

# First Congregational UCC

## TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends  
August 28, 2024



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

### This Sunday:

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024  
10:30 am

Brandyn will present  
the message:

*As God Has Treated You*

Using the text:

Exodus 22:21-24  
and James 1:26-27

Worship Leader  
Barb Mardis

Mini-Message  
Diane Highnam

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To watch last Sunday's  
service you can

[<< Click Here >>](#)

### Reminder:

The office will be closed on  
Fridays for the months of  
August & September.

## TAKING CARE OF FAMILY

~ Prayers for the Ensworth Family - Lynne Ensworth's mother passed away last week.

~ Celeste Bemby invites you to join via live stream to celebrate the life of her brother, Clinton Bemby on Saturday, August 31st at 11:00am pst / 1:00pm cst - Click [HERE](#) or go to [wpcofla.org](http://wpcofla.org).

~ Prayers for Alisha Lennox (Zoe & Eli's mom) who has spinal surgery scheduled in Iowa City for September 27. She has had MS for many years and now has this complication as well. Prayer for her kids as well while their mom goes through these health concerns.

## WANT TO JOIN A CHOIR?

The handbell and chancel choir practices have begun and you are invited to join! If you have interest in joining either or both, please contact our director, Luke Overton ([firstconguccmusic@gmail.com](mailto:firstconguccmusic@gmail.com)). The choirs have a great group of individuals who would love to include you!



The Men's Breakfast group continues to meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30am at Village Inn in Waterloo. All men are welcome to join. The next meeting will be September 3rd. Join us for great food and conversation! Hope to see you there!

## COMMON MEETING

The next Common Meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m.  
Boards should plan to meet then, or arrange another time to meet.



Just a reminder that there is a scam email going around making you think that it is from the pastor or staff of FCUCC asking for Gift Cards. Please know that this is not us. We will never ask for gift cards through email. If you think something doesn't seem right, please call the office and Michelle can confirm. Thank you!



**September 8th** will be a day of celebration in our church!

Historically our congregation has called what we will be doing "Rally Sunday." This year we are changing things up and calling the day **Kick Off Sunday**. Many things will be kicking off and a very important one is our Student's Sunday School classes.

We will kick off the school year with a lunch following service on Sunday, September 8th - Join us!  
More details next week.

**\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDAR -  
END OF SUMMER EVENT \*\***



Join us for Kayaking on Sunday, September 15th at Big Woods Lake - Watch your Tidings in the coming weeks for time and more information.



*The Mejia Boys helping fill the pantries this month.*

**PANTRY NEWS**

Keep the pantry in mind as you do your shopping and plan your meals. Your gift will help to provide food to a hungry child, family or senior right here in our community. Please leave food items in the crossroads. Thank you.

**HOME CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS**

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers on August 30, and September 4, 7, 23 & 30. You can grab a team of friends and help or sign up individually.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Contact Donita Clark at [dclark@webuildhabitat.org](mailto:dclark@webuildhabitat.org) or call (319) 235-9946 for more information.

**NAMI PRESENTATION**

A free program about "How to Deal with Crisis Situations" will be held on September 5th from 7 to 8 pm here at First Congregational.

Speaker Nick Rosauer, LISW, is the Behavioral Health Services Manager at Allen Hospital and oversees the Mental Health Walk in Clinic, the Mental Health Emergency Room, and the Intensive Outpatient Program. He has worked for seven years in hospitals as well as providing one-on-one counseling to individuals with mental health concerns. Please contact NAMI director, Leslie Cohn with any questions - (319) 830-6448.



**JOB FOUNDATION  
VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Are you looking to get involved in a good cause? The Job Foundation would love to have you join their mission as a mentor or volunteer.

A common experience for children growing up in low-income households is lacking the knowledge or resources to become financially independent adults. The Job Foundation's mission is to guarantee financial education for children living in poverty.

You would get the opportunity to bring smiles to children and their families in our community!

- ~ Help out with Middle School Lessons
- ~ Help with Elementary Day Lessons
- ~ Help with transportation to lessons and events
- ~ Help at the events
- ~ Mentor a student - Mentoring is an essential part for program success! A mentor commits to spending an average of four hours per week with their mentee.

Would you be willing to invest in the life of a student and cheer them on?

Call Seth Stearns at (319) 823-1095 to get involved or ask questions.



# September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 Worship	2 <b>Labor Day</b> (Office Closed)	3 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk	4 Lifeline Screenings 3-4:30pm Job Foundation 5:30pm - Bells 7:00pm - Choir	5 9:00am CVIC Meeting 7:00 pm NAMI Presentation	6	7
8 <b>Kick-Off Sunday</b> 10:30 Worship <i>Lunch Following</i>	9	10 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk 7:00 Common Meeting	11 3-4:30pm Job Foundation 5:30pm - Bells 7:00pm - Choir	12	13	14 9:00 Women's Bkfst @ Perkins
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29 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	30					

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

1 Craig Driver	12 Japhy Holt	23 Zoe Panicucci	2 Greg & Michelle Holt	20 Ed & Eileen Dams
4 Barbara Hatinger	Hannah Prescott Kaden McConnell	25 Shelli Panicucci	5 Gordon & Beth Lauterbach Paul & Hannah Prescott	22 Rich & Janice Akin
6 Liz Thorpe	13 Paul Greene	27 Zoie Lynne Casteel	7 Jeff & Abbey Athey	29 Bob & Joanne Tefft
9 Abbey Athey Ruth Brower	15 Kate Thuesen	28 Jacquelyn Eden Dave Vandeventer	16 Craig & Nancy Mahood	
	22 Stewart Rickert			

# LIFELINE SCREENINGS AT FCUCC NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4!

•Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association? Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. They'll be here on September 4th and are offering a special price of \$159 for our members. Pre-registration is required so sign up now by calling (888) 814-0466 and use code: HSCA001.

•Appointment times are filling up! Please don't miss your chance to make your appointment today before the event is full!



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SITES & BITES EVENT

Over the course of 2 days and 3 time slots, you will see what's new in our Church Row and Walnut neighborhoods, see what we have planned next, and enjoy delicious food and beverages from their sponsors!

Save the date for **September 12th and 13th**. Join us for our 8:30 am, 12:00pm, or 4:00pm tour. All tours are sponsored by Rydell Auto, Kugler Construction, and Hawkeye Stages - making the event FREE for all participants! Go to <https://www.webuildhabitat.org/about/events/> to save your seat today.

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

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