

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
July 10, 2024



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

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JULY 14TH & 21ST...



This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Dan Mixdorf to the pulpit in Brandyn's absence. Craig Driver will serve as worship leader and John Mardis will provide the mini-message.

Then the following Sunday, July 21st, we welcome back Rev. James Altenbaumer to the pulpit. Gina Greene will serve as the worship leader and Kay Leary will provide the mini-message.



Brandyn will be gone from July 11th through 22nd for a previously scheduled vacation. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please call the office.

You can watch last week's service by clicking [HERE](#).

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Lois Johnson has let us know that she is now with her daughter in Minnesota, doing fine but misses coming to church and sends her greetings. Her cell number is (319) 415-7247 if you would like to stay in touch.

~ Don Damon's brother, Mike, let us know that the headstone has been placed for Don at the cemetery in Conrad, IA. Thank you again to all those who donated to help purchase the headstone. Also, prayers are requested for Mike who is undergoing treatment for colon cancer.

TREASURER REPORT



At the beginning of July, we are 50% of the way through our fiscal year. Current pledges received were 55.5% of the budgeted amount. Thank you to all church members and friends that make that possible. We have drawn upon Endowment subsidies for choir Section Leaders and Community Events. Other Endowment subsidies have not been utilized to date.

We can now celebrate the fruition of our multi-year dream of having a pastor. As you know, that comes with its own set of financial challenges. We have paid a one-time moving expense for Pastor Brandyn and wife, Mackenzie. We have slightly exceeded the budget for Pulpit Supply, which provides payment for the guest pastors and speakers that we have enjoyed this year. There will be a reduced need for that now that we have a settled pastor in place.

All church boards are under budget and total expenses are 33.4% of the budgeted amount. Our net income for the first two quarters is \$31,008, although June had an excess of expense over income of (-\$19,405) leaving an ending cash balance of \$61,397. Thank you all for your financial support. I think we can be hopeful for a sustainable future.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Driver



Mark Your Calendars...

Tuesday, August 6th

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

WASHINGTON PARK

Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy music, food, crafts, games, antique cars, and local agency booths while meeting your neighbors!

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

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