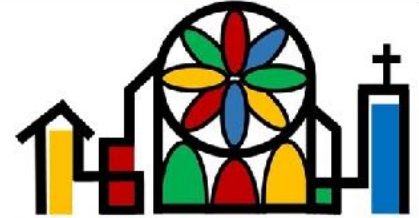


# First Congregational UCC

## TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

February 12, 2025



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa

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

### Upcoming Activities

#### Wednesday, February 12

5:30pm - Bells Practice  
6:15pm - Dinner  
6:45pm - *The Gathering*  
7:30pm - Choir Practice

#### Thursday, February 13

6:30 & 8:30pm Fever  
Candlelight Concerts

#### Sunday, February 16

10:30 am - Brandyn will be giving the sermon using the text: Genesis 25:19-34 and 27:1-40.  
12:00pm - Youth Group

#### Tuesday, February 18

7:30am Men's Breakfast at Village Inn (Waterloo)

### TAKING CARE OF FAMILY

~ Prayers for Karen Dew and family at the loss of her aunt, Ruth Duede.

~ Continued prayers of healing for Cliff Highnam (hip surgery), David Greene (broken arm) & Carmen Driver (broken femur).

### FILL THE PANTRY - - IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

In our world we can cancel a meeting or work from home because it is too cold or too snowy. What if you didn't have an option for housing and food? Keep the support coming for the pantry by providing emergency food assistance for those who may only get one meal today.

Need ideas? Instant oatmeal, granola/protein bars, soup in pull top cans, foil packets of meats, instant meals, cheese/crackers- Thank you for the difference you are making in someone's day.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please submit your family photo for our 2025 Church Directory by February 28 to Michelle ([fcuccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcuccoffice@gmail.com)) or contact Diane Highnam if you would like her to take a new picture of your family. ([diane.highnam@gmail.com](mailto:diane.highnam@gmail.com)).

\*\* Word has reached us that Cedar Falls Utilities will be disabling the "[cfu.net](http://cfu.net)" email service sometime this summer. Thinking ahead, if you do switch your email before the end of February, let Michelle know so she can update the directory with the correct email address.

### COMBINED COMMON MEETING AND TRUSTEE MEETING DATE

The Common Meeting, which was originally scheduled for this month, has been postponed to **Tuesday, March 18th**. This date coincides with our regular Trustee Meeting night. **The Common Meeting will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the Trustees' meeting at 7 p.m.**

### AGO EVENT

The Cedar Valley Chapter of American Guild of Organists (AGO) is performing at Wartburg's "Bach Lunch" on **Friday, Feb. 14**.

Performers will be Mariko Morita, Randall Harlow, and Anne Hoekstra playing on the chapel's Dobson organ. The program includes pieces by Bernstein, Chopin, Mendelssohn and Rheinberger.

**Bring a lunch for the pre-concert talk at noon in the Wartburg Chapel Commons. The concert begins at 12:30 in the chapel sanctuary.**

### WOMEN OF FAITH

Waterloo has been home to many outstanding Black women: politicians, activists, teachers, and homemakers. At the **February 18th** Women of Faith Zoom meeting, Gwenne Berry and Pat Kinney will introduce several of them. [<<Click Here>>](#) - (This Link will be active on February 18th at 6:30pm.)

This is an exciting opportunity to learn about some courageous women who have contributed to the *life of our community*.

### CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

We're thrilled to host another Fever Candlelight Concert in our sanctuary tomorrow, Feb. 13th at 6:30 & 8:30pm.

Tickets can only be purchased through Fever's website:

[<<Click Here>>](#)

## FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Cedar Valley Hospitality House maintains a warming center to support the unhoused population during the winter months.

They are hosting their 2nd annual fundraising 5k walk in February. This walk will both start and end at the warming center.

**When:** February 22, 2025

**Where:** 1022 W 5th Street, Waterloo

**Time:** Registration 9am - 10am with walk at 10am (Soup after)

Fee is \$30 in advance by emailing [cvhospitalityhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:cvhospitalityhouse@hotmail.com) or \$35 per walker paid at the door.

## 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.

## RAISING THE ROOF!

Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity is hosting 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 a Dinner and Auction on Friday, March 7, 2025, at the Courtyard Marriott in Downtown Waterloo, IA. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person.**

**For more information and to purchase tickets for this event, please click [HERE](#).**

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

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