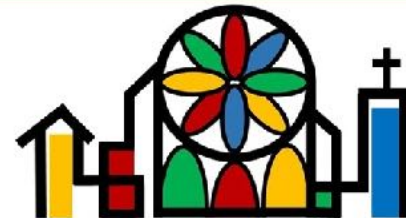


# First Congregational UCC

## TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

February 19, 2025



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa

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

### This Sunday:

February 23, 2025

10:30 am

**Brandyn will present  
the message:**

*Restoring Peace*

**Using the text:**

Genesis 32:1-21, 33:1-20

**Deacon In Charge**

Nancy Mahood

**To watch last Sunday's  
service you can**

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### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**Wednesday, February 19**

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - *The Gathering*

7:30pm - Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 20**

5:30pm - Food Bank  
Volunteering

### 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. Thanks! Thank you.

### THE GATHERING

We are asking volunteers to bring food each Wednesday night for our dinner.

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

**To Sign Up - [CLICK HERE](#)**

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Time is almost up! Please submit your family photo for our 2025 Church Directory by February 28 to Michelle in the office ([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](mailto: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.

Michelle will begin on working on the directories the beginning of March with a planned availability date of Sunday, March 30th. Thank you for your participation! We love seeing all your smiling faces!

### DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY?

We'll soon be needing books to restock it as the boxes by our 4th & South St door are almost empty! Please help us fill them back up so we can keep adding to the statistics below:

- ~ Greater Access to Books - 92% of children reported having more access to books because of Little Free Library book-sharing boxes.
- ~ Increased Reading Time - Children who visit a Little Free Library read an average of 1.1 additional days per week. Nearly half (49%) reported reading more frequently since they began using a Little Free Library.
- ~ Home Library Growth - 88% of children said they now keep more books at home, helping them build personal libraries.



## JAZZ SUNDAY

March 2nd is Jazz Sunday when we will be joining worship at First United Methodist Church (614 Randolph Street, W'loo) at 9:30 a.m.

There will be no service at First Congregational UCC that Sunday. Our choir, plus the choirs from First Baptist and First United Methodist will be part of this special service. All are welcome.

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

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