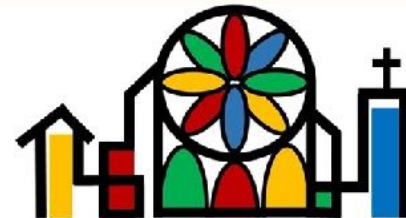


First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends
October 2, 2024



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa

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

This Sunday:

October 6, 2024
10:30 am

Brandyn will present
the message:

*Abundance and
Overflowing*

Using the text:

Genesis 1:26-30

Worship Leader
Diane Highnam

To watch last Sunday's
service you can

[<< Click Here >>](#)

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Tuesday, October 8:

6:00pm - Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, October 9:

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - *The Gathering*

7:00 - NAMI Presentation

7:30pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, October 12:

9:00am - Women's
Breakfast at Perkins

6:30pm & 8:45pm -
Candlelight Concerts

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



~ Prayers for Rebecca Coder's father who will be having knee surgery this week and her brother who will be having eye surgery on Friday.

~ Continued Prayers for Vincent Marshall who is having health issues.



MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE FOR ALL



Neighbors In Need
Offering will be collected
this Sunday as part of
World Communion Sunday.

Please join us in supporting the 2024 Neighbors in Need (NIN) special mission offering. Everyone is created in God's image, and everybody should receive quality mental health care. We must break the silence about mental health challenges! Two-thirds of your donations to NIN support the UCC for advocacy, programming, and grants. One-third of your generous gifts directly supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Offering Envelopes will be in this Sunday's bulletin or your can mail or bring your donation to the church office.

Our annual Fall Festival is **Sun., October 27th**. Activities may include Hayrides, face painting, apple bobbing, yard games, Hot Cocoa, popcorn, apple cider and Chili cook-off, Pumpkin carving/painting, guess the weight of the pumpkin and number of candy corn. More information to come.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

3-4pm. outside activities;

4-5pm. inside activities;

5-6pm. Chili Cook-Off



OFFICE CLOSED & NO TIDINGS

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

There will be NO Tidings next week (Oct. 9th).

TRUSTEE MEETING

The October Trustee meeting will be held **this coming Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00pm**. We are moving back to the regular 2nd Tuesday of the month meetings during the months of January, March, May, August, October, and December.

WE CAN FILL THE PANTRIES

Keep those pantry items coming. We were able to fill the pantries last Friday so those in emergency need can get food.

Remember items like canned meals, soups, meats, fruits and vegetables, cereal, nuts, oatmeal packets, granola bars, and snacks, Pop-top cans preferred.

This month **on October 20** we will share our canned gifts during the service by bringing forward canned goods. Yes we **CAN** - fill the pantry!

LITTLE LIBRARY

The Little Library supply has been depleted. There is a box in the entry way for books to fill the Little Library in front of the church. Please add a few good reads to the box! Thank you.

CHURCH ROW RUMMAGE SALE

The Church Row Rummage Sale will be held **October 4 and 5** at 9am at 1416 W. 4th St. If you have items for sale, please bring them.

NAMI PRESENTATION

The presentation: "The Uncomfortable Convergence Between Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System" will be held on **Wednesday, October 9th from 7pm to 8pm** here at First Congregational.

Sheriff Tony Thompson will discuss his recently published book on this topic. He has more than 30 years in professional law enforcement, the last 16 as sheriff in Black Hawk County. He was a U.S. Army Military Police Officer for 21 years, including six deployments. He is also on the board of NAMI Iowa.

ANNUAL FALL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

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

Sponsored by Church Row Neighborhood Coalition - Donations can be left in the Crossroads until Thursday, October 24th.

HABITAT CIRCLE UP BREAKFAST

Thank you Kay Thuesen, Cathy Young, Dee Vandeventer, Dave Vandeventer, Paul Greene, Gina Greene, Laurie Allbaugh, and Mary Margaret Halverson for attending the Habitat Circle Up Breakfast this morning. Celebrating Habitat's joys and plans for the future with Homeowners and the Iowa Heartland Team.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS AT FCUCC

Our sanctuary will be the setting for a few of Fever's Candlelight concerts this fall. The first concert is Saturday, October 12 - "A Haunted Evening of Halloween Classics." You can click [HERE](#) for more information or to purchase tickets. Tickets will not be available at the door. Any questions, reach out to Seth Chronister, Cliff Highnam or Anne Hoekstra.

HABITAT WOMEN'S BUILD

Way to go Women's Build Team. Thank you Jayne Slaughter, Liz Becker, Dee Vandeventer, Pat Brock, Anne Hoekstra, Kay Thuesen and Mackenzie Miller for giving your time and hard work building community one home at a time!



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

The impact of Hurricane Helene is widespread and devastating, as more than 100 people have been confirmed dead, over 2 million people are without power, and damages are estimated to be over \$140 billion. We know of two UCC congregations on Florida's Gulf Coast whose church buildings suffered significant flood damage, and another building that experienced structural damage from high winds. We continue to be in touch with our Southern, Southeast, and Florida Conferences as they work to contact local congregations and become aware of their needs.

The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster well after their plight fades from the headlines. As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss this past week, please consider a gift to Hurricane Helene Recovery Appeal. Your gifts matter.

Rev. Kent Siladi
Interim Director of Philanthropy
United Church of Christ

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CROP WALK 2024 - THIS SUNDAY!

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 this Sunday, October 6. Wear your walking clothes & shoes to church and those who are walking or donating can stay for a Chicken & Waffles lunch and then we'll get to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls by 1:30 in time for the registration and start of the walk!

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

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