

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends
February 5, 2025



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

This Sunday:

February 9, 2025
10:30 am

Brandyn will present
the message:

He is our peace

Using the text:

Ephesians 2:14-18

Deacon In Charge

Gina Greene

To watch last Sunday's
service you can

[<< Click Here >>](#)

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday, February 5

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - *The Gathering*

7:30pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, February 8

9:00am - Women's
Breakfast at Perkins

Tuesday, February 11

7:00pm - Common Mtg.

FEVER CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

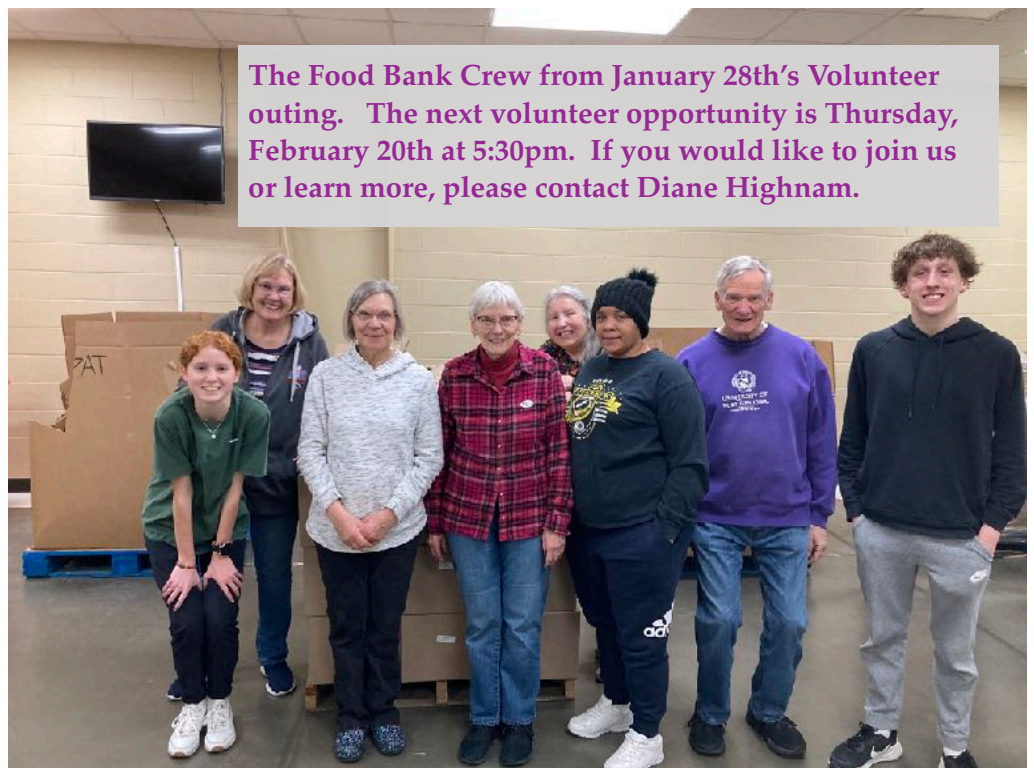
We will be hosting another Candlelight Concert here in our sanctuary on Thursday night, February 13th. There are two concerts to choose from:

The 6:30pm concert will feature songs from Coldplay and Imagine Dragons.

The 8:30 concert will feature a Valentine's Day special selection of songs.

Tickets can only be purchased on Fever's website -

<https://feverup.com/en/waterloo-cedar-falls-ia-us/candlelight?srsId=AfmBOooaoG-oy9wRrzaVrmTtD7uXAEx8bHuraN8byJa2ljEpHeFSqg0y>



The Food Bank Crew from January 28th's Volunteer outing. The next volunteer opportunity is Thursday, February 20th at 5:30pm. If you would like to join us or learn more, please contact Diane Highnam.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY

~ Prayers for David Greene who broke his arm from a fall.

~ Prayers for Carmen Driver who broke her femur from a fall.

~ Continued prayers for Cliff Highnam who is recovering from hip surgery.



PANTRY FOOD NEEDED

Thank you. 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.

CARING CARDS

Reach out to someone you are missing. Share some joy. Cards are available in the library area.



Caring Cards

A big thank you to Teri Graham for sharing her time and gifts from home by writing notes and caring cards for the church.

THE GATHERING

Join us Wednesday nights as we study the Women of the Bible and share meaningful fellowship together. We are asking volunteers to bring food each week.

You can sign up to bring a main dish, side or dessert. Thank you in advance!

To Sign Up - [CLICK HERE](#)

COMMON MEETING


The Common Meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00pm.



**ATTENTION 5TH
THROUGH
12TH GRADERS...**

YOU'RE INVITED!

Come join us for an exciting new youth group experience every other Sunday **from 12 PM to 1 PM** at the church!

 What to Expect:

- A welcoming space to connect with other youth.
- Time to ask questions and explore your faith.
- Opportunities to learn and grow together.
- And yes, lunch is provided!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 16th and bring your friends! Contact Pastor Brandyn at fcuccminister@gmail.com for questions.

Dear God:

Enlighten what's dark in me...
Strengthen what's weak in me...
Mend what's broken in me...
Bind what's bruised in me...
Heal what's sick in me...
and lastly,
Revive whatever peace and love
has died in me...

JOIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN RAISING THE ROOF!

This year, Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity is excited to host their annual auction with the inspiring theme of "Raise the Roof." All proceeds support their mission to build and repair homes, creating stronger communities and brighter futures.

Mark your calendar for the Raise the Roof Dinner and Auction on Friday, March 7, 2025, at the Courtyard Marriott in Downtown Waterloo, IA. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for an evening filled with live music, celebration, inspiration, and community. Tickets are \$50 per person.



For more information and to purchase tickets for this event, please go to <https://www.webuildhabitat.org/about/events/raise-the-roof-dinner-and-auction/>.

They are also accepting auction donations from now through February 9th. If you would like to donate an item, please call (319) 235-9946 or email Rylee Petersen at rpetersen@webuildhabitat.org.

A CALL TO REMEMBER AND ACT

~ 60 Year Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act ~
The Life, Transformation and Legacy of Malcolm X
Friday, February 21, 2025; Doors open at 5:30pm
Jubilee UMC Freedom Center

All are invited to gather, remember, reimagine,
and recommit to the work of justice!

Refreshments will be served.



The Cedar Valley Hospitality House maintains a warming center to support the unhoused population during the winter months. The warming center is open January through March nightly from 8pm - 7am, providing an overnight warm and secure place to stay with snacks, clothing, shower facility, and housing assessment for housing placement.

They are hosting their 2nd annual fundraising 5k walk in February. This walk will both start and end at the warming center, allowing participants to see what they are supporting and to experience the frigid elements that are a daily reality for guests at the warming center. Coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts will be provided prior to the walk and warm soup will be provided following the walk.

General Walk Information:

- When: February 22, 2025.
- Where: 1022 W 5th Street, Waterloo, IA (the warming center).
- Time: Registration at 9-10 am, Walk at 10am, Soup to Follow.

Registration/Sponsorship Fee: \$30 per walker.

Individual Registration, Pay at the door: \$35 per walker.

***Walkers may individually pay to walk or be sponsored by individuals from the community not walking!



5K FUNDRAISING EVENT

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have about 1/3 of the membership who have submitted pictures or had their pictures taken and we would like to see more of your smiling faces!

Submit your family photo for our 2025 Church Directory by February 28 to Michelle (fcuccoffice@gmail.com) or drop it off at the office.

If you would like a new picture for the church directory, Diane Highnam has offered to take your picture before or after church, Wednesday evenings or schedule at your convenience. You can contact Diane by emailing her at diane.highnam@gmail.com.

Also, a copy of the current directory will be available on Wednesday night and Sunday morning for you to look at your current listing. If everything is ok, please put a checkmark next to your name. If there are any changes, please mark them accordingly with your listing.

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

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