

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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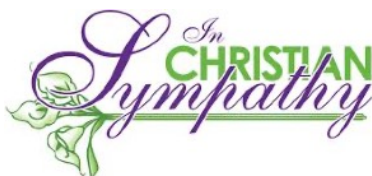
PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Pat Geadelmann for leading worship last Sunday, and to Diane Highnam for serving as worship leader and mini-message giver.

We welcome Rev. Brad Braley back to our chapel pulpit this week. Craig Mahood will be worship leader and Kay Leary will provide the mini-message.

Taking Care of Family...

- ~ Prayers for John Mardis who will be at the University of Iowa Hospital beginning Wednesday, February 8th for approximately 3-4 weeks. He'll be undergoing CAR-T treatment to help fight the mantle cell lymphoma he's been dealing with for over 3 years. He will appreciate phone calls, texts, and emails during his stay.
- ~ Continued prayer for Peter Blankenfeld, who has returned to the care center and is progressing well.
- ~ Prayers for Richard Cook, who is still awaiting a procedure for his heart.
- ~ Prayers for Teri Graham as she has been battling pain for nearly 6 months. She will undergo injections and physical therapy for the next four weeks and then see a neurosurgeon the end of March.
- ~ Prayers for Diana Paige as she continues to recover from her brain surgeries. - **Opportunity to assist:** A campaign to help Diana and AJ pay for expenses (gas, meds, groceries, etc that have accumulated this past year since her treatment began) was started on Facebook by Diana's mother-in-law. Diana has been unable to work since her treatment began in April of 2022. If you would like to donate to help cover these costs you can do Venmo: <https://www.venmo.com/u/Kendra-Paige-6>; Givesendgo: https://givesendgo.com/G6HWM?utm_source=sharelink... or send a donation to Diana's mother-in-law (Kendra Paige) at PO Box 342 Dike, IA 50624. Diana's faith has continued to be an inspiration. Her Facebook updates typically end with "My faith will always be stronger than my fears."



Our condolences to the family of Marlys Tandy who was a FCUCC member since 1989. She has been living in the Cedar Rapids area recently. Marlys died on Saturday, January 21st. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 25th with visitation one hour before the service.

Here is a link to Marlys' obituary:

<https://www.murdochfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Marlys-Tandy/#!/Obituary>

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adults will meet on Sunday at 9:15 in the Friendship Room for discussion of chapter 3, "Patricia Hampl" in Listening for God. Newcomers are welcome. Last week, we reviewed Chapter 2 even though Tidings said differently. This week, it will be chapter 3! See you there!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Hey Everyone! Friendly reminder about next Saturday (Feb. 11th)! Hope to see several ladies at Perkins at 9:00am! Please let Michelle or myself know if you can make it, so we have a headcount to give them. 😊

~ *Connie Jo Peirce*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22nd begins our spiritual journey into Lent. A service with imposition of ashes and Holden Evening Prayer will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. Stay tuned for more information.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

The NAMI monthly education series begins March 8th from 7:00-8:00pm in our church basement, presented by our very own church member, Katinka Keith, LCSW, LISW, DCSW. Katinka, who works with Mercy One Behavioral Health in Waterloo, will present about Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

(Please note the correct date is **March 8th** which is a correction from previous announcements)

This is a FREE event and open to the public and we would love to see some new faces learning about mental health! All are welcome!

COMMON MEETING

The next Common Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00p.m. This is for all members on a board or committee. Please let your respective board/committee chair know if you are unable to attend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Waterloo First United Methodist Church has partnered with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, and created a Food Pantry located on the lower level of the Church with an entrance on Randolph Street. This pantry helps support the neighborhood by opening each Thursday for patrons to shop from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. It is also open the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10-11 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with serving a hot meal - "Dinner With Neighbors".

Waterloo First is looking to broaden its outreach, and is looking to other Church row places of worship to participate in this neighborhood ministry. Our church has been asked if we would like to participate in this neighborhood ministry. If you have any interest please let Anne Hoekstra, Laurie Allbaugh or Diane Highnam know. There will be some training involved. The Food Nook likes to have a minimum of four volunteers each Thursday since this is the busiest time of use.

ZUMBA CLASS

A Zumba class will be offered by Angelica Rodriguez on the first and third Saturdays each month at 10:00am in our church basement. Angelica teaches a Zumba class at the YWCA and is excited to teach one here as well! All ages are welcome to attend and a free will offering will be collected. Proceeds will go to the homeless to provide basic needs.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS... WE RECEIVE THANK YOU'S!

"Hello FCUCC - Thank you so much for your generous support of and investment in the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ (**LoveINC**). We are so grateful for your partnership in sharing the Gospel of Jesus, our Savior and caring for our Cedar Valley neighbors in need. Praying for a blessed 2023. You all are the Best! *In Christ ~ Jenny, Cadi, Luann, and Riley Jo*"

"Thank you for your generous gift to **Retrieving Freedom!** The quality of life of a Veteran with a disability or a family with a child with autism will be greatly improved due to donations like yours. We are grateful for the influence your gifts have on our training programs and the lives of our clients. WE are truly thankful for your church's continued support! *Rene' Massey, RFI Board of Directors.*"

"Thank you for donating to the **Job Foundation**. Your gift allows the organization to continue providing financial education and resources to Waterloo students living in low-income households. On behalf of all the students and families in the program, thank you not only for your financial support but also for hosting many of our classes! Together, we can see all people achieving financial success!"

"Thank you so much for your contribution to **Grin & Grow Child Care**. This contribution to our Teacher's Fund will provide tremendous support for training those who work directly with the children and parents. These trainings provide the tools our teachers need to be successful in the classroom. We are very fortunate to have you as partners. Thank you again! *Ed Gruenwald, Director of Operations and Development.*"

Waterloo First UMC
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SUNDAY FEB 19



We are invited to join Waterloo First United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, February 19th at 9:15am (before our worship service) for their annual Jazz Sunday with "The Souls of Dixieland Jazz Band."

(614 Randolph, Waterloo, IA 50702)



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