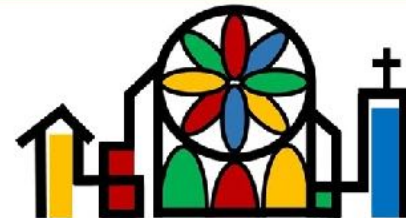


First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
September 11, 2024



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

This Sunday:

**Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

**September 15, 2024
10:30 am**

**Brandyn will present
the message:**

What is Our Salvation For?

Using the text:

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14

Worship Leader
Anita Altenbaumer

Deacon-In-Charge
Gina Greene

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**To watch last Sunday's
service you can**

[<< Click Here >>](#)

Reminder:

The office is closed on
Fridays in September.

**** END OF SUMMER KAYAKING EVENT ****



What? Kayaking Sunday

When? Sunday, September 15th from 2:00 to 4:00pm

**Where? Big Woods Lake (Meet in the South Parking Lot, North
East Corner, Kayak launch area)**

**Details: Bring a kayak or canoe if you have one, your life jacket and
don't forget the paddles. Some other things you may want
to bring are: Bottled water, sun screen, bug repellent and
clothes for water sports and a towel. Afterwards we will
meet at Gary Waldon's back deck for refreshments.**

(823 Oak Park Blvd., Cedar Falls - Oak Park is across the highway from
Thunder Ridge Mall and CVS. The Cenex gas station is on the corner.
At the stop light turn right onto Oak Park and go straight.
Gary's house is down the road, around the curve. It's the house with
the half circle drive in front.)

Please RSVP to Michelle in the office by Wednesday, September 11.

She will need to know the following:

1. How many are participating?
2. Do you need to rent a kayak or do you have one. If you need to rent, are you going to find one to rent or will you need help getting one?
3. Do you plan on coming to Gary's house afterward for refreshments?

Pictures from Kickoff Sunday!



Pictures from Threehouse Block Party...



Thanks to this faithful group of volunteers who helped out at the Block Party on Sunday in Cedar Falls! They served hamburgers to nearly 200 students and community neighbors! What a great way to collaborate with the Threehouse ministry at UNI!

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY

~ Prayers for Greg Wolfe, our office manager Michelle's husband, who will have surgery Thursday for a torn meniscus.

~ Continued prayers for Cliff Highnam's brother-in-law, Victor, who recently had a stem cell transplant for bone cancer.

~ Continued prayers for Teri Graham who is having reoccurring back and leg pain.

~ Joyce Weber passed away on August 31st. She was our children's care giver for several years. You can read her complete obituary [HERE](#). A celebration of life will be held on October 5th from 2pm to 6pm at the American Legion Hall (1110 6th Street, Gilbertville, IA).

SERVE AS WORSHIP LEADER?

Being a worship leader is a great opportunity to serve our church! What seems like an easy task of greeting the congregation and reading a few words is actually a vital piece of worship. The worship leader helps set the atmosphere for the congregation to worship. As the worship leader you will also see the worship service in a new way. There are opportunities to serve in this role coming up. If you've been a worship leader, thought about being a worship leader, or wish you could be the worship leader use this link to sign up - (<https://bit.ly/FirstWorshipLeader>).

"CIRCLE UP TO BUILD" HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKFAST

We have 2 spots left at our table but there is always room for more! Join us for the "Circle Up to Build" Habitat for Humanity Breakfast. What a great organization. The breakfast will be October 2, 2024 from 7:30-9:00 AM. It will be held at Prairie Lakes Church, 1907 Viking Rd, Cedar Falls. We will celebrate Habitat's joys and plans for the future with Homeowners and the Iowa Heartland Team. If you are interested, please contact Gina Greene at ggreene1124@gmail.com. Thank you!

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](#).

The choirs have a great group of individuals who would love to include you!

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Calling all Food Bank volunteers - we have an opportunity to work at the Food Bank on **Tuesday, Sept 24 from 5:30-7:30pm**.

Pizza after if there's an interest! Please let Diane or Michelle know if you're available to help!

CROP WALK 2024

Save the Date: Our annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held this year on **Sunday, October 6!**

More info coming in Tidings and during church, but save the date and plan to walk with your church family and friends in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!" This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

This year's offering date will be **October 6th** as part of World Communion Sunday.



**Beginning September 18 join us for
our Wednesday night activities:**

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - The Gathering (*See Below)

7:30pm - Choir Practice

*Join the Exploration! Christians are always being told to be “in the world but not of it.” But what does that really mean? For the Life of the World is a series of short films that offers a fresh perspective, by exploring oikonomia: God’s surprisingly beautiful plan for his creation, the world, and us.

It is our hope that Wednesday nights become a time of community and growth. One way to do this is by sharing a meal together. There is an online sign up form to bring a main dish, side dish, or a dessert to our Wednesday meetings. This meal would happen before our class time at 6:15-7:00 PM. If you'd like to contribute to this please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/gatheringmeal>.

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

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