

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

February 26, 2025



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa

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



JAZZ SUNDAY

This 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. (Please note the earlier time)



Please join us next **Wednesday, March 5th at 6pm** for a dinner followed by our annual Ash Wednesday service at **7:00 p.m.** Imposition of ashes will be offered for those who would like to participate. This is always a meaningful and solemn introduction to the Lenten Season, a season for reflection and spiritual renewal.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday, February 26

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - *The Gathering*

7:30pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, March 2

9:30am - Jazz Sunday
(First Methodist Church)

Tuesday, March 4

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

IT IS PANTRY WEEK

The temperatures are warming and it is our turn to fill the pantries. A special thank you to Craig and Karen Jensen for getting the job done this week.

Keep those cans and boxes coming in - hunger doesn't take a holiday. Thanks.

CARING CARDS

A gentle reminder that cards are available to fill out during cookie fellowship to say 'hi and thinking of you' to any of our church members. If you fill out a card- feel free to leave it in the basket and the church will mail it for you. A special thank you to our caring card elf, Teri Graham, for her great support on this project.

1965 COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

~ Saturday, March 1st 2:00 - 3:30pm - Panel Discussion:
Malcolm X—Myths & Realities - Cedar Falls Public Library

~ March 6 - 9 - Viewing of National Remembrance
(Time and location to be announced soon. Stay tuned!)

Because We Care

Cedar Valley Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (CVAIRR) will be providing free spiritual and emotional support services to immigrants and their families in our community facing distress and hardship. Services will be provided on evenings and Saturdays in welcoming community settings.

We are looking for kind, empathic, dedicated people to join our Spiritual & Emotional Support (SES) Team. A second language is not required. We are recruiting English speaking volunteers and people who are fluent in both English and another language including Spanish, French, Burmese, Haitian-Creole, Burmese, Bosnian/ Serbo-Croatian, etc). After screening, potential volunteers will receive a minimum of three hours of training in English, after which they must be available to volunteer for at least one three-hour shift weekly on a weekday evening or Saturday morning.

If you are at least age 18 & want to volunteer, scan to complete your volunteer application or write to cvairr@gmail.com.

Let us know your name, email, and cellphone number.

Briefly tell us your reasons for wanting to join the Spiritual & Emotional Support Team.

Are you fluent in languages other than English?



JOIN US AS DAVE (GPA) GREENE CELEBRATES HIS 100TH!!

You are invited!

What: 100th Birthday Open House Celebration

When: Saturday, March 8, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where: Friendship Village, 3720 Village Pl.
Door C, "The Cove"

Why?: To help us celebrate Dave Greene's
100th birthday



DEAR EVAN HANSEN...

... is an intimate, heartbreaking, humorous, and uplifting musical about an anxious, isolated high school student who's aching for understanding and belonging amid the chaos and cruelty of this social media age. He embarks on a journey of self-discovery when a homework assignment falls into the hands of grieving parents whose son took his own life.

The Tyler Greene Fund at the Waterloo Community Foundation is a sponsor of this show. The underlying message of "belonging" is one Tyler would promote for everyone. If you would like to go to the musical "Dear Evan Hansen" as Tyler's guest, please receive your ticket(s) after the worship service Sunday March 2nd or 9th.

The tickets will be for the Sunday, March 9th performance at 1:30 at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.



Scan to complete
your volunteer
application.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: green; margin: 0;">March 2025</h1> 						1
2 9:30am - Jazz Sunday at Waterloo First Methodist <i>(No Service Here)</i>	3	4 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn	5 3:00pm - Job Foundation 6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Service Ash Wednesday	6 9:00am - CVIC	7	8 9:00 - Women's Breakfast
9 10:30 Worship & Sunday School 	10	11 5:30pm - Food Bank Volunteering 7pm - NAMI Presentation	12 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	13	14	15
16 10:30 Worship	17	18 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 6:00pm - Common Meeting 7:00pm - Trustee Meeting	19 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	20	21	22
23/30 10:30 Worship & Sunday School <i>30th - Joley Seitz Concert</i>	24/31	25	26 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	27	28 Fill Neighborhood Pantries	29

Birthdays

<p>1 Janis Engel Kinnick Petersen</p> <p>2 Lauren Brock-Medhus</p> <p>3 Liz Becker</p> <p>7 Craig Jensen Ginni Casteel</p> <p>8 David Greene</p> <p>9 Jason Dams Sue Hummel</p>	<p>13 Kenny Steva</p> <p>15 Pastor Brandyn Miller</p> <p>16 Rizzo Lace Buck</p> <p>18 Lucy Prescott</p> <p>19 Connie Jo Peirce Gary Waldon</p> <p>20 Adam Akin</p>	<p>23 Greg Holt Samuel Stevenson</p> <p>24 Seth Chronister</p> <p>25 Lindsey Panicucci Joanne Tefft Molly Anne Stevenson</p> <p>30 Jeremy Essmann</p> <p>31 Nevaeh Brock</p>
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Anniversaries

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Steve & Susan Peters

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Craig & Cindy Wells

HELLO
SPRING

LOVE INC OF THE CEDAR VALLEY HOSTS

LOVE'S CALLING

FREE TO ATTEND

Please Scan to Register

Sharing Christ's Message with the Vulnerable

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2025 9:00AM UNTIL 11:00AM

CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH
3520 ANSBOROUGH AVE, WATERLOO, IA 50701

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

POVERTY IN OUR CITY || SHARING THE GOSPEL
POVERTY SIMULATOIN & PANEL DISCUSSION

Immerse 8 Session Course

March 4, 11, & 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
11:30am - 1:00pm
\$30 per person for the course

Dive in on these eight Thursdays and answer the question of how we might love God and love our neighbor in a way that helps us all heal and grow together as a community. Each session focuses on principles of church-based, holistic neighborhood development. This course is facilitated by Laura Hoy, CCDA Neighborhood Developer.

Immerse RSVP

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

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