

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

February 21, 2024



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa

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

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Janice Springer for her message last Sunday, and to Anita Altenbaumer for serving as worship leader and Keith Jorgensen for providing the mini message.

You can watch the service by clicking on the picture of Rev. Springer.

This Sunday we welcome Rev. Brad Braley back to our pulpit.

Kay Leary will be our worship leader and provide the mini message.



TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for Evie Waack as she undergoes an infusion for an infection.
- ~ Erin Brock-Medhus is doing well with her recovery and appreciates all of the meals that have been delivered!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School is reading *Prayers in the Night* by Tish Harrison Warren. Discussion this Sunday will center around Chapters 6 & 7, and the group will meet at 9:15 in the Friendship Room.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth will meet at First Baptist (434 Baltimore, Waterloo) on Wednesday, February 21st & February 28th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Thank you all for your continued support of the pantry. As a reminder, some of the items needed include boxed potatoes, pancake mix, cake mixes (mixed with water only), cereal, canned fruits, vegetables, soups, meats and meals, pasta and pasta sauces, syrup, peanut butter and canned beans. Thank you for your caring hearts.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Michelle is working on the 2024 Church Directory. Do you have a change of address, phone number, or email since the last directory was published? Want to change or add your picture? Please call the office at 319-234-8927 or email fcuccoffice@gmail.com with any changes by March 1st.

FREE MONEY FOR YOUR EDUCATION!



The Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that FCUCC has again received a tuition grant from the Donna Koweil Scholarship Fund. The intention is for current college students who have already completed at least one year of schooling. Preference will be given to those students who are pursuing a degree in the health field.

Deadline to submit an application is May 15th. Please contact Michelle in the office for more information or an application.

HABITAT BUILD OPPORTUNITY

Church family and friends. We are looking at some great fun with two Habitat builds this spring and/or fall. If you have not been contacted and are interested - please let Gina Greene (ggreene1124@gmail.com) know of your interest so you can be included as plans are made.

OUR NEIGHBORS ARE HAVING A PARTY

Ring in the new millennium (again!) on **March 2nd** to support **House of Hope!** Dig out your 90's glam or grunge and let's Party Like It's 1999! Enjoy dinner, Cru9 Wine, auctions, and jam to your favorite 90's hits! Lots of fun surprises await! Tickets to the ultimate Y2K bash are now available by clicking [HERE](#). (\$60/person or \$400/table of 8)

CBHS FUNDRAISER

The Cedar Bend Humane Society (CBHS) will host a fundraiser at the Bien VenU Event Center in Cedar Falls on **March 7th** (Doors open at 5pm / program begins at 6:30pm). Meet adoptable pets, learn about shelter programs and enjoy heavy appetizers & more! All proceeds raised during this event benefit the homeless animals. *Tickets are free but a reservation is required by March 1st - [Click Here](#).*

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

The next Potluck with a Purpose will be **March 10** with updates from Growing Minds. If you'd like to provide a salad or dessert call/text 319-504-3212.

IMMERSE 8 WEEK COURSE TUESDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 19TH 11:30AM - 1PM

Answering the question - *How might we love God and love our neighbor in a way that helps us all heal and grow together as a community?*

This 8 week course will focus on three principles of church-based, holistic neighborhood development reconciliation - redistribution - and relocation.

Ready to register? \$30/person - [Click Here](#) or Contact Jenna at jpetersen@webuildhabitat.org or 319-235-9946.

GETTING AHEAD IN THE CEDAR VALLEY

If you would like to help serve & participate with the meal on April 8th, please call/text 319-504-3212.

LENTEN MEDITATION THROUGH MUSIC

St. Timothy's UMC (3220 Terrace Drive, Cedar Falls) is holding Lenten Meditations each Tuesday through Lent. All are welcome. See the schedule below for more information.

Thank you to Rev. Jim Altenbaumer for sharing this with us!

Lenten Meditation through Music

Tuesdays 12:15 - 12:45

half hour of quiet reflection

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
3220 Terrace Drive, Cedar Falls

Week I - February 20

"An Organ Reverie"

Janet Krebs, organist

Week II - February 27

"All in the Family"

Holden & Jack Willrett

Week III - March 5

The Four Hands of Haack"

Joel and Linda Haack

Week IV - March 12

"St. Tims Talent"

Family, friends and staff of St. Tims

Week V - March 19

"Solo String Reflections"

Julia Abbott Andreini, solo violin

Week VI - March 26

"Classical Piano"

Vakhtang Kodanashvili, pianist

Ground Level, totally handicap accessible, wheelchair available

Questions? Contact St. Timothys at 319-266-0464
or Janet Krebs at 319-266-7697

No cost to attend



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Volunteers Needed March 1st and 15th

Calling all of our faithful volunteers! We have some spaces to fill in March and the dates are coming up fast. Are you willing to help out? Grab a team of friends or sign up to come out individually and join others as we work to lift up our community through homeownership, resilient neighborhoods and community collaboration!

Contact Donita Clark, Volunteer Coordinator, at dclark@webuildhabitat.org or call [319-235-9946](tel:319-235-9946).

Sign up individually here: <https://bit.ly/register-to-volunteer-in-march>