

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

TIDINGS

"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

October 19, 2025 10:30 AM
Worship Service

Scripture Text:
Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon:
BLUEPRINT: the movement

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, October 21
7:30am - Men's Breakfast at Village Inn (W'loo)
6:00pm - Common Meeting
7:00pm - Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, October 22
5:30pm - Bells
6:15pm - Dinner: If you'd like to bring something, you can sign up [HERE](#).
6:45pm - Bible Study
7:30pm - Choir

October 12 Sermon Recap:

In our *Blueprint* series, we looked at how the early church in Acts 2 gives us a model for building a vibrant, Spirit-filled community. They devoted themselves to learning, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer, and their shared life became a witness to God's presence among them. As FCC Waterloo continues to live into our mission, vision, and values, we are reminded that the blueprint for the church is not complicated; it is faithful people living life together in Christ.

Reflection Question:

Where might God be inviting you to help build a stronger foundation of shared life and faith in our church family?

CHURCH MEETINGS

The next common and trustee meetings will be held **Tuesday, October 21st**. The common meeting will be held at 6:00pm with the Trustee meeting following at 7:00pm.

WHAT ABOUT THE PANTRY THIS WEEK?

About 12% of Iowans (1 in 8) and 16.6% of Iowa children (1 in 6) face food insecurity. In Iowa, 385,130 persons do not know where they will find their next meal. That includes 120,220 children.

Please help us fill the Pantry. It is easy to do. Just pick up a few extra items next time you go to the store and drop them off in the Crossroads bin. Bring food that is easy to prepare and easy to eat such as canned meats, canned meals, fruits, vegetables, instant potatoes, cereal, snack bars, to name a few. Thank you!

NE IOWA MEETING

The next **UCC NE Iowa Association** Meeting will be at 10am on Saturday, November 1st at the Pleasant Valley UCC Church in Clarksville (31015 150th St.). Let Abbie Chronister know if you want to carpool.

CHRISTMAS CARDS?

Teri Graham is looking for Christmas Cards that she can send out to the congregation. If you have extra Christmas Cards you would like to donate, please bring them to church on Sunday or give to Michelle during the week.

FALL FEST - OCTOBER 26, 2025!



Our annual Fall Festival is Sun., October 26th. Activities may include Hayrides, face painting, apple bobbing, yard games, Hot Cocoa, popcorn, apple cider, Chili cook-off, Pumpkin carving/painting, guess the weight of the pumpkin and number of candy corn. More information to come.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

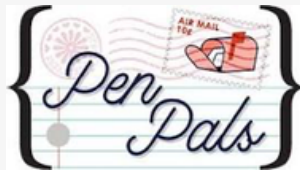
On **Sunday, November 2**, First Congregational UCC will observe **All Saints' Day** during worship. Together we will read aloud the names of those in our church family who have died in the past year.

All Saints' invites us to give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and to look with hope toward the day when we, too, will share in God's eternal communion of saints.

If you have a loved one who has died since last All Saints' Day (November 1, 2024) and would like their name included in the reading, please contact the church office by **Tuesday, October 28**, by email or phone.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Mark your calendar for the next two Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities! We will meet at the Food Bank on Tuesday, November 11 and Tuesday, December 9 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Contact Diane Highnam to sign up or with any questions.



WANT TO BE A PEN PAL?

If anyone would be willing to be matched with a class at Irving to become Pen Pals, please contact gbrown50613@gmail.com.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

Exhausted after a long workday on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks chose not to relinquish her bus seat to a white man. She was arrested for disobeying racial segregation laws. Her stand against injustice inspired the successful 382-day Montgomery Bus Boycott.

On **Friday, October 24**, six distinguished women leaders will share brief reflections on the legacy of Rosa Parks. **Doors open at 6pm with presentation at 7pm.**

Location: Jubilee United Methodist Church (1621 E 4th St., W'loo)

This program is sponsored by the Cedar Valley Interfaith Council, Jubilee UMC Resource Center, and Project for the Beloved Community, Inc.

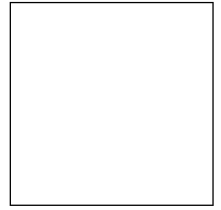
ANNUAL FALL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY



Saturday, October 25th ~ 9am until 11am
First Baptist Church (434 Baltimore, W'loo)
Sponsored by the Church Row Neighborhood Coalition.

Free to those in need - Fall/winter clothing from child to adult sizes and bedding will be available.

Donations can be left in the Crossroads until
Thursday, October 23rd.



CREATE AN ENDOWMENT OF LOVE. PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING OUR CHURCH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.



JOB FOUNDATION DONATION OPPORTUNITY

The Job Foundation is asking for our help with donations for the store. As a reminder to what this is: during a weekly middle school lesson students earn “Job Bucks” which is monopoly money for the following: participating in the lesson, being respectful to others, saying please & thank you, helping others, being kind and following instructions. These bucks are then spent at the end of the quarter at the Job Store. There are 15 new 6th graders who will get to experience this for the first time and are excited for it! **Please have items to the church by October 21st.** We need the following to help restock the store:

- Personal Care Products (middle school age)
 - Makeup
 - Hair Accessories
 - Fake Fingernails / Nail Polish
 - Basketballs / Footballs / Soccer Balls / Frisbees
 - Taki's Snacks...Large Bags
 - Little Debbie Snacks
 - Beef Sticks / Jerky
 - King Size Candy Bars
 - Bubble Gum
 - Board Games / Card Games
 - Flashlights w/batteries
 - Fun Pens
 - Fun Paper Pads
 - Art Supplies
 - Craft Supplies
 - Snack Mixes...Large Bags
- *Anything else a middle schooler may enjoy
- *They will accept slightly used items.