

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends

May 31, 2023

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



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Clark Kilgard for his Pentecost message last Sunday, to Sue Hummel for serving as worship leader, and Kay Thuesen for delivering the mini message.

Church Picnic



Sunday, June 4, 2023

11:00 am



This coming Sunday, we will hold our annual service/picnic under the canopy of trees at Lookout Park, Park St., Cedar Falls at 11:00 a.m. (**notice time!**). We welcome Rev. Brad Braley to our outdoor pulpit and will celebrate communion as part of our service. Cliff Highnam will serve as worship leader and Kay Leary will deliver the mini message.

Following the service, we will share a picnic lunch. Tim Ahrens has ordered fried chicken to feed everyone. Please bring side dishes or a dessert to share. Water, lemonade and tableware will be provided, or you may bring your own. There are no outlets for keeping things hot or cold, so plan accordingly. Please bring your lawn chair. Games will be available for afterwards. This is always a special Sunday for our congregation—see you there!

PRAYERS FOR...

~ Karen Dew as she continues a variety of medical tests, and Robert Dew, who is dealing with issues with his health.



We need Worship Leaders for Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help please contact Anne Hoekstra or our office manager, Michelle.

GRADUATES

This is the last week to let the church office know if you have someone graduating from high school or college.



Please submit their names to the church office for publication in next week's Tidings. Include future plans they may have in mind such as colleges they will be attending.

NAMI

On June 14th from 7-8pm join us downstairs at FCUCC to hear Traci Ludwig, LISW, ACSW, RYT-200 from Mercy One Behavioral Health speak on "Using Trauma-Sensitive Movement to Manage your Mood." This is free and open to the public.

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm Nightly

TWISTS & TURNS
PSALM 25:4

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 10TH-13TH, 2023
STUDENT REGISTRATION

Meal Provided Each Night!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC, KIMBALL AVE. UMC, ST. TIMOTHYS UMC,
TRINITY AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The graphic is a colorful, geometric design with a central text area. The text is arranged in a diamond shape, with the title "TWISTS & TURNS" in large, bold, yellow and blue letters. Below it, the dates and "STUDENT REGISTRATION" are in black. The background features a pattern of colorful triangles in shades of blue, yellow, red, and green.

First Congregational will be hosting VBS again this year with several churches participating. All children ages 4 years (Pre-K) through 5th Grade are invited to attend.

Registration begins June 1st. You can register online -

<<< [Click Here](#) >>>

or pick up a registration form at church. Kids invite your friends!

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...



THE TIME IS NOW TO SIGN UP FOR ALPHA!

Love INC Cedar Valley is thrilled to partner with local churches to offer the first All City Alpha this summer starting June 6th!

Alpha is a fantastic course in the meaning of life and faith and will be open to both current Love INC clients, Love INC volunteers, and local church members. It is a place to gather around a table with neighbors from diverse neighborhoods, belief systems, and family structures, and ask the questions of faith together in a safe and welcoming environment.

The Alpha Course has proven to deepen the faith of those who already know Christ and to introduce Christ to those who do not yet know Him. Many have come to salvation all over the globe through this course. You don't want to miss it!

Who is this for? *Followers of Jesus, *Skeptics of Jesus, *Friends & family who are not comfortable coming to church, *Small Groups, *Those who want to understand how to reach a post-Christian culture with the message of Jesus, *Those who want to meet more diverse neighbors, * Those with lots of questions about life and faith

When and Where?

Harvest Vineyard Church
715 E 4th Street, Waterloo, IA 50703
Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:30pm
June 6th - Aug 15th

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

FCUCC collected this offering last Sunday. However, it's not too late to donate!
Please send or bring your donation to the office by next Monday, June 5th.



June 30, 2023 –
July 4, 2023

The 34th General Synod of the United Church of Christ

Indiana Convention Center
100 S Capitol Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for, inspirational worship, conducting the business of the church, formal church witness, and fellowship with friends (new and old). Always an extraordinary event in the life of the United Church of Christ, delegates, and visitors will experience dynamic workshops, generative plenary sessions, inspirational worship, engaging youth activities, special banquets, and luncheons. Delegates will conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries. The Keynote speaker will offer illumination and insight into the challenges that face our congregations and communities. And delegates and visitors alike will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness, and worship together.

Registration online ends June 12th. For more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

If anyone would like to attend, financial assistance is available from the Social Causes and Justice Board budget. Contact Laurie Allbaugh or our office manager, Michelle.

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

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