

Congregational Tidings

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

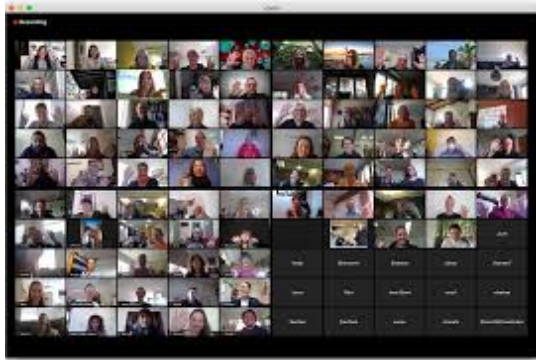


A weekly newsletter



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CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The annual meeting of the First Congregational UCC will be held Sunday, January 23, 2021 at 1pm via zoom. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, the meeting will be held

virtually via computer again this year. You don't need a computer to join in the meeting. You can instead call in and listen over the phone (see instructions below).

A virtual copy of the annual report and proposed 2022 budget has been emailed for your review prior to the meeting. If you have not received the email or would like to pick up a hard copy of the reports, please contact Michelle in the office to schedule a time to pick one up. (fcuccoffice@gmail.com or 319-234-8927)

Topic: FCUCC Annual Meeting

Time: January 23, 2022 1:00 PM *(Please log in by 12:45 so we can start the meeting at 1:00pm)*

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3192348927?pwd=SzIyY1NWRUVZKzF4MzRsbnHNkSnFSUT09>

Meeting ID: 319 234 8927

Passcode: 246810

If connecting by phone:

Call: 1-312-626-6799

Use Meeting ID: 319 234 8927

and Passcode: 246810



If you have difficulty with the Zoom Link on Sunday, please call Paul Greene at (319) 404-4940.

SUNDAY WORSHIP...

We are sorry for the technical difficulties for Sunday morning worship while live-streaming the service. No matter how much testing we did, when the Wi-Fi decides not to cooperate, there isn't much we can do. There is now a recording of Pastor Bret's sermon on First Congregational's facebook page.



We have worked out the difficulties and the service next week will be available at 10:30 am on our Facebook and YouTube pages. **There will be no in-person worship in the sanctuary throughout January.** Covid will continue to be monitored and sanctuary worship adjusted as needed in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your patience.

Taking Care of Family...

~ Prayers for Barb Mardis for a full recovery and pain relief from a procedure on Tuesday for a kidney stone.

~ Prayers for Russ Towsley who has recently had additional cancer diagnosed. We pray for him and Carol.

~ Prayers for those in our congregation and community who continue to cope with chronic illnesses and poor health, of both body and spirit.



Looking for Postcards...



Do you have any random cards or postcards lying around? If so, Youth Director Abbie has a use for them for a community-building youth project! Get in touch with her (abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com or 440-478-0425) to figure out a time where she can take them off your hands. Thanks in advance!

MOMENT FOR MISSION...





Each month LoveINC highlights goods that serve our neighbors in need through Love INC Gap Ministries. In January, you can make a difference by purchasing **\$10 gift cards to Kwik Star *fuel only*, Walmart, and HyVee** for LoveINC's Begin Now ministry. These gift cards are distributed as an incentive for regular attendance and completed homework. Participants can earn one gift card per week and they are a crucial component to our ministry. All donations can be brought to the church office or Love INC office - 2603 Rainbow Drive, Suite 2, Cedar Falls or you can make a financial donation to purchase gift cards.


LoveINC's next Begin Now session starts Tuesday, February 1st! Begin Now provides clients with a place to find safe community and take classes on relevant topics that can help them achieve a greater level of stability in their life - things like budgeting, healthy living, goal setting, parenting, and more.


It is also a place where volunteers are invited to build relationships with the participants and learn how to be long-term, holistically-minded servants in our community. Classes take place every Tuesday evening for 10 weeks - perfect for someone with daytime commitments!

There are many ways you can volunteer at Begin Now:

 Volunteers facilitate and volunteer in all classes. You don't need to be an expert on whatever topic is being discussed - you just need to be there to support, encourage, and contribute your own unique experiences!

 There are also volunteers who provide transportation for participants to get to class each week. Many Love INC clients do not have access to reliable transportation, so the volunteers fill that gap! Whether you choose to stick around to serve in class, or just drop off and pick up, this is a great way to support someone who is working hard to better themselves!

 Children are also learning important skills at Begin Now! Childcare is often a barrier for those who would like to participate in community programs., so LoveINC offers a structured and fun learning environment for children ages 0-11. Whether you like holding babies or playing games with elementary-age kids - LoveINC has a place for you!

 Finally, LoveINC provide a free meal for their participant families and volunteers each week before class. This offers a space for people to form meaningful relationships with one another - an important piece of Begin Now! This is a great opportunity for small groups, teams, or families to serve together!

If you're interested in being part of LoveINC's next session, let them know at loveinccv.org/volunteer!

~ *Laurie Allbaugh*

We need worship leaders for the upcoming months.



Please contact Pastor Bret or Michelle if you are interested in leading worship on one or more of these dates:

2/6		5/1
2/13		5/8
2/20		5/15
2/27		5/22
		5/29
3/2	Ash Wednesday	
3/6		6/5
3/13		6/12
3/20		6/19
3/27		6/26
4/3		7/3
4/10	Palm Sunday	7/10
4/14	Maundy Thursday	7/17
4/15	Good Friday	7/24
4/17	EASTER	7/31
4/24		

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