

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

May 24, 2023



FirstCongregationalUCCWaterlooIowa

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

PULPIT SUPPLY

This Sunday, we welcome back Rev. Clark Kilgard, who will be leading us in worship on Pentecost Sunday. Sue Hummel will serve as Worship Leader. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church--when the Holy Spirit came to the early church to bring the message of Christ to all people. The Christian Church celebrates Pentecost each year 50 days after Easter. The color red is associated with the tongues of fire present on Pentecost, and congregants are invited to wear red to symbolize the birthday of the Church.



Our Sunday School students sang one of their favorite songs for the congregation. Bibles were provided as gifts from the church to several of our young readers--Eva Sapp, Demi Daniels, Nevaeh Brock-Streeter, Mackenzie Lynch, and Molly Stevenson. Robert Mejia (Teddy) and Charles (Charlie) Mejia will be receiving theirs at a later date.

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YOUTH SUNDAY

Last Sunday was Youth Sunday, with 12 young people from the combined youth group (Youth Group Coalition) from our church, 1st U Methodist, Kimball U Methodist, and 1st Baptist participating in a youth led worship under the direction of Rumen Hulmequist and Bee Boettcher. The youth read scripture, liturgy, and provided special music, ushered, and acolyted.



PRAYERS FOR...

~ Karen Dew was released from Allen Hospital last Thursday and is undergoing further tests.

GRADUATES



It's that time of year again!

Now is the time to let the church office know if you have someone in your family graduating from high school or college. Please submit their names to the church office for publication in Tidings at a later date. Include school they are graduating from and any future plans they may have in mind.

ATTENTION FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS:

Our next opportunity for volunteering at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank is **Next Tuesday, May 30, from 6-8pm!** Let Michelle or Diane know if you're planning on attending!

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Our neighbor, The Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, is open on Memorial Day from 11AM-3PM.

Veterans and Active Duty receive FREE ADMISSION!

After Waterloo's Memorial Day Parade enjoy special holiday hours, family friendly activities, and photos with "dough boys," "soldiers" and other costumed staff at the Grout/Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum.

Free lunch, provided by Friendship Village, will be available. (First come, first serve.)

The Grout Museum District is a Blue Star Museum. Through Labor Day, Active Duty service members and up to 5 of their family members receive FREE Museum Admission.



We need Worship Leaders for Sunday mornings. There are many Sundays to fill so if you would be willing to help out with one or more, please contact Anne Hoekstra or our office manager, Michelle to sign up! Thank you in advance!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



First Congregational will be hosting VBS again this year with several churches participating.

When: July 10th to 13th
from 5pm to 7:30pm.

Meal will be provided each night.

For children ages 4 years (Pre-K) through 5th Grade.

Curriculum: "Twists and Turns"

More Information in future Tidings.

Registration begins June 1st.



MORE PICTURES FROM YOUTH SUNDAY




MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

FCUCC will be collecting the Strengthen the Church Offering this Sunday, May 28th.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 8:15am Prayer Walk (Every Thursday) | 2 | 3 12:00 Girl Scouts |
| 4 11:00 Worship & Church Picnic at Lookout Park | 5 | 6 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn) | 7 | 8 Meals on Wheels | 9 | 10 9am - Women's Breakfast |
| 11 10:30 Worship | 12 | 13 7:00pm Common Meeting | 14 5:30pm NAMI | 15 | 16 | 17 12:00 Girl Scouts |
| 18 10:30 Worship Father's Day | 19 | 20 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn) | 21 | 22 Meals on Wheels | 23 Fill Neighborhood Pantries | 24 |
| 25 10:30 Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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Todd Ellison
Phil Martens
Jennifer Wells

4
Nancy Mahood

5
Becky Ellison

8
Cliff Highnam
Anne Hoekstra
Shirley Kappel
Callie Ann Holdiman

9
Zailey Lynne
Sheridan Casteel

10
Andrew Akin

11
Kay Thuesen

15
Jane Young

17
Susan Peters

19
Danielle Conrad

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Natalie Lindaman

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Cindy Wells

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Andrew Thoreen
Michelle Wolfe

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Jeff & Peggy Essmann

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Phil & Becky Martens

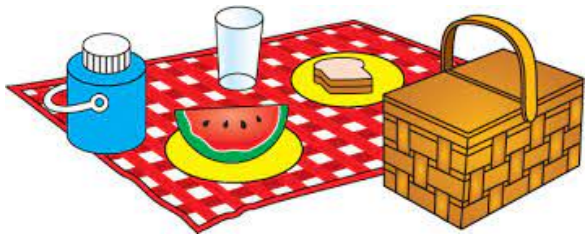
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Craig & Sharon Holdiman
Andrew & Julie Thoreen

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Steve & Kay Leary

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Brad & Jodi Casteel
Jim & Nancy Stevenson
Rudy & Jan Bernhard

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Brian & Molly (Greene) Bishop
Greg & Anne Hoekstra
Bruce & Jill Jensen





CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

We will be worshipping next Sunday at Lookout Park, (Park Dr, Cedar Falls) at 11:00 a.m., led by Rev. Brad Braley, and worship leader Cliff Highnam. Since it is the first Sunday of the month, we will be celebrating communion. Following worship, we will share our annual picnic. Broasted chicken will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert and your lawn chairs. Water, lemonade, paper towels, silverware and plates will be provided or you may bring your own!



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

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