FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

TIDINGS

"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

July 19, 2026 10:30 AM
Worship Service

Scripture text:
Acts 15:1–11

Deacon In Charge:
Nancy Mahood

Click Here to watch last Sunday's service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 15
6:15 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - The Gathering - Final Revelation Study

Thursday, July 16
7:00 pm - Cedar Valley Chamber of Music Concert

Tuesday, July 21
7:30 am - Men's Breakfast at Village Inn (W'loo)

****NO Common or Trustee Meeting this Month.**

July 12 Sermon Recap:

Peter arrived expecting to meet a Gentile family, but he left having witnessed God at work in ways he never imagined. In Acts 10:34–48, Peter declares that God shows no favoritism and that the good news of Jesus is for everyone. Before Peter even finishes preaching, the Holy Spirit falls on Cornelius and his household, making it clear that God had already welcomed those Peter was still learning to accept. The church's calling is not to decide who belongs, but to recognize where God is already at work and joyfully join in God's mission of grace.

Reflection Question:

Where might God be inviting you to move beyond your assumptions so you can recognize and welcome someone God already loves?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERING

Tonight (7/15) is the last night of the Revelation Study. Dinner begins at 6:15 pm with the study at 7:00 pm. Come join us! To sign up to bring food, please CLICK HERE.

CONGRATULATIONS ABBIE!

Congratulations to Abbie Chronister who was approved for ordination last Sunday at her Ecclesiastical Council. More information will be advertised in a future Tidings regarding her Ordination Service later this year.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

The need to support our neighbors continues. Don't forget a few extra items for your church pantry. As grocery prices continue to rise, more and more people may not know where the next meal is coming from. Item ideas include peanut butter, rice, oatmeal packets, granola bars, crackers, snacks, nuts, baby formula, drink mixes, dried fruit and canned goods such as soups, meats, fruits, vegetables and meals. These can help fill the gap.. Drop your items off in the Crossroads. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

Are you interested in working with our wonderful youth? We will be holding a meeting for all current and interested Sunday School leaders August 12 at 5:00 PM in the Church Library. If interested please contact Gina at 319-404-8840 or ggreene1124@gmail.com or join us at the meeting. Thanks for considering this important mission!

UCC HONOR WALL

We are establishing an Honor Wall in the Friendship room this summer for members of this church who have served in the military. We are asking current members of the church that if you know of a church member that should be added to the 160 names we already have, please let Michelle know.

SUMMER SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club is in full swing, and we love seeing our groups gathering together this summer! Here is another recent supper club meetup:

2ND QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Halfway through the year, we have received 52% of our budgeted pledges. Thank you to all church members and friends that make that possible. Thanks to our endowment fund, established by our faithful predecessors, we have drawn subsidies for Memorial Pledges, Community Events and Choir Section Leaders. Our total income is 55% of the budgeted amount.

We have been prudently frugal. Our total expenses are 44% of the budgeted amount, and we presently have a cash balance of $38,588 in our General Account. Thank you all for your financial support. If we can continue our pledge support and encounter no unforeseen expenses, I believe that we can be hopeful for a sustainable future.

Respectfully submitted
~ Craig Driver

WANT TO GET SOME EXTRA STEPS IN?

Church Row Neighborhood Newsletters will be ready to distribute Monday, July 20. Pick up will again be at Mary Potters, 1416 W. 4th St. For more information call 319-939-2753

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Last week we bagged over an estimated 1200 pounds of potatoes!! **Our next opportunity to serve at the Food Bank is July 28 from 11am to 1pm**. Join us as we stock shelves and help our neighbors in the food pantry. Contact Diane Highnam for more information or to sign up.

The Insufferable Wenches of Iowa is collecting and purchasing school supplies to be distributed in early August from a site in Waterloo. You can bring donations to church and put in the supplied bin or make a purchase or donation online **HERE.**

Main Street Waterloo is hosting a Putt Putt Classic fundraiser on August 22 at Golf Headquarters (1850 W. Ridgeway, W'loo). Join us for a fun-filled day of mini golf, community spirit, and friendly competition at our first Main Street Putt Putt Classic! Open to all ages and skill levels, this event is designed for everyone! Teams of two or four can register **HERE**.

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Join us at Washington Park across the street on Tuesday, August 4 from 6:30 - 8:00pm for the annual National Night Out! Live music by Uncle Chuck and Perry, snacks, drinks, games, and crafts will be provided. The Antique Car Club will be there too! Bring a lawn chair and let's enjoy the night together. National Night Out is an annual community-building event designed to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement.