

Congregational Tidings

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



A weekly newsletter



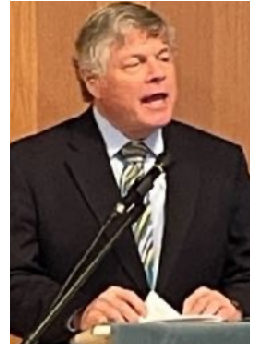
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February 1, 2023

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Brad Braley for leading worship this past Sunday, to Greg Holt for serving as worship leader and bringing us the mini-message, and it was great to enjoy our choir!

This coming Sunday we welcome Rev. Dr. Patricia Geadelmann to our pulpit, assisted by Diane Highnam as worship leader. Diane will also be providing the mini-message. Since this is the first Sunday of the month, there will be Communion.



Rev. Geadelmann most recently served at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo as Associate Pastor of Care and Visitation, retiring from there in April of 2022. Besides her work at First Pres, she had a long career at UNI, retiring 7 years ago. She is a Tipton native, first coming to the Cedar Falls campus as an undergraduate at UNI and earning her bachelor's in physical education. She taught for two years in Eagle Grove before coming

back to UNI to teach at the Malcolm Price Laboratory School in 1972. She continued at UNI -- teaching, overseeing the physical education dept., was assistant vice president, in academic affairs, and served as special assistant to the president for board and government relations. We welcome Pat to First Congregational and look forward to her message.



Taking Care of Family...

- ~ Continued prayer for Peter Blankenfeld, who is hospitalized in Sioux Falls and is doing better.
- ~ Prayers for Diana Paige as she continues to convalesce from her most recent brain surgery.
- ~ Prayers for Richard Cook, who is still awaiting a heart procedure for his atrial fib.
- ~ Prayers for Teri Graham as she continues to deal with pain and difficulty with her mobility.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adults will meet at 9:15 for discussion of chapter 3, "Patricia Hampl" in Listening for God. Newcomers are welcome.

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.



LITTLE PANTRIES

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.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Waterloo First United Methodist Church has partnered with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, and created a Food Pantry located on the lower level of the Church with an entrance on Randolph Street. This pantry helps support the neighborhood by opening each Thursday for patrons to shop from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. It is also open the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10-11 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with serving a hot meal - "Dinner With Neighbors".

Waterloo First is looking to broaden its outreach, and is looking to other Church row places of worship to participate in this neighborhood ministry. There is a need for volunteers for the food pantry shifts, volunteers to assist with food pick-up from the NEIFB, as well as other locations, food donations, and monetary donations.

If you are able to help out with this ministry - please let Anne Hoekstra, Laurie Allbaugh or Diane Highnam know. There is some training involved for the volunteer shifts. Most of all, it is a time of fellowship with our neighbors and other volunteers, serving a great need in our area. Thanks for your consideration.

ZUMBA CLASS

Beginning this Saturday, February 4th, a Zumba class will be offered by Angelica Rodriguez on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10:00am in our church basement. Angelica teaches a Zumba class at the YWCA and is excited to teach one here as well! All ages are welcome to attend and a free will offering will be collected. Proceeds will go to the homeless to provide basic needs.

Getting To Know You

GETTING TO KNOW: KEITH JORGENSEN



I was born and raised in western Iowa, attended college at Northwest Missouri State University, spent 4 years in the US Air Force following college. I married Karla Ann Hofer in October of 1970, who I met at college.

The Air Force graciously sent me to Greece for a year. Our oldest daughter, Karin, was born while I was overseas. She was 8 months old when I first held her. After finishing up my time with the Air Force in Oklahoma, we located in Des Moines, Iowa, where I worked for a year at

Mercy Hospital administratively in the ER. Our next move was to Waterloo, where I worked the next 38 years for Advanced Systems in the photocopier industry. Our youngest daughter, Kami, was born here in Waterloo. She now lives in Mason City.



Karin and family live in St. Louis. I have one grandchild, Gunnar, who turned 16 last summer. Now retired, my time is spent traveling about and doing jigsaw puzzles. I have been a member of First Congregational since 1976.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

CALLING ALL BOY SCOUT SUPPORTERS (AND ANYONE WHO LIKES PULLED PORK)



What: Boy Scout Troop 55 Ground Hog Supper

When: This Saturday, February 4th from 4 to 7pm

Where: Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church (2015 Rainbow Dr., CF)

Info: Bbq Pork Sandwiches, baked beans, chips and dessert will be served.

A silent Auction will also take place. Tickets are \$7 and children ages 3 and under are free. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds go to to replenish the camp trailer, supplies, and advancement awards for the scouts. Curbside service is available by calling 319-939-1684.



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)

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