

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends
October 23, 2024



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

This Sunday:

October 27, 2024
10:30 am

Brandyn will present
the message:

Cultivated Order

Using the text:

Romans 13:1-7

Worship Leader
Kay Leary

To watch last Sunday's
service you can

[<< Click Here >>](#)

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Sunday, October 27:

3:00pm - Fall Fest &
Chili Cook-off!

Tuesday, October 29:

5:30pm - Food Bank
Volunteering

Wednesday, October 30:

5:30pm - Bells Practice
6:15pm - Dinner
6:45pm - *The Gathering*
7:30pm - Choir Practice

2024 FALL FESTIVAL



Our annual Fall Festival is **this coming Sunday, October 27th**. Activities include Hayrides, Trunk-or-Treat, face painting, yard games, Hot Cocoa, popcorn, apple cider, Pumpkin carving/painting, guess the weight of the pumpkin and number of caramel creams, AND the Annual Chili cook-off!



3:00 - 4:00 pm =
Outside activities



4:00 - 5:00 pm =
Inside activities



5:00 - 6:00 pm =
Chili Cook-Off

*** We need volunteers for the trunk or treat to provide their vehicle trunks and chili makers for the chili cook-off!**

Contact Tim Ahrens with any questions or to volunteer.
tahrens53@msn.com

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Please consider joining us on **October 29th at 5:30pm** for the next opportunity at the Food Bank. We will be in the cold room so please dress accordingly. Contact Diane Highnam or Michelle in the office to sign up.

PANTRY NEEDS

Don't forget the pantry as you shop- winter cold will be here soon! In Iowa, 344,550 persons (10.8%) do not know where they will find their next meal. That includes 110,500 children.

Items such as peanut butter, rice, oatmeal packets, granola bars, crackers, snacks, nuts, baby formula, drink mixes, dried fruit and canned goods such as soups, meats, fruits, vegetables and meals can help fill the gap. Drop your items off in the Crossroads. Thank you!

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. 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>).

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next NorthEast Iowa Association meeting is at **10am on November 2nd** at First Congregational in Hampton, IA (22 1st Ave. SW). The program will be on suicide Awareness. If you would like to carpool, text / email Abbie at (440) 478-0425 or email abbie.chronister@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



On November 3rd First Congregational UCC will observe All Saints' Day during worship. We will read aloud the names of those in our First Congregational UCC family who have died in the past year. All Saints' is an opportunity for Christians to pause, give thanks, and to look forward to the day when we will be among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm. If you have a loved one who has died since last All Saints Day (11/1/23) and would like their name read at this service, please let Michelle know by next Wednesday, (10/30).



PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS STORE

December 6th, 7th, and 14th



In partnership with area churches,
we are hosting four different locations to
shop for Christmas gifts at discounted prices.
Registration is necessary to shop,
so please apply today!

SCAN TO APPLY!

🖱️ loveinccv.org/christmas

📞 **319-266-1264**



If you know of any families who could benefit from LoveInc's Christmas store, please encourage them to apply asap. As the holiday season approaches, we are filled with excitement about the impact the Lord will make in the Cedar Valley through this year's Christmas Store event! LoveInc is seeking to connect partner churches with host site churches to ensure a more seamless and impactful event this year! They have several areas of need where your support can make a difference: Gift Collection, Registration Callers, Snack or To-Go Bags, Childcare / Activities, Thank You Cards, and Day-Of Event Volunteers.

Together, we can continue to serve our Cedar Valley communities with the love of the Lord guiding every interaction during this joyous season. Call 319-266-1264 if interested in volunteering with the Christmas store events, or you can leave a cash donation in the offering plate on Sunday with LoveInc in the memo and your donation will go toward purchasing new gifts for the store. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

ANNUAL FALL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

Date/Time

*Saturday, October 26
9 am until 11 am*



Location

*First Baptist Church
(434 Baltimore St. Waterloo, IA)*

Free To Those in Need

*Winter clothing from child to adult sizes and bedding will be available
Sponsored by the Church Row Neighborhood Coalition*

Please drop items to donate at First Baptist (between 9am to 2pm Wednesday, 10/23 & Thursday 10/24).
If you'd like to help organize on October 25th, come to First Baptist from 9-2 or if you would like to help day of the giveaway, come to First Baptist from 9-11 on October 26.

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

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