

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL



TIDINGS



"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

June 22, 2025 10:30 AM
Worship Service

Scripture text:
1 Kings 19:1-15a

While our livestream audio didn't cooperate last Sunday, Here is a recap from our worship service:

Through Christ we have peace even in the midst of struggle. Patience is not about waiting quietly but trusting that God is working in us shaping endurance, building character, and growing hope even when we cannot see the full picture yet.

Reflection Question:
Where in your life might God be using a slow process to grow hope?

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

We collected a little over \$100 for this offering. Thank you!

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

You can still sign up for summer Sunday special music by contacting Michelle in the office by email (office@fccwaterloo.org) or phone (319-234-8927) or sign up on the board in the library. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 18
(Big Woods South Pavilion)
6:15pm - Dinner
6:45pm - The Gathering

Thursday, June 19
(First Presbyterian - CF)
6:00pm - Community Meal
7:00pm - Worship Service

Sunday, June 22
(FCUCC Sanctuary)
3:00pm - Calle Sur Concert
Reception Following



JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY!



Join us at Big Woods Lake - South Pavilion this week
for our dinner and Bible Study.

This week we're exploring how genre shapes how we read
Scripture, looking at poetry (Psalm 23), narrative (Luke 2:1-7), and
apocalyptic writing (Revelation 13:1-10).

Everyone is welcome. It's never too late to jump in!

Pick up a study guide at church or view it online here:
<https://bit.ly/storyguidesummer>



PANTRY DONATIONS

A special thank you for the great response to filling the pantry and supporting our hungry neighbors. Keep the food coming. Delivery will be made next week and we will begin again. In the 16 counties served by the NE Iowa Foodbank, 1 in 6 kids face food insecurity. That's not just a number; it's a reality. Help fill the gap. Drop off your food donations in the crossroads area. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING

This past year's Sunday School teachers will be meeting and planning June 24 at 4:00 at the church. If you have an interest in getting information, sharing ideas or teaching next year, please join us or share information with one of our teachers. A special thank you to our team of teachers- Erin Brock Medhus, Jayne Slaughter, Tim Ahrens, Laurie Allbaugh and Gina Greene.

Maya Lauterbach-Shah was born June 10, at 5:58am. She is 9.5 pounds and 21.5" long. Parents are Sono and Erinn (Lauterbach) Shah. Grandparents are Gordon and Beth Lauterbach. Everyone is doing well. Congratulations!!





ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF REPENTANCE - THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Community Meal at 6:00 PM |
Worship Service at 7:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls
(902 Main St, Cedar Falls, IA)



Join us for a meaningful evening of reflection, repentance, and renewal. This ecumenical service will focus on our sins of omission, the things left undone and unsaid, that have contributed to injustice and systemic racism. This is a particular call for White Christians to acknowledge these realities and commit to the ongoing work of repentance.

The evening begins with a community meal of solidarity, providing time to prepare our hearts, reflect on the progress made, and consider the critical work still ahead.

All are invited to participate in this important moment of confession and commitment to justice and reconciliation.

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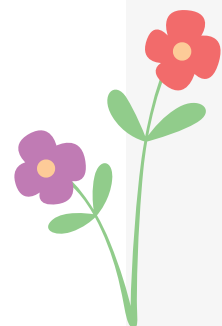
OUR CURRENT REALITY CHURCH PLANNING MEETING JUNE 29TH AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

You're invited to join us for an important conversation about our church's current reality. We'll be doing a **SWOT analysis**. This is a tool that helps us look at our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats as a community.

To prepare, please pick up a **SWOT handout** on Sunday, June 22nd. Take some time to fill it out and bring it with you to the meeting. Even if you can't attend, returning the completed handout will be very helpful as we plan together.

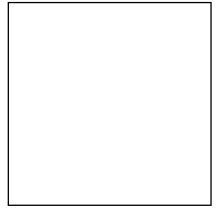
We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working together to shape the future of our church!

SWOT Handout (<https://bit.ly/FCCSWOT>)



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CREATE AN ENDOWMENT OF LOVE. PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING OUR CHURCH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.



Mark Your Calendars...

Calle Sur

Presented by the Cedar Valley Chamber of Music

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC CELEBRATING THE ACOUSTIC FLAVORS OF LATIN AMERICA

Reception following: horchata, chips & salsa dip from Amigos

22 JUNE 2025 | 3:00 PM

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