

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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PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Janice Springer for her message about Shelter, assisted by Cliff Highnam, worship leader, and Keith Jorgensen, mini-message.

This week we welcome back to our pulpit, Rev. Brad Braley, with Greg Holt serving as worship leader and providing the mini-message.

Our chapel has served us very well during this time our sanctuary is undergoing plastering and painting. We hope to be back in it by the middle of February. It has been good to have guests amongst us these past weeks. Please remember that we are still in flu, RSV, and COVID season. There are masks at the entry for those who wish to use them which is helpful to those who are immune compromised.



Taking Care of Family...

~ Prayer for Peter Blankenfeld, who was hospitalized in Sheldon, Iowa near where his nursing home is, and then transferred to Sioux Falls hospital for treatment of sepsis.

~ Prayers for Seth Chronister, as he recovers from a concussion after falling on the ice at work.

~ Prayers for Kay Leary, also recovering from injuries she sustained in a fall—broken bones in her left hand, a sprained right ankle and a mild concussion.

~ Prayers for Diana Paige as she continues to convalesce from her most recent brain surgery.

~ Prayers for Richard Cook, who is awaiting a heart procedure for his atrial fib.

~ Prayers for Teri Graham as she continues to deal with pain and difficulty with her mobility.

~ Nancy Stevenson reports that she is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers.



Happy birthday to **Steve Maurer**
who turned 90 on January 24th!

ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to all you attended in person or by Zoom for our annual meeting. We shared a delicious meal prior to the meeting, and business was straightforward and succinct. The meeting minutes are available on the member page of our [website](#). Any member who needs the password can contact Michelle in the office.

THANK YOU, DAVE!

We thank Dave Allbaugh for his 8 years of service to our congregation as Treasurer, a job he did with dedication and skill. He continued to look for ways our church could run more efficiently and effectively, was informative and transparent with the congregation about fiscal matters, and brought a high level of professionalism to his role. We will miss his expertise. However, we are fortunate to welcome Craig Driver, duly elected as our next Treasurer. He and Dave will tag team for a few weeks as Craig takes on his new responsibilities.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

We are looking for any women interested in gathering for fellowship once a month (at least to start off) for breakfast at Perkins on San Marnan...to eat and drink with other like minded women of any age. The first breakfast will be **February 11th, 9:00am**, at Perkins on San Marnan. We can talk about anything you want to, like other possible places, times, days, more times/month.... etc. Please let Michelle in the office know by February 9th if you are interested in attending the February 11th breakfast.

FILL UP THE LITTLE PANTRIES WITH LOVE



After filling January Pantries the supply is low. February is a month of love so please love your neighbor by remembering to pick up prepared or easy to prepare foods for the pantry and leaving them in the box in the entryway. Thank you.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING



THANK YOU to our FCUCC Food Crew for your awesome volunteerism at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank last week! We bagged hundreds of pounds of elbow macaroni into gallon sized bags to distribute to families all around the Cedar Valley! Come and join us next time! We have reservations for February 21, March 28, and April 18 from 6-8pm!

Call the church office or Diane Highnam (319-240-2849) to get on the list! It's a great way to help share the love and keep hungry families fed. We are fortunate to have such an amazing facility in our community and it relies heavily on volunteers to keep its programs going! Let's do our part!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONTHLY

Each month **LoveINC** highlights specific goods that serve our neighbors in need. **Looking ahead - February donation items include diapers and Depends.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

The NAMI monthly education series begins March 9th from 7:00-8:00pm in our church basement, presented by our very own church member, Katinka Keith, LCSW, LISW, DCSW. Katinka, who works with Mercy One Behavioral Health in Waterloo, will present about Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

This is a FREE event and open to the public and we would love to see some new faces learning about mental health! All are welcome!



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:15 Prayer Walk 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	3	4
5 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	6	7 7:30 Men's Bkfst (Village Inn W'loo)	8 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson	9 8:15 Prayer Walk 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	10	11 12:00 - 2:30pm Girl Scouts
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26 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	27	28	Happy Valentine's Day!			

Birthdays

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Teddy Mejia
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Kathy Franke
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Steve Peters
Clark Holdiman
Jenner Buck
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Dale Hatinger
Jonathan Yarngo
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Ruth Linderman

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Regan Casteel
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Brittney Becker
Kari Lindaman
16
Aidan Kelley
Corina Marie Holdiman
Arlo Prescott
17
Brandon Becker
Kati (Thompson) Collins

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Nancy Stevenson
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Emily Stevenson Still
23
Matt Ensworth
Gordon Lauterbach
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Justin Dams
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Audrey Adams-Sorge
Julie Kiefer





We are invited to join Waterloo First United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, February 19th at 9:15am (before our worship service) for their annual Jazz Sunday with "The Souls of Dixieland Jazz Band."
 (614 Randolph, Waterloo, IA 50702)

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

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