

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

TIDINGS

"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

April 13, 2025 10:30 AM

Scripture text:

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon in charge:

Gina Greene

[Click Here to watch last Sunday's service](#)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13 - **Palm Sunday** 10:30am

April 17 - **Maundy Thursday**

Simple Soup Supper 6:15pm

Service 7:00pm

April 18 - **Good Friday Service** 12:00pm

at Waterloo First United Methodist

(We have been invited to joint their worship)

April 20 - **Easter Sunday**

(No Sunday School)

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am

Worship Service 10:30am



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 9

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - The Gathering

7:30pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, April 12

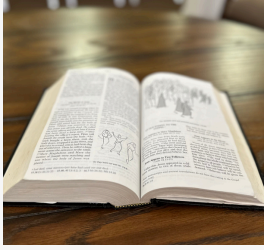
9:00am - Women's Breakfast at Perkins

Tuesday, April 15

7:30am - Men's Breakfast at Village Inn

SPECIAL VISIT

Bill & Jane Leighty are visiting from Alaska and would love to meet up with members who remember Bill or his parents, Ike & Marge Leighty. They will be here at the church on Wednesday, April 16th at 1pm. All are welcome to stop by and greet them.



THE GATHERING

Join us on Wednesday nights as we dive into the stories of Women of the Bible and share meaningful fellowship. This Wednesday (4/9) we will be discussing Luke 7:36-50. Click [Here](#) to sign up to bring food!

TIME TO FILL THE PANTRY

You are making a difference! Fill it up! Peanut butter, nuts, rice, beans, cereal, oatmeal packets, granola bars, crackers, snacks for kids, canned soups/fruits (pop-top cans preferred), new / unopened baby formula, sealed / unopened drink mixes, dried fruit, canned meats, etc. Thank you!

ENJOY A BREAKFAST

Habitat is hosting a breakfast for any church member who would like to attend on April 23 from 7:30-9:00 am. Help us fill the table and represent FCUCC. Interested in attending or need more info? Please contact Gina Greene. (ggreene1124@gmail.com)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We received a total of \$1795 for this offering. Thank you so much!!

UCC NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Please Plan to Help Host on Saturday, April 26, 2025.
We can use several volunteers!**

We will initially gather at 9:30am with worship led by FCUCC at 10:00am. A business meeting will start at 10:30am focusing on:

- ~ A financial report by Philip Iversen,
- ~ Association treasurer reports by: Dixie Laube (Deacon), Corey Larsen and Laura Renault (update on COM).
- ~ General Synod delegates from NE Iowa
- ~ Resolutions for General Synod (especially the STAR resolution)
- ~ Boundary Training – geared toward the Small Town and Rural congregations (STAR churches)

11:50 p.m. – Lunch

12:30 p.m. – Program by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, our new Conference Minister for the Tri Conference

Please RSVP to Michelle for lunch planning

Getting To Know You

GETTING TO KNOW: PETER STEVA



My name is Peter Steva. My family and I have been members of this church since 2016. My wife and I have been married since August of 1999, and we have 3 boys. Spencer, born September 24, 2000 age 24, Kenny, born March 13, 2003, age 22, and Zackary, born January 29, 2007, age 18.

We moved to Waterloo in November of 2016, from Springfield, IL. My father was a pastor in the UCC before retiring in 1993.

I have an older brother Eric, who lives in Maine with his wife. They have two boys, ages 28 and 25. I also have a younger sister, who lives in California with her husband and two daughters, ages 16 and 14. Although we moved to Waterloo in 2016, I am no stranger to this town. I visited here many times while growing up, as my father was born in Delaware, IA and grew up on a farm between Jesup and LaPorte City.

As our children were growing up, we did not do much traveling, as we really couldn't afford to. The past few years we have been trying to make up for that by taking trips to Colorado, South Dakota, Maine and most recently California. This coming October, we will be going to Maine for my nephew's wedding.



PROUD IMAGE CHORUS SPRING CONCERT



If you like four-part harmony, you are going to love the upcoming Spring Concert to be presented by Cedar Valley's Proud Image Chorus together with River City Chorus from Mason City. "America in Harmony" will take place on Saturday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. at West High School's Kersenbrock Auditorium in Waterloo. Enjoy an afternoon of inspirational and all-time favorites such as "Battle Hymn of the Republic;" "Take Me Home, Country Roads;" "New York, New York" and many more. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$5 students. Contact any Chorus member or call 515-979-9054.

ANNUAL SPRING CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY





Thanks to all who helped with the Church Row clothing giveaway! 161 families were helped with your donations.



LOST & found
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH April 27th, 2025 | 3 PM

? How many different ways can we feel lost? ? What does it mean to be human? ? How do we find our way home?

Sponsor this concert with a donation to support Bel Canto's continued music, as well as three organizations that point our neighbors in the Cedar Valley toward "home."

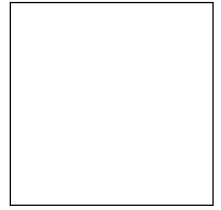
   

Bel Canto Cedar Valley's Spring Concert, *Lost and Found* explores the complex emotions of grief, despair, loneliness, and loss. It asks the question and explores the answer: What does it mean to be human? How do we lift ourselves and each other out of darkness? Where does the light begin? Or is it always there, and we just need each other to see it?

In keeping with the theme of this concert, BCCV is partnering with three local organizations focused on offering hope to our neighbors - ThreeHouse Campus Ministries, Cedar Valley LGBTQ+ Coalition, and House of Hope of the Cedar Valley. A donation to this fundraising campaign will support Bel Canto Cedar Valley's mission of cultivating a life-long passion for music, as well as these three organization's missions that point our neighbors in the Cedar Valley toward "home."

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TIDINGS



CREATE AN ENDOWMENT OF LOVE. PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING OUR CHURCH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.



TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES!

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS BY **APRIL 16TH**. PRICE: \$15.00 EACH

Please make checks payable to First Congregational UCC. You may mail your check and this order form to the church, place them in the offering plate on Sunday, call the church office at 234-8927 or email Michelle at office@fccwaterloo.org to place your order(s).

Easter Lilies can be picked up after the Easter worship service on April 20th.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total number ordered: ____ x \$15.00 = _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____