

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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September 21, 2022

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Dr. John Burnight for his message Sunday about the Creation Story and it's meaning for us. Thanks to Seth Chronister for his assistance as worship leader, and Greg Hoekstra for the "mini-message".



We welcome John Mardis back to the pulpit this Sunday, assisted by worship leader, Gina Greene, and Diane Highnam with the "mini-message".



TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



~ Prayers for Connie Jo Peirce and the entire family at the loss of her mother, Collene Peirce this morning (More information regarding visitation/service will be forthcoming).

~ Prayers for Bonnie Rickert, who has been hospitalized at the University of Iowa hospitals for complications of gall bladder issues and surgery since July. She is hoping to be transferred to NorthCrest in Waterloo for rehabilitation and to regain her strength before going home.

~ Prayers for Seth Chronister who is dealing with a kidney stone.

~ Prayers for Paul Prescott and family, on the death of his grandfather last week.

~ Prayers for Steve Maurer, who was hospitalized for breathing issues with COPD, and is now home.

~ Prayers for David Young, as he continues radiation treatments at Mayo Clinic.

~ Prayers for Diana Paige, as she recovers at home following her 5th brain surgery, and awaits yet another and hopefully, final surgery so she can continue her journey of recovery.

~ Prayers for Bob Tefft as he recovers and rehabs at home following his surgery.

~ Prayers for Todd Ellison, as he continues his treatments for kidney cancer.

~ And please pray for our church as we continue our search for our next pastor.

CHURCH KAYAKING EVENT



A big thank you to Gary Waldon who organized a church kayak trip Sunday afternoon at Big Woods Lake, and then hosted the group for refreshments and fellowship at his home. It was a gorgeous day to be on the water, and a great time to connect with church family.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Henry & Lynette Doepke are happy to announce the birth of two great-granddaughters. Mila Rhae (Me-la) was born in Iowa City to parents Nick and Lauryn on September 15 weighing 6lbs 3 oz. Mila's cousin, Kadence Ryleigh, was born in Oshkosh, WI to parents Shawn and Leah on September 18 weighing 6lbs 13 oz. Everyone is doing well and we are all delighted beyond words.



Sunday School continues and will start at 9:15am on Sundays in the basement with a breakfast snack, juice, coffee, and fellowship! At 9:30, age-appropriate classes will start (adults in the Friendship Room, pre-/elementary school and middle/high school in the basement). See you there!

Wednesday Nights are back up and running! Cattle Congress begins today so all middle / high school students who would like to go tonight, please meet at the church at 6pm and we will ride together.

Next week, our preschool and elementary students will gather!

As always, find out more about any of these events at <http://www.firstcongucc.org/youth.html>

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL TEACHER COLLECTION



In the month of September we are collecting items that have been requested by the teachers at Irving Elementary. All items are greatly appreciated:

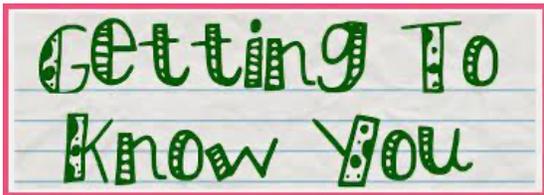
- ~ Cleaning Wipes
- ~ Kleenex
- ~ Band-aids
- ~ Paper Towels
- ~ Post It Notes
- ~ Expo Dry Erase Markers

PARTNERING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A very special thank you to all that represented First Congregational Church in our Iowa Habitat Builders Circle Breakfast Wednesday morning and everyone that will be building for Habitat on Saturday. Our Saturday builders would like some prayers. Thank you for stepping up and putting your talents to work.

CEDAR VALLEY CROP HUNGER WALK = SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

You are invited to join the annual CROP Walk on Sunday, Sept 25 beginning at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo (1605 Lafayette Street). We will be meeting at the church parking lot at 1:15 to fill the church van and ride together. If you prefer to drive on your own, plan to meet at the Food Bank at 1:30. This year's theme is "Raising Animals; Growing Communities" and the money raised during the walk will go toward helping communities around the world develop food resources, clean water, and better living conditions. Your generous donations will be collected on Sunday during church or you may send them to Michelle in the church office. THANK YOU for your participation and donations!



GETTING TO KNOW: LOIS JOHNSON



I've been a member at First Congregational Church since 1956 and have been on the Board of Social Causes and Justice (previously "Mission Board") for several decades and was a Deaconess before that. I moved into my current home on Helmet Avenue in 1969.

In past years, I raced a '55 Chevy Stock Car at Tunis Speedway in Waterloo, also at Independence and Cedar Rapids.

I have a season ticket to all Waterloo Bucks games - before Covid, I always visited with the team and brought them treats. The team and coaches gave me a professional signed baseball bat!

I love to dance and I collect dolls.



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