

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends
June 12, 2024



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



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Dan Mixdorf for his message last Sunday, to John Mardis for serving as worship leader and providing the special music and to Keith Jorgensen for giving the mini-message.

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

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Brad Braley to the pulpit! Paul Greene will serve as worship leader.



WE ALSO WELCOMED REV. JAMES & ANITA ALTENBAUMER AS MEMBERS LAST SUNDAY!

From Jim & Anita...

We want to thank the congregation for the lovely reception in celebration of our formally becoming members of First Cong'l Church UCC on June 9. It was a great day! ~ Anita and Jim Altenbaumer



PANTRY SUGGESTIONS AND THANK YOU!

Reminder ideas and thank you to everyone for your generous donations:

Peanut butter, nuts, rice, cereal, oatmeal packets, granola bars (with no chocolate that can melt), crackers, snacks for kids, canned soups/fruits (pop-top cans preferred), new/unopened baby formula, sealed/unopened drink mixes, dried fruit, etc.

Can openers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, women's period products, toilet paper, bar soaps, travel size shampoo/lotion/sunscreen/mouth rinse, new nail clippers, etc.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Due to the Common Meeting yesterday, we have changed our date to volunteer at the Food Bank to tonight, **Wednesday, June 12th**. 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. Come join us!

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.

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

Thank you!

We would like to thank the Church members for organizing and conducting the Goodbye Potluck for the Lauterbach's and us. Special recognition goes to Cliff for facilitating the event and Tim and Nancy for preparing/coordinating the scrumptious food. It was a special time for us, bringing back 64 years of precious memories. We are getting settled into our Ames home and would invite all of you to stop by and say HI when you are in the area. We are located only five minutes west of the I 35/US 30 interchange. We wish you "All the Best" as you start a new chapter in the life of the Church.

~ Jeanne & Dave
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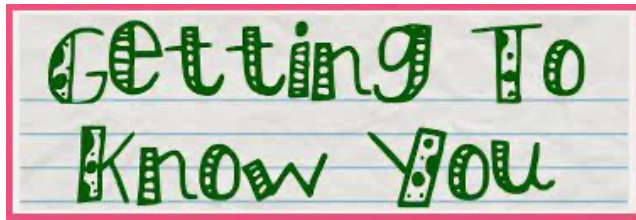
MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

I volunteer with the Job Foundation: www.thejobfoundation.org. The mission of The Job Foundation is to focus on financial literacy for underserved kids in the Waterloo area. JOB kids earn money for good grades and behavior and can accumulate 3-5 thousand dollars at graduation. There are about 125 kids from grades 2-12. Elementary kids have financial lessons periodically in the schools. Middle schoolers currently have weekly financial literacy lessons at FCUCC. These will start again with the school year. High schoolers have monthly lessons focusing on financial hurdles coming their way, such as credit scores, loans, checking accounts, buying a car, and others. JOB has been going for over 12 years and their mission speaks to you.

You can help The Job Foundation by donating money on their website. I recommend you go directly to the website and donate 10 dollars. Thanks. Mentors are needed for all ages, I have done this and met with two young boys a couple of times a month. This is extremely rewarding. Also, you can leave items with Michelle at the church for JOB Bucks day when middle school buys "stuff" at the end of the school year. Socks, backpacks, balls, cosmetics etc. Stuff a middle school kid would find fun to buy with their Job bucks.

Please email me if you have questions. This is a non-profit that has succeeded. Graduates of the program have gone on to college and have started good jobs.

~ Greg Hoekstra
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GETTING TO KNOW: ANNE HOEKSTRA

I grew up on a farm in Western Illinois where I attended a one room school house my first 5 grades. My parents ascribed to the maxim that “Busy hands and idle minds have knitted many a sweater. Busy minds and idle hands have knitted many a brow.” Therefore, my 3 brothers and I all had our responsibilities around the farm and we kept busy. I loved the seasons of the farm as well as the freedom to have pets, explore the area, ride my bike and go cart, and learn skills like sewing and cooking. We attended a church about a half hour drive away where my grandparents and many relatives attended. I started playing organ there when I was in junior high.

I majored in music at Central College and met and married Greg while a student there. I taught K-12 music for 2 years, then earned a Master of Social Work which began my career in counseling. While we lived in Tama/Toledo, I helped get a county mental health program established. I retired from Northeast Iowa Family Practice 9 years ago after working 30 years in the field. I thoroughly enjoyed helping people and admired the resiliency that clients exhibited as they navigated challenges in their lives. I felt honored that folks would trust me to partner with them.

Franz Schubert said, “Anyone who loves music can never be quite unhappy,” and this definitely applies to me. Over the years, I have been involved with music somehow nearly every day. I’ve taken lessons, helped my kids and grandkids with their lessons (I was NEVER their teacher!) been organist and accompanist, sang in and directed choirs, served on several boards, and have been audience to more concerts and musical events each year than I can count.

Greg and I have been blessed with 3 sons who are all married and have their own families. Our 5 grandchildren range in age from 6 to nearly 14. Two of our sons and families live in Cedar Falls and one son and his family are in Seattle. I enjoy being with family and being a part of our grandkids’ lives. I also enjoy spending time with friends, reading, gardening, hiking, and travel. I’m always ready for the next travel adventure!





Church Row
Neighborhood-Wide

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 29, 2024

9am-2pm

Church Row Neighbors will be allowed to bring their own items to sell (toys, books, clothes, home goods, bedding, tools, etc).

Our church will be hosting this event for the Church Row neighbors. If you would like to help organize or help with set-up, please contact 319-240-2849

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Parking Lot

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