, assisted by Greg Holt as worship leader, and Kay Leary for the mini message. Kay will also be providing our special music.



TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for Diana Paige who is recovering from a fall.
- ~ Cindy Thompson asks for prayers for a former student of hers, a senior in high school, who is battling a blood disease.
- ~ Prayers for Jeanne Adams, Audrey Adams-Sorge's 98 year old mother, who is in rehab after a stroke.
- ~ Prayers for Hildegard Larsen, at Wellspring Living Center, who is in hospice care.
- ~ We are accepting donations to help purchase a headstone for Don Damon through January 10th. Please place your check in the offering on Sunday or mail to the office. The money will be given to the company that will create and install the headstone.



~ Lois Johnson will be celebrating her 90th birthday on January 10th and we would like to surprise her with a card shower. You can send your birthday cards to

Lois Johnson
536 Helmet Ave.
Waterloo IA 50703

FILLING THE COMMUNITY PANTRIES

Thank you to everyone for continuing to add extra groceries to your cart and bringing them in for the little pantries. No one should go hungry!

CAN YOU HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Would you love the opportunity to know our amazing youth? YOU can be part of the rotating teacher team on Sunday mornings. You would be teaching our youth following the mini message on Sunday mornings about once a month. Please let the office know if you would be interested or want some information.

MITTEN TREE & ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The Mitten Tree items were donated to the Growing Minds families. I would like to thank Connie Jo Pierce and the congregation for supporting Adopt a Family and the Mitten Tree this past year, your generosity made several families Christmas much brighter!! ~ *Tim Ahrens*

JANUARY TRUSTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 6:00pm.

GREETERS WANTED

Don't forget to sign up or just "stop by" and greet your church family on Sunday morning.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our adult Sunday School will resume this Sunday at 9:15 am with a discussion of Chapter 1 & 2 of Tish Harrison Warren's book, *Prayer in the Night*. We will meet in the Friendship Room. If you would like to join us and need a book, please let Michelle in the office know.

* ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE *

Sunday, January 21st - Noon

If you are a chair of a board or committee, please turn your report in to Michelle in the office no later than next Wednesday, January 10th. Thank you!



Annual Church Meeting

YOUTH NEWS

~ During the month of January we will meet at Kimball Ave UMC every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30pm.
~ A Bingo Fundraiser is planned for January 20th. More information will be published soon.

WOMEN'S EVENT - SAT. JANUARY 6TH

You are invited to an event titled "You Are More: Building a Life That Wins!®." Brought to you by Amy Wienands - Host of the You Are More Podcast. For more details and to register click [HERE](#). You will leave with a fresh vision and perspective, encouraged, & empowered by not only the experience but through the community you will connect with.

LIFELINE SCREENINGS

We are hosting another event on February 6th. For more information and to register, call 1-866-964-1386. More information will be posted in a future Tidings.

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

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