

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

April 3, 2024



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



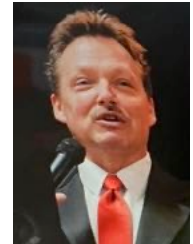
PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Janice Springer for her message last Sunday, to Paul Greene for serving as worship leader and to Diane Highnam who provided the mini-message.

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



This Sunday we welcome Bill Quibell to our pulpit. Bill is a local pastor who helps with the worship team at Celebrations. He also provides pulpit supply for several churches throughout Northeast Iowa. He enjoys preaching and singing. Some of the songs he sings were written by his wife.



**POTLUCK
WITH A
PURPOSE**

Join us this Sunday, April 7th following the morning Worship Service.

We will hear updates from Ed Gruenwald, the director of Growing Minds Early Learning Center (previously Grin & Grow.) Please bring a dish to share and your own tableware if able.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY

The funeral for Hildegard Larsen will be here at FCUCC this Friday April 5th at 10am with visitation an hour before the service. You can read her full obituary here:

<https://www.hagartywaychoffgrarup.com/obituaries/Hildegard-C-Larsen?obId=31052138>

COMMON MEETING

Common Meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm. If you are on a committee/board, please check with your chair to see if other arrangements have been made.

YOUTH NEWS

During April, the collaborative youth group will meet at First UMC on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm.



Last Call... The Collaborative Youth Group has been challenged to an envelope fundraiser. The Envelope board will be in the library this Sunday. There are still several envelopes left to choose to donate.

Please turn in your envelopes to the office with your check made out to FCUCC or place in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for your consideration in participating with this fundraiser!!

ANNUAL SPRING CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

If you would like to donate to this give-away, here are the following drop-off dates (Drop off at Sacred Heart):

~ April 6 & 7th before or after Masses at gym door - Randolph parking lot

~ April 9, from 3 to 4pm, April 10 from 9:30 to 10:30am & April 11 from 5 to 6pm at east door of school off of West 5th St

~ April 12, from 9am to 1pm at the gym - Randolph parking lot (during sorting of clothing/bedding)



Code for the Zoom Link

BOOK READ

Join Waterloo Human Rights Commission at their Book Read every Tuesday in April from 6:00-7:30pm. For more information please contact nancy.culpepper@waterloo-ia.org.

AN EVENING WITH COLBY MARTIN

Three House Collaborative Campus Ministries and The Tyler Greene Fund invite you to "Unclobber with Colby Martin" this Sunday, April 7th from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Lang Hall on the UNI Campus. Colby will answer the question, "What does it mean to be affirming?" and many more. This event is free and open to everyone.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Please remember an extra can or two at the store this week for the pantry! Thank you for all your generous support.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

First Congregational has been chosen by Cedar Valley Chamber Music to host two free concerts this spring! Save the dates--plan to attend and bring your friends!


On Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. "Beyond Debussy: A Program Exploring the Diverse Legacy of Claude Debussy" will feature Hannah Porter Occeña on flute and Josh Graham on marimba/percussion. And on Friday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. "A Triptych in Music" will feature Nash Ryder on violin and Sean Botkin on piano.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to all who celebrated and remembered with an Easter Lily. The sanctuary was beautiful. Some of the lilies were unable to be picked up so if you are visiting someone that might enjoy a lift from a lily- please come by and pick one up and share it with a friend.

EASTER SUNDAY PICTURES...



<p><i>You're invited to Abbie Chronister's</i></p> <h1>MDiv Capstone Presentation</h1> <p>How can the Church remain relevant for younger generations in today's world? By focusing on mental health and spiritual wellness.</p>	
<p>April 9th @ 6pm in the Sanctuary <i>(right before the Common Mtg.!)</i></p>	<p><i>It's like a senior recital, but without music. Don't worry, it's just as fun!</i></p>

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