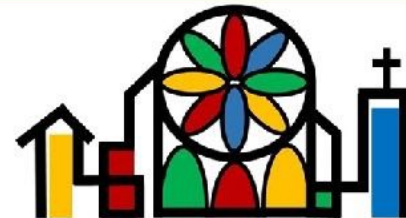



First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends
September 25, 2024



 [FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa)

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

This Sunday:

**Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

**September 29, 2024
10:30 am**

**Brandyn will present
the message:**

Designed to be a Gift

Using the text:

Genesis 17:1-7

Worship Leader
Sue Hummel

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

[<< Click Here >>](#)

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This Tuesday:

7:30am - Men's Breakfast
at Village Inn

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This Wednesday:

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - *The Gathering*

7:30pm - Choir Practice

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS...



~ Prayers for Vincent Marshall who has an unknown illness for awhile and has now been taken to the hospital in Milwaukee.



~ Prayers for Alisha Lennox (Zoe & Eli's mom) who has spinal surgery scheduled in Iowa City for September 27.



Congratulations to **Zoe Lennox and Traer Owens** who were married last Sunday, September 22nd in Tiffin, IA! Zoe is the daughter of Alisha Lennox and sister to Eli and Sam.

Congratulations to **Joel Jensen and Emily Gonzalez** who will be married on Saturday, September 28th in San Luis Obispo, CA. Joel is the son of Craig and Karen Jensen. The couple reside in Los Angeles, CA



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The "Gathering" began this past week with meaningful discussions and insightful reflections. We had neighborhood guests show up, some great food was shared, and many people expressed excitement for the coming weeks. If you couldn't join us, don't worry. Last Wednesday we only watched the first half of episode one and will finish it this week. The full episode can be viewed at the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZW2_bjcPp8&list=PLf9v60PKFjeyvFL-DkpqvCsgnKaYUWKMe

I encourage you to watch again or catch up, and I hope to see you at our next session this Wednesday. A meal is shared starting at 6:15pm and the class begins at 6:45pm.

~ *Brandyn*

FRIDAY WE FILL THE PANTRIES

September was hunger action month. It reminds us that hunger is not just a statistic. It's a reality for thousands of our neighbors, friends, and families. Hunger is a pressing issue in northeast Iowa, where over 40,850 people, including 13,780 children, face food insecurity. **Remember to bring your donations** as we offer emergency food to others.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

HABITAT FCUCC WOMEN'S BUILD

This Thursday our church build team will be sharing their time and talents with our community. Prayers for our volunteer team of Jayne Slaughter, Liz Becker, Dee Vandeventer, Pat Brock, Anne Hoekstra, Kari Brock, Kay Thuesen, and Mackenzie Miller.

CROP WALK 2024

Join the CROP Walk team!! It's a triple-win this year! 1) You'll help raise money for a great cause, 2) You'll get some fresh air and enjoy a walk with friends, AND ... 3) You'll get to enjoy a Chicken and Waffles lunch prior to the walk! Sign up today! The website is <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/teams>. Go to "Find an Existing Team to Join" and type in **First Congregational Waterloo Iowa** and select it from the dropdown menu.

Click on "Go to First Congregational Waterloo Iowa's Team Page" and click on "Make a Donation" or "Join the Team". (You can also contact the church office to sign up and/or donate if you prefer!). It will be held on Sunday October 6. Wear your walking clothes & shoes to church and stay for a Chicken & Waffles lunch with the team. We'll get to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls by 1:30 in time for the registration and start of the walk!

SIGN UP TODAY!!!

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.

OFFICE CLOSED & NO TIDINGS

Please note that the office will be closed from Friday, October 4 through Tuesday, October 8 so Michelle can attend the wedding of her niece in Ohio.

There will be NO Tidings the week of October 9th.

ANNUAL FALL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, October 26th ~ 9am until 11am
First Baptist Church (434 Baltimore, W'loo)

Sponsored by the Church Row
Neighborhood Coalition.

Donations can be left in the Crossroads until
Thursday, October 24th.

"ROCK THE BLOCK"

Sat., Sept. 28 you are invited to help Church Row neighbors "Rock the Block". Meet at Elks (Belmont) Park at 8 a.m. (Working from 8-10 a.m.). Will do trash clean-up. Come and get your street assignment.



LoveINC has started their Match Week! Their social media has been highlighting their church partners everyday. They will be broadcasting from First Congregational today! September 22nd - 28th represents

about 1/3 of their annual fundraising. If you would like to donate please go to <https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/32fa97fa-d8e6-4866-a0be-65ba24340cd6>.

Exciting News: Local sponsor have offered to match up to \$40,000 this week only and an anonymous donor has offered to match that \$40,000 so your \$1 gift now turns into \$4! Your donation makes a difference!

77 cents of every dollar directly provides basic needs and transforms lives of our neighbors and our community in the Name of Christ. 23 cents of every dollar mobilizes and coordinates 43 churches to meet neighbors in need while supporting Love INC operations.

SEPTEMBER 22 - 28

ANNUAL
MATCH
CAMPAIGN



CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

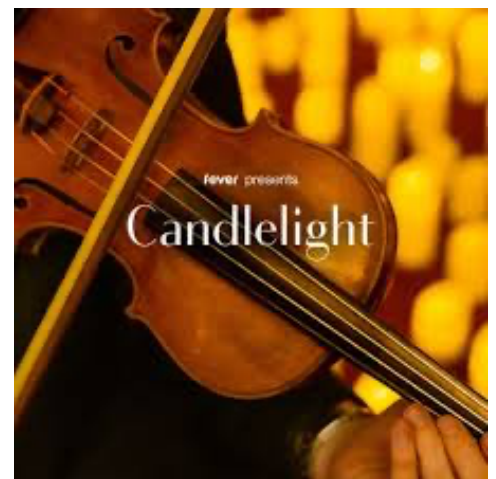
Something exciting is happening this fall--our sanctuary will be the setting for Fever's Candlelight concerts! These concerts are classical or modern music performed in the ambience of candlelight (LED candles only) by a small ensemble. The first concert is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, "Candlelight: A Haunted Evening of Halloween Classics". To date, there are three Candlelight Concerts scheduled for a Saturday each month from October through December. Each evening will include two performances--6:30 pm and 8:45 pm. Links for the various concerts tickets can be found on Facebook or this link:

https://feverup.com/en/waterloo-cedar-falls-ia-us/candlelight?srsltid=AfmBOoqonkumwWcK5sHeyOZaImRPI4g08cJWq5bm5uP_XzpSFo_k3TKe

Candlelight Concerts have been produced in the US and internationally by a company named Fever. As you can see from the link above, they are hosting concerts in other Iowa communities as well. Fever contacted us in order to rent our space. Fever chooses the music, hires the musicians (typically local), promotes the event, sells the tickets, and provides workers and security for each concert.

We are looking forward to hearing the concerts and providing a space to folks in the community to enjoy our beautiful sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Seth Chronister, Cliff Highnam, or me.

~Anne Hoekstra





October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk	2 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	3 6:00 - NAMI Class	4 (Office Closed)	5
6 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	7 (Office Closed)	8 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk (Office Closed)	9 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	10 6:00 - NAMI Class	11	12 9:00 Women's Bkfst @ Perkins 6:30 & 8:45pm - Candlelight Concerts
13 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	14	15 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk 6:00 Trustee Mtg.	16 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	17 6:00 - NAMI Class	18	19
20 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	21	22 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk	23 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	24 6:00 - NAMI Class	25 Fill Neighborhood Pantries	26
27 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Fall Festival	28	29 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk	30 3:00 - Job Found. 5:30 - Bells 6:15 - Dinner 6:45 - Adult Study 7:30 - Choir	31 6:00 - NAMI Class		

Birthdays

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Greg Hoekstra
3
Ann Zellhoefer
Carol Towsley
7
Rex Boatman
8
Melissa Wells

9
Lucas Backens
16
George Brown
22
Bonnie Bessman
Jack Koch
Sarah Pavelski
24
Emily Highnam
Landon Kelley
Marsha Lind

26
Pat Brown
Emily Lindaman
27
Abbey Martens
Abbott
27
Andrew Yarngo

Anniversaries

5
John & Barb Mardis
7
Dale & Barbara Hatinger
25
Rich & Kay Thuesen

Join Us JAM 2024

Friday/Saturday – September 27-28, 2024

Every year the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences of the United Church of Christ (UCC) gather to make important decisions regarding their ministry, business, and future. It is also an important time for us to learn, grow, and celebrate! Depending on the year the three Conferences gather separately or all together.

In 2024, the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences will meet at a Joint Annual Meeting (JAM). JAM 2024 will be held September 27-28, 2024 at Countryside Community Church located at 13130 Faith Plaza, Omaha, NE.

Come participate in business meetings, workshops, and worship.



You can click on the picture above to register or go to <https://ucctcm.org/jam2024/>

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

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