

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

February 28, 2024

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



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Brad Braley for his message last Sunday, and to Kay Leary for serving as worship leader and providing the mini message. We enjoyed the prelude by our handbell choir and enjoyed our chancel choir's music as well.

You can watch the service by clicking on the picture of Rev. Braley.



This Sunday we welcome Abbie Chronister back to our pulpit. Seth Chronister will be our worship leader and Cliff Highnam will provide the mini-message. (Communion will be held on the second Sunday in March.)

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for Teri Graham as she is still experiencing severe back, leg & foot pain.
- ~ Prayers for our Search & Call committee as they continue our holy work.
- ~ Continued prayers for Audrey Adams-Sorge who lost her mother, Jeanne, on February 9th. You can read Jeanne's obituary by clicking [HERE](#).
- ~ Remember to keep visits to our members in your weekly planning...they're appreciated.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth will meet at First Baptist (434 Baltimore) tonight (February 28th) from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

For the month of March, Youth will meet here at First Congregational on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

Please mark your calendar for the next Potluck with a Purpose on March 10th at 11:45am with the director of Growing Minds sharing updates on this long term mission outreach of our church. Bring some food to share and your own table service if you'd like to not use paper plates.

PANTRY DELIVERIES MADE

Another successful filling the gap for hunger was made last Friday thanks to your continued generous donations. Thank you for your gifts of food. Filler' up!



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Michelle is working on the 2024 Church Directory. Do you have a change of address, phone number, or email since the last directory was published? Want to change or add your picture? Please call the office at 319-234-8927 or you can email Michelle at fcuccoffice@gmail.com with changes by March 1st.

HABITAT BUILD OPPORTUNITY

Church family and friends. We are looking at some great fun with two Habitat builds this spring and/or fall. If you have not been contacted and are interested - please let Gina Greene (ggreene1124@gmail.com) know of your interest so you can be included as plans are made.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

This year's OGHS offering theme is "Share the Light." We can share the light through our contributions that support our siblings around the world after natural disasters; providing care and safety in places where war rages and poverty prevails; and sharing techniques for sustainable agriculture, energy efficiency, and clean water.

Each of our playlists should include the song, "This Little Light of Mine." A simple song with a simple message— let your light shine. Your light is on a light stand, for all to see, shine and share. On any given day, any given place, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHS. Your contributions make a difference. Your dollars count. Give generously. Share the light.

This offering will be collected during our Sunday, March 10th worship service.

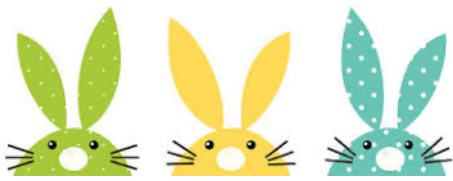
MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONTHLY

Love INC is asking for cleaning supplies during the month of March. Please drop your donations in the box in our church lobby.

NAMI PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free 8-week mental health and wellness class led by trained peers for people with mental health conditions to help with their recovery. It offers respect, understanding, encouragement, and hope while building on the strength and resilience of participants.

The course will be held on Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm (April 18th through June 6th) here at FCUCC. Call Leslie Cohn, NAMI executive director, at 319-830-6448 or email namibh@qwestoffice.net if you have questions or want to register for the class. Everything is confidential. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 3, 2024.**



March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3 * 9:15 Adult Study 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	4 5:30pm Job Foundation	5 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn ** 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk	6 3-4:30pm Job Foundation 5:30pm - Youth	7 9:00am CVIC Interfaith Mtg. 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	8	9 9am - Women's Breakfast	
10 10:30 Worship & Sunday School 11:45am Potluck	11	12 6-8pm Food Bank Volunteering	13 5:30pm - Youth	14 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	15 11:30 Social Action Meeting	16	
17 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	18	19 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 11:30am Immerse 8-week Course 6pm Trustee Mtg.	20 3-4:30pm Job Foundation 5:30pm - Youth	21 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir 7:00pm NAMI Presentation	22 Fill Neighborhood Pantries	23	
24 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Palm Sunday	25	26 11:30am Immerse 8-week Course	27 3-4:30pm Job Foundation 5:30pm - Youth	28 Maundy Thursday 6:15pm Simple Soup Supper 7:00pm Service	29 Good Friday	30	
31 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Easter Sunday	* <i>The Adult Study is held every Sunday morning at 9:15am.</i>		** <i>The Coffee & Prayer Walk starts at FCUCC every Tuesday at 10am.</i>				

Birthdays

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Janis Engel
Kinnick Petersen

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Lauren Brock-Medhus

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Liz Becker
April De La Hunt

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Craig Jensen
Ginni Casteel

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David Greene

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Jason Dams
Sue Hummel

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Kenny Steva

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Rizzo Lace Buck

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Lucy Prescott

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Connie Jo Peirce
Gary Waldon

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Adam Akin

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Greg Holt
Samuel Stevenson

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Seth Chronister

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Lindsey Panicucci
Joanne Tefft
Molly Anne Stevenson

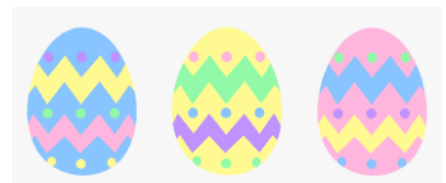
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Jeremy Essmann

31
Nevaeh Brock

Anniversaries

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Steve & Susan Peters

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Craig & Cindy Wells





Time to order your Easter Lilies...

Please place your orders by March 18th.

PRICE: \$ 14.00 each

Please make checks payable to First Congregational UCC. You may mail your check and this order form to the church, place them in the offering plate on Sunday or call the church office at 234-8927 or email Michelle at fcuccoffice@gmail.com to place your order(s).
Easter Lilies can be picked up after the Easter worship service on March 31st.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total number ordered: ____ x \$14.00 = _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

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

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