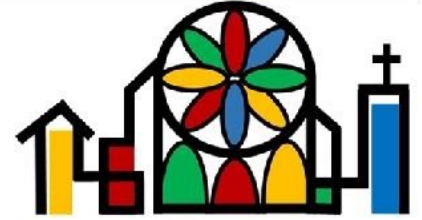


First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

May 22, 2024



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

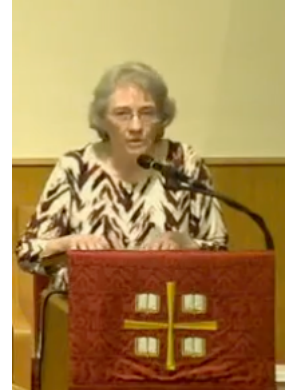


PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Brandyn Miller for his message and mini-message last Sunday and to Barb Mardis for serving as worship leader. (Please see page 3 for exciting news!)

You can watch the service by clicking on the picture of Brandyn.

This Sunday we welcome Rev. Dan Mixdorf to the pulpit! Barb Mardis will serve as worship leader and Paul Greene will provide the mini-message.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FAREWELL POTLUCK

**THIS SUNDAY!
MAY 26, 2024**

**IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
SERVICE**

PLEASE JOIN US!

Following service this Sunday we will be having a potluck in honor of the **Lauterbach and Allbaugh families**. The main dish of walleye and pork loin will be provided but we ask that you bring a salad or dessert if able.

Please join us in wishing them well! They will be missed!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The Strengthen the Church Offering was collected last Sunday and we received \$282. If you would still like to give, please send your check to the office or place it in the offering plate this Sunday.

WANTED! GREETERS!

Sign up to be a greeter. Take a Sunday morning and welcome your church family, friends and neighbors. What could be more fun.

FILL THE PANTRY

Don't forget an extra item or two at the grocery store for the pantry this week. Items needed include canned soups and meals, potato flakes and pancake mix, cereal, canned fruits, vegetables, and pasta, peanut butter, and shelf stable milk. A big thank you to everyone for pitching in to fill the shelves.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Our next date to volunteer at the Food Bank is next Tuesday, May 28th. If you're able, let's plan to meet for supper in Lincoln Park (downtown Waterloo) at 5:00pm before going to the Food Bank. Bring your brown bag supper and drink and enjoy the spring evening together! We will then head over to the Food Bank at 6pm. Contact Diane or Michelle in the church office if you'd like to sign up! We will also be volunteering on June 11th so you can sign up for that date as well. We always have a good time!

TAKING CARE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

~ Prayers for Robert Dew who is still having complications from knee surgery.

YOUTH NEWS

The regular Wednesday youth group is on break for the summer. But watch for announcements of special events that will take place!

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SIGN-UP

We are looking for people to provide special music on Sunday mornings during the summer while the choir is on break. You can sign up at the link below or contact Michelle in the office and she can let you know what Sunday's are available and take your information. Thank you in advance for sharing your talents!

[<< CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP >>](#)

LIFELINE SCREENINGS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

First Congregational United Church of Christ will offer the LifeLine Screenings again this Fall on September 4. So if you missed it in February, you have another chance! Sign Up won't start for awhile but mark your calendars now.

The four vital screenings offered that scan for potential health problems are: Carotid Artery Ultrasound, Atrial Fibrillation, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm.

More information on how to sign up will be posted in a Tidings later this Summer.

UCC & THE MENTAL HEALTH JOURNEY - IT'S THE W.I.S.E. THING TO DO

The UCC's "Nurture the Soul" webinar series will include a familiar face on Thursday, May 23rd at 2:30pm (central time)! Abbie Chronister and colleagues at the UCC Mental Health Network will be presenting on the Network's W.I.S.E program (welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and engaged), which provides a path for congregations, associations, conferences and nonprofit organizations to join to reduce stigma and promote mental well-being. Come learn how to become W.I.S.E. and hear the stories of those who have taken this journey. Register for the webinar [HERE](#).



THE SEARCH IS OVER!!

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY!

Hurray! We signed a Call Agreement for settled pastor with Brandyn Miller who designed, and along with Barb Mardis, delivered the worship service last Sunday. Our vote to call Brandyn at the special meeting that followed was a unanimous "Aye."

He and his young wife, Mackenzie, will move from Michigan in June. Their "start date" awaits authorization by the Iowa Conference in Des Moines. Time to think about having a celebration! Thank you to everyone who came out to support our pastoral candidate weekend!

~ *Cliff Highnam, Moderator*

Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!

Best of luck in your future endeavors!



**** Duncan Abbott**

(Iowa City West High School)
Duncan will be attending Kirkwood
Community College in the fall.

Parents: Pete & Abbey Abbott
Grandparents: Phil & Becky Martens

**** Quinn Abbott**

(Iowa City West High School)
Quinn will be attending the University
of Iowa in the fall.

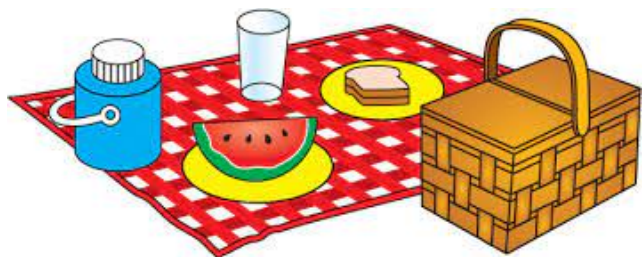
Parents: Pete & Abbey Abbott
Grandparents: Phil & Becky Martens



**** Lucy Prescott**

(West High School - Waterloo)
Lucy will be attending the
University of Iowa in the fall.
She plans to major in journalism
and mass communications.
Parents: Paul & Hannah Prescott

*(Please let the office know if there are any graduates
who are not listed)*



CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 2, 2024

The annual church picnic will be held at Lookout Park in Cedar Falls on Sunday, June 2nd. Worship will begin at 11 am followed by the picnic. The Board of Spiritual Growth and Programs will provide the chicken. If you are able, please bring a side to share, your own tableware and join us!

We always enjoy a wonderful day of worship and fellowship!



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

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