

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL



TIDINGS



"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

July 20, 2025 10:30 AM
Worship Service

Sermon Title:
The Good Portion

Scripture Text:
Luke 10:38-42 & Colossians 1:15-28

[Click Here to watch last Sunday's service](#)

July 13 Sermon Recap:

Goodness isn't just being nice. It's living with compassion, justice, and courage. From Amos to the Good Samaritan, we're reminded that true goodness shows up, costs something, and reflects God's heart.

Reflection Question:

Who might God be calling you to notice and care for this week?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, July 16
(Lookout Park - CF)
6:15pm - Dinner
6:45pm - The Gathering

Sunday, July 20
2:00pm - Youth Outing at
Palmer's Family Fun

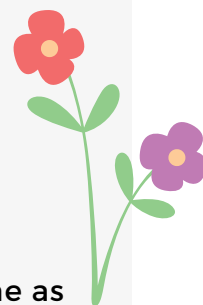
Wednesday, July 23
(Church)
6:15pm - Dinner
6:45pm - The Gathering

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - JULY 16

Join us at Lookout Park in Cedar Falls for our dinner and Bible Study tonight. Everyone is welcome. It's never too late to jump in!
Find our Study Guide online here: <https://bit.ly/storyguidesummer>

GETTING TO Know YOU

GETTING TO KNOW: TERI GRAHAM



TERI & MICHELLE

Hi! My name is Teri Graham. Many of you know me as the former Office Manager of First Congregational United Church of Christ. I retired at the end of 2016 and now our sweet Office Manager is Michelle Wolfe. I trained her and she is magnificent, so what does that tell you about me???? LOL!

After leaving the church position, I followed my dear friend, Greg Holt, to the Waterloo Community Playhouse/Blackhawk Children's Theatre as the Office Manager there. I loved the theatre life, but had to retire due to health reasons in 2022. I now serve on their Board as the Treasurer.

I lived in California for many of my younger years and worked in Aerospace as an Accountant. The work was hard and pretty much took all of my life as I worked from 60 to 70 hours a week for many, many years. But it supported me and that is what I needed at the time.

I was forced to retire in 2022 due to health reasons and I have truly missed work. If I was still healthy, I would still be working. With the little I can do because of my limitations, I have chosen to take on contacting people in any way I can to let them know that they are important to me and us. I call people, send out ecards for every holiday to all of those people who mean so much to me, mail cards to those I love and to those who cannot attend church anymore. My new job is to send out cards for the church.

The thought entered my head about six months ago and, to tell you the truth, sending out those cards to our church members who can no longer attend, has been an unbelievable blessing to me.

I believe I have found my calling! I love my new "job" and love contacting all of our church members that we rarely see! Know that I am here for you all! And, thank you, Pastor Brandyn, for being an amazing leader in our church and allowing me to represent the church. God bless you all!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 3 WEEKS AWAY

Please save the date, Tuesday, August 5, 6:30-8pm at Washington Park! Come enjoy free food, music, games and your neighbors right next door. If you'd like to get more acquainted with our church area and get some steps in by delivering flyers about this party, call Mary Potter at 319-939-2753.

**GOOD TROUBLE
IN THE CEDAR VALLEY**

**Honoring the Legacy of
John Lewis and Waterloo's Civil Rights Icons**

"We may not have chosen the time, but the
time has chosen us." - John Lewis

Mrs. Anna Mae Weems

Mrs. Willie Mae Wright

Congressman John Lewis

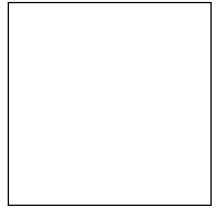
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Waterloo Center for the Arts
225 Commercial St., Waterloo, Iowa

Hosted by: Black Hawk County Democrats and NAACP Black Hawk County Chapter 4012
Sponsored by: Indivisible Iowa Black Hawk County

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FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

We had a good turnout for our July volunteer date at the Food Bank. Thank you to all those who helped! Stay tuned for our next opportunity!

