

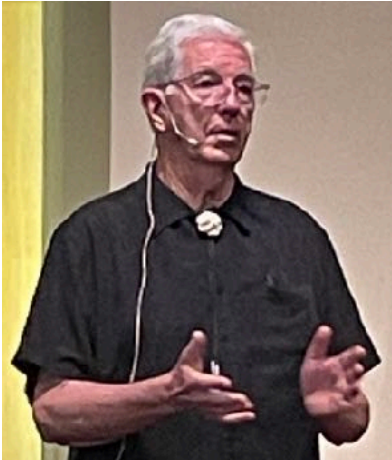
First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
September 20, 2023



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



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to John Mardis for serving as preacher for the day last Sunday, to Paul Greene for serving as worship leader, and to Gina Green for providing the mini message.

You can watch the service by clicking on the picture of John Mardis.



This Sunday we welcome Rev. Brad Braley, who will be preaching "God's Greater Good". Abbie Chronister will be serving as worship leader.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



THIS SUNDAY, Sept 24 is our annual CROP Walk and we want YOU to walk with us! We'll be wearing our walking clothes & shoes to church, staying for pizza and dessert after church and carpooling/church vanning it to Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls for the walk! You can be a part of this fun and worthwhile fundraiser for our local Food Bank and Church World Services.

You and your friends can join the team online by going to [Cedar Valley CROP Hunger Walk](#) and join our team 'First Congregational Waterloo' or let Diane know you'd like to join! Donations can also be made online or in person! Let me know your shirt size when you sign up so you can get one of our FCUCC shirts to wear during the walk! Help change the world!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

~ Prayers for Connie Jo as she continues her recovery following surgery.

~ Prayers for those in Libya following their disastrous floods, leaving nearly 4,000 dead and 9,000 missing.

WANTED! GREETERS!

Sign up to be a greeter. Thank you to those that have signed up and to Barb Mardis for kicking things off!

Take a Sunday morning and welcome your church family, friends and neighbors. What could be more fun.

ADULT BOOK STUDY

A discussion of Rachel Held Evans's book, *Inspired*, will continue this week. Join us this Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. with "The Water," and Chapter 6, "Gospel Stories". The group will meet in the Friendship Room for discussion. Newcomers are welcome. Books can be made available by calling Michelle in the office.

NORTH EAST IOWA FOOD BANK

Our monthly FOOD CREW is scheduled to work at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 from 6-8pm!

Sign up today with Diane or Michelle. If you've never joined for an evening, this is a great chance to get involved with this amazing organization, have a good time with fellowship with friends, and learn how important the food bank is in our community.

Sign up today!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In 2023, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" theme continues. The offering this year will be held on **Sunday, October 1st** as part of our World Communion Sunday. This year's focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills.

As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet! As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

ANNUAL FALL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, October 28th

9am until 11am



First Baptist Church (434 Baltimore, W'loo)

Free to this in need - Winter clothing from child to adult sizes and bedding

Sponsored by the Church Row Neighborhood Coalition



~ Youth Group will be held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30pm during the month of September at Kimball Avenue United Methodist (1207 Kimball Ave.) and in October we will be at First Baptist (434 Baltimore Ave.).

~ The Youth Group will participate in the Crop Walk on September 24th.

~ We will also enjoy a "Haunted Hay Ride" in October - Tickets will be \$15 each. More information to come.

~ We have tentatively set October 29th as our Fall Festival, Chili Cook-off. More information to come.



FAMILY

volunteer night



REGISTER HERE!



October 14

Making All Things New
Iowa
Annual Meeting



Urbandale UCC
3530 70th Street
Urbandale, IA 50322

9:30AM - 2PM

Agenda - Click or go to <https://ucctcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-IA-Conference-Annual-Meeting-Agenda-rvsd-8.25.23.pdf>

Register Today - Click or go to https://triconf.my.salesforce-sites.com/default/CnP_PaaS_EVT_ExternalRegistrationPage?event_id=a2CDu00000052XvMAI

This is available on zoom as well as in person. Registration fee can be covered by Social Causes & Justice Board. If anyone wants to carpool, please text/call 319-504-3212.

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