

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL



TIDINGS



"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

May 18, 2025 10:30 AM

Scripture text:

Matthew 11:25-30

Deacon in charge:

Cindy Thompson

[Click Here to watch last Sunday's service](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 14

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - The Gathering

Tuesday, May 20

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

6:00pm - Common Meeting

7:00pm - Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, May 21

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - The Gathering

Join us after Church This Sunday Shaping the future of our church

Join us this Sunday, May 18th following the worship service for lunch (provided) and a discussion on "Looking at the Past" as we look toward the future of our church.

Please bring a dessert to share if able. Childcare will be available. This will take the place of our usual youth group time to ensure it is a multi-generational space.

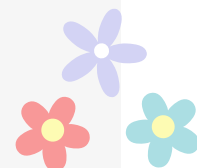
We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

COMMON & TRUSTEE MEETING

Just a reminder that the next common meeting and trustee meeting will be held next **Tuesday, May 20th**.

Common Meeting - 6:00pm

Trustee Meeting - 7:00pm



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

We are looking for people to provide special music on Sunday mornings during the summer while the choir is on break. Signing up is as easy as contacting Michelle in the office by phone (319-234-8927) or email (office@fccwaterloo.org.) She can let you know what Sunday's are available and take your information. We look forward to hearing your talent soon!



GREETING CARDS NEEDED

Teri Graham has been graciously writing out cards for all types of occasions to our church members and friends and is asking for your help.

Do you happen to have blank greeting cards just sitting around that you would like to donate? Please bring them to church and Michelle will get them to Teri to use. She states that she has plenty of get well and birthday cards but really could use the blank ones for any occasion. Thank you in advance!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.



By your generosity, you build up the Body of Christ. This year's offering will be taken on Sunday, June 8.

Getting To Know You

GETTING TO KNOW: DIANE HIGHNAM

I have been a member of First Congregational UCC here since I moved to Cedar Falls in 1980 to attend grad school at UNI. After getting my Speech Therapy degree. I worked out of town for a few years, then moved back, married Cliff, and raised our three kids here. I worked at UNI for many years, mainly at the Price Lab school, and was an adjunct instructor in the Speech Therapy department on campus. When the Lab School closed, I took a job with the Area Education Agency and continued doing speech therapy until my retirement a couple years ago. Most of my therapy involved school-aged children, preschool children, and infants/toddlers and their families. I had extensive training in working with autistic children and their families.



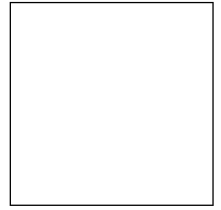
Over the years, I've enjoyed photography and have taken several workshops to improve my skills. I also enjoy genealogy and updating our family history books. We have 105 years of consecutive family reunions, complete with photos, roll calls, and minutes for all the years! What a treasure and I'm honored to be a small part of keeping it going! I also enjoy gardening and getting my hands dirty. I enjoy caring for our dog Archie and cat Muffin. I enjoy visiting our kids (Brad & Kenia in Kansas City, Cole & Sonja in Serbia, and Emily & Tony in Maquoketa) and sharing life with them.

I have played in the handbell choir at church for a few decades and enjoy that very much. I can usually be found in the balcony during church these days, helping with the cameras for the livestream productions. I am currently the chair of the Social Causes and Justice board, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a member of the Steering Committee. I coordinate our volunteer times at

the Food Bank in Waterloo. I am also a member of the Cedar Valley Interfaith Council and the Church Row Coalition. First Congregational UCC is a warm and welcoming group of folks who care deeply for one another as we find new ways to worship, work, and learn together.



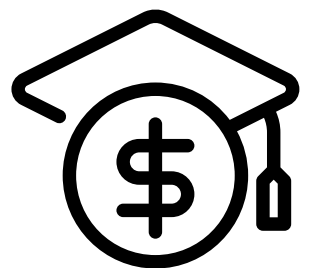
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DONNA KOWEIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee is looking for individuals who would like to apply for the tuition grant from the Donna Koweil Scholarship Fund.



To qualify, applicants must be current college students who are members of FCUCC and have successfully completed at least one year of classes from an accredited school. Preference will be given to those students who are pursuing a nursing or medical degree.

Deadline to submit an application is May 20.

Please contact Michelle in the office for more information or an application.