

Congregational Tidings

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



A weekly newsletter



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OUTDOOR WORSHIP UPDATE



The forecast for this coming Sunday, April 18, is a bit nippy for sitting out in the open at Riverloop Amphitheatre, so we are postponing this Sunday's outdoor service. We hope for better weather for May 16. Along with that service, we are planning another outdoor service at Riverloop on June 6. I apologize for the change of plans, but we want folks to be able to come, see each other, and be comfortable! Please tune-in to First Congregational's Facebook page or YouTube at 10:30 a.m. as usual this Sunday, to view and participate in our Sunday service.

The Last Week

The Sunday morning Zoom gathering has been reading and discussing the book *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Discussion on the final chapter "Easter Sunday" will occur this Sunday, April 18 at 9:20 AM.

Join Zoom Meeting:

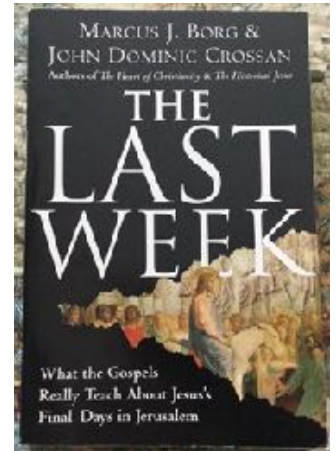
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Meeting ID: 839 9840 2038

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Contact Evie Waack with any questions.



Graveside Service

A graveside service will be held for **Sally Walker** on Wednesday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery with Pastor Myers officiating.



Happy Anniversary!

Dick and Joan Grimm are celebrating their 60th Anniversary on April 16th!
Congratulations on 60 years!

MOMENT FOR MISSION



Meals on Wheels to Restart Weekday Delivery

Would you like to help ensure a healthy lunch for your neighbors? Our church members have volunteered for this worthy outreach for many years and would like to continue this service, but we need some help!

Our commitment is for the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month starting in June. Depending on the number of stops and the location, it usually takes between 1-2 hours to complete a route which begins at 10:15 at 520 W Parker. Ideally it is best to have one person drive and a second make the deliveries. This is a fun way to get to know the Cedar Valley, your partner and recipients! It would also be awesome to have a group of people available to fill in when the regulars are on vacation.

If you are interested in joining us full, part-time or as a substitute or have questions, please call/text/email Laurie Allbaugh 319-504-3212, laurie.allbaugh@gmail.com. I also invite anyone who has participated & would like to share a story about your involvement to send a note to or call Michelle at the church to include in our Moment for Mission! Dave Greene might remember when I rode with him as a first time runner, and several deliveries into the route, realized I should have been giving everyone 2 bags instead of 1!! Good help is SO hard to find! In talking with Connie Stevens, she fondly cherishes the years she and Helen Lippold shared doing this well into their 80's. Pete Blankenfeld not only delivered the church routes, but would often help on the other days of the week whenever the center didn't have anyone else.

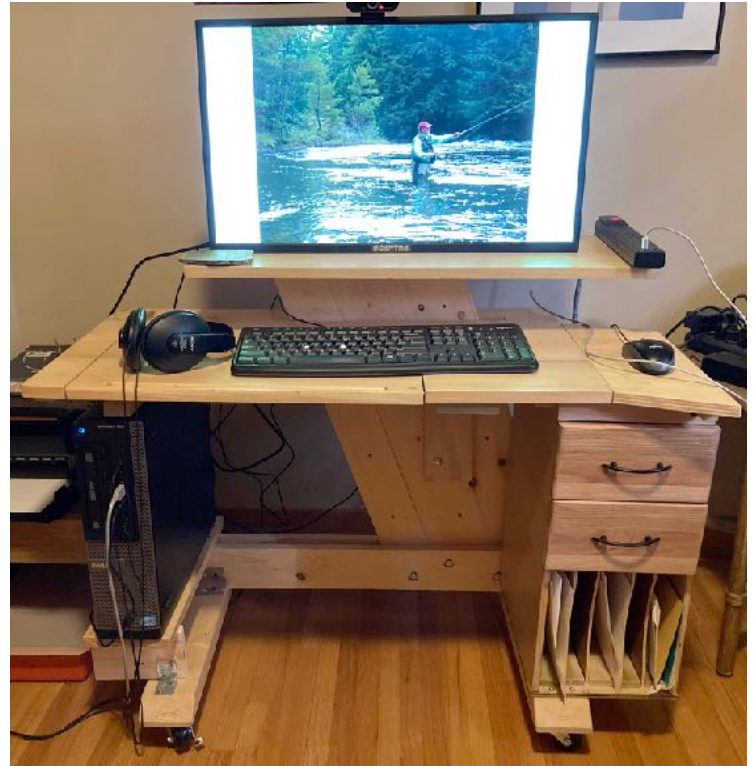
So if you are busy on Thursdays, feel free to call Jana at the Senior Center 319-874-6893 to offer your availability for another day or as an emergency fill in. This is also a great way to involve others who aren't part of our church family. I invited a friend to go with me several years ago, and she ended up helping on her own and inviting her friends and family, including her school age great-nephews in the summertime. They learned the joy of being of service, and the recipients loved seeing children. What a magnificent way to show kids the rewards of volunteering! I learned that directly from my dad. We delivered together on his 90th birthday, when many he was aiding were younger than him! So I challenge you, especially during this time when we've been prevented from directly acting on mission, to get involved!

Let's continue the rich heritage of our forefathers (and mothers) and Jeff Rickert and Shirley Kappel and everyone who has ever participated over all these years!

CREATIVE CORNER

Here is a computer desk that I built out of pine boards. It's mounted on a single slanted pedestal and moves on four wheels. The "feet" carry a computer tower on the left and a caddy on the right. It has a larger lower shelf for writing and keyboarding and a smaller upper shelf for a monitor. They both adjust to four different heights. I built five of them. One went to our neighbor's kindergartener, one to the Grin & Grow 4 year old classroom, one each to our two adopt-a-families at Christmas and I kept one (pictured). It was fun to think about a novel design for a desk.

~ *Cliff Highnam*



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