

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. Clark Kilgard and Sue Hummel, for leading worship last Sunday.

This Sunday we welcome Dusty Johnson, who was our director of music for several years—directing the chancel and bell choirs. He currently teaches Middle School Band at Tipton Community School District. His facebook page says he is “widowed Christian husband and father of two. I teach band, love to fish, and can do handyman projects.” He got married to Jen during his time with us, and she died suddenly two years ago. He has certainly had his share of challenges. We welcome him back to his FCUCC church family with open arms! He will be sharing his talents with us with both his preaching and trumpet playing. Craig Driver will be his worship leader, and Paul Greene is providing the children’s sermon.



We are saddened to announce the passing of **Joan Siglin** on Monday, July 25th at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home.

Service will be 11:00 AM Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Chapel at Memorial Park Cemetery - Waterloo. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service at the cemetery chapel. A private family interment will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery at a later time. You can read her full obituary here: <https://www.lockefuneralservices.com/obituaries/5494/joan-siglin>



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

There will be a short, special congregational meeting in the sanctuary immediately following worship (08/07). The purpose of the meeting is to obtain congregational approval for the allocation of funds to hire the Shepherd’s Staff, a pastoral search firm, to assist us in filling our settled pastor position.

Hiring a search firm would dramatically expand our pool of candidates and they would assist in vetting appropriate candidates. Typical searches take 4-6 months, but the search is not finished until we call a pastor. The expense for this would come out of the current pastor’s salary and housing budget line item, so the funds are available. We will need congregational approval to reallocate these funds for this purpose. Please attend! If you have questions, please contact Anne Hoekstra.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



- ~ Prayers for Diane Paige, who underwent her 4th brain surgery last week, and is scheduled for a 5th surgery soon. She is being treated in Iowa City.
- ~ Prayers for David Young, who is facing yet another treatment, this time for a tumor on his sacrum which has spread to his pelvis. He is expecting to undergo radiation (proton beam), for 6-7 weeks at Mayo Clinic in Rochester.
- ~ Prayers for Connie Jo Peirce who is being treated for issues with her eye, and is grateful for your prayers. She has had a positive response to recent treatment.
- ~ Prayers for the family of Joan Siglin, who died last week and whose funeral is this Saturday.
- ~ Prayers for Mary Bellone, the mother, of Megan Grey who was our section leader for several years. Mary's apartment suffered severe damage due to a fire. She lost everything, except her violin. (A gofundme account is available on Megan's facebook page.)



Potluck with a Purpose is postponed for August...

As much as we have enjoyed getting together for a meal these past months, the current rate of infection for covid in Black Hawk County is high again, so (sigh), the reopening committee is recommending we forego our gathering this month. Folks are welcome to mask during our worship gathering, but it's hard to mask and eat, and the forecast is for HOT temperatures this week--making outdoor gatherings more difficult. Thanks for your understanding. Please feel free to donate to LoveInc as we had planned. They are collecting bedding this month. You can leave your donations at the church or at the LoveInc office in Cedar Falls. Thanks!

AUGUST TRUSTEE MEETING

Just a reminder that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.

FRESHENED UP—LOOK UP!

When you arrive at church this Sunday, please notice that the awning above the entrance by the parking lot has been painted. Thanks Kyle! We love seeing our church being so well taken care of!

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

Getting To Know You

As you have have seen in June and July, the Creative Ministries Board is sponsoring a monthly feature in Tidings to help us get to know more about each other! Would you be willing to share a paragraph about something you enjoy and a picture that represents it?

What are your hobbies? What do you most enjoy doing in your spare time? Where was your favorite vacation? Do you have a stuffed animal collection? Do you build models? Do you spend time working on your family tree? Send your thoughts and picture(s) to Barb Mardis (via email barb.Mardis@uni.edu, postal mail or hand them to me at church) or they can be given to Michelle in the office.

~ Barb Mardis

GETTING TO KNOW: BOB BROCK

I moved with my family from Detroit, Michigan to Waterloo in 1959. We immediately joined First Congregational UCC and I began singing in the choir at age 15. I have a love for music and am especially interested in the pipe organ. I have been helping work on organs in northeast Iowa for 50 years. Over the last 30 years, I have mentored boys who have come from troubled families and I was a volunteer for Juvenile Court Services. My favorite hobby is collecting coins.



TRI-CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Every year the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences of the United Church of Christ (UCC) gather to make important decisions regarding their ministry, business, and future.



In 2022, we will be gathering October 9th through October 11th. The event will be hybrid, offering ways to participate in person or online. The in-person form of the gathering will take place in Sioux City, IA. The event will be centered around the theme “Loving Is Who We Are” and 1 Corinthians 13:7 – There is no limit to love’s forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure.

Our time together will include workshops, a keynote speaker, worship, mission work, business meetings, and lots of time for connection. You can now register for either the in-person or the online form of the event, both of which include access to our variety of programming.

To Register go to the conference website: <https://ucctcm.org/annualmeeting/>.



CHILDCARE: Mark your Calendar - There will be NO childcare provided for the September 4th worship service.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Bring a friend and join us for an afternoon at Palmer's! Meet at Palmer's (1666 W Airline Hwy, Waterloo, IA 50703) at 3pm on Wednesday, August 10th. Questions? Talk to Youth Director Abbie.



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