

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends
December 27, 2023



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

PULPIT SUPPLY



Thank you to Rev. Cathy Young for preaching last Sunday morning and for her assistance throughout Advent. Thank you to Rev. Jim Altenbaumer for presiding at our candlelight Christmas Eve service, and to our scripture readers who read the message of the Christmas Story. Thanks also to our Advent Ceremony readers who brought us the message of Advent/Christmas each week. Thank you to Jo Capoccioni for stepping in to direct Touch of Brass Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir in Luke Overton's absence on Christmas Eve.



Thank you to Hudson Lourenço-Feld, for bringing the Christmas message to us through music. We were blessed this special season as we celebrated the advent and birth of Christ through word and music. Due to internet outage, we were unable to livestream. We will let you know when the two services are available to view.

This Sunday we welcome Rev. Pat Geadelmann back to our pulpit, assisted by Rev. Jim Altenbaumer as worship leader, and Diane Highnam with the mini message.



TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Prayers for Jeanne Adams, Audrey Adams-Sorge's 98 year old mother, who is in rehab after a stroke.

~ Prayers for Hildegard Larsen, at Wellspring Living Center, who is in hospice care.

~ On November 7th, our dear Church brother, *Don Damon*, passed away from complications of a choking accident. Sadly, our church family was unaware of his passing until his funeral had taken place. We would like to honor his memory by contributing to the cost of a headstone for him. If you would like to donate to the headstone, please send your donation to Michelle in the church office by January 10, 2024. The money will be given to the company that will create and install the headstone, according to the wishes of Donnie's brother, Michael. Thank you for keeping his memory alive!

JANUARY TRUSTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 6:00pm.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

If you are a chair of a board or committee, please turn your respective report in to Michelle in the office no later than Wednesday, January 10th. Thank you!

CHURCH ROW COFFEE & PRAYER WALKS

Join us in January on Tuesdays from 10 - 11am. We will begin at FCUCC with coffee and sharing prayer needs, short devotionals, learning about prayer walking, and/or reading scripture. We will then go into the neighborhood to walk and pray. To sign up and register for reminders, please email jpetersen@webuildhabitat.org.

WOMEN'S EVENT - SAT. JANUARY 6TH

You are invited to an event titled "You Are More: Building a Life That Wins!®." Brought to you by Amy Wienands - Host of the You Are More Podcast. For more details and to register click [HERE](#). You will leave with a fresh vision and perspective, encouraged, & empowered by not only the experience but through the community you will connect with.

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

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January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Years Day (Office Closed)	2 7:30 Men's Bkfst (Village Inn) 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk	3	4 9:00 Cedar Valley Interfaith 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	5	6
7 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	8	9 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk 6:00pm Trustee's Meeting	10 3-4:30pm Job Foundation	11 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	12	13 9am - Women's Breakfast
14 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	15 5:30pm Job Foundation	16 7:30 Men's Bkfst (Village Inn) 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk	17 11:00 Missions & Maid-rites lunch. 3-4:30pm Job Foundation	18 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	19 11:30 Social Action Meeting	20
21 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Potluck & Annual Meeting	22	23 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk 6-8pm Food Bank Volunteering	24 3-4:30pm Job Foundation	25 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	26 Fill Neighborhood Pantries	27
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BIRTHDAYS



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Joanne Lane
Jim Thiele
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Barb Mardis
Julie Thoreen
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Lois Johnson
David Young
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Brad Highnam

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Ted Martens
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Megan Panicucci
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Jesse White
Charlie Mejia
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Jayne Slaughter
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Steve Maurer

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Dan Hummel
Craig Mahood
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Connie Stevens
Zack Steva
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Luke Overton
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Craig Holdiman

