

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 23, 2022



BACK IN THE SANCTUARY AGAIN!

We will be returning to in-person worship this Sunday,
February 27 in the sanctuary!

We are excited that we will be back together again!

We will resume our safety measures of using masks and distancing.

Services will be live-streamed per usual. See you Sunday!



Ash Wednesday service will be next Wednesday
evening at 7 p.m. on March 2, 2022.



Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of **Lorraine Heinick** who passed away on February 18, especially Nancy Heinick, Janice Akin and her family including Abbey Athey, and sister-in-law Alice Schneider. Visitation will be held Friday, February 25 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup Funeral Service at 300 West Ridgeway Ave., Waterloo. A private family service will be held at the Quasqueton Cemetery in Quasqueton on Saturday, February 26.

Obituary can be found at:

<https://www.hagartywaychoffgrarup.com/obituaries/Lorraine-Mae-Heinick?obId=24062418#/obituaryInfo>

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for the family of Lorraine Heinick as they grieve her death on February 18.
- ~ Prayers for Rick Akin as he recovers from surgery on February 22.



March 8th will be Dave Greene's 97th birthday.
Help us celebrate, Shower the birthday boy with cards!
(3720 Village Place #5330 Waterloo 50702)

MODERATOR MUSINGS

I am looking out my window at the late winter landscape and watching intermittent showers of snowflakes. It's that time of year when winter lingers, but our hearts are ready for spring. It is also the time in our church calendar where we look at the upcoming season of Lent. This coming Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday, with the gospel lesson focusing on the mountaintop experience of Jesus with Peter, James, and John, and the sudden appearance of Moses and Elijah. We all love "mountaintop" experiences, but much of our life consists of the mundane duties of everyday life. Lent, to me, is that period of time where we sink into those mundane experiences, and quiet ourselves for self-examination and spiritual growth. The season of Lent reminds me of our current landscape-- nothing looks alive, but we know there are bulbs waiting to flower, leaves waiting to emerge, babies to be born and new life ahead. The words of a familiar hymn (In the Bulb There Is a Flower) echo growth yet to emerge: "In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." May you enjoy those mountaintop experiences that come to us in worship and life, and may you also cherish and grow through the coming days of Lent.

Shalom,
Anne Hoekstra



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will again offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at the **First Congregational United Church of Christ** tomorrow, **February 24, 2022.**

A package of five screenings to identify cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions will be offered.

Special Package Pricing all 5 screenings are offered for only \$139. Register by calling toll free 1-800-690-6495, text the word "circle" to 797979, or register on line at <https://lisa.social/HSC>.



Youth Director Office Hours: With resuming in-person worship, Youth Director Abbie has resumed her in-person office hours. The next couple of weeks will be a little wacky due to commitments at Bunger Middle School and a Continuing Education conference, but below is listed office hours for the next couple of weeks. When in doubt, check the church calendar at www.firstcongucc.org/news--events.html.

February 24 & 25: 1pm-5pm
 February 28: 3pm-5pm
 March 1: 3:30pm-5pm
 March 3 & 4: 1pm-5pm
 March 7 & 8: 1pm-5pm

Sunday School RESUMES: Sunday School/Childcare during Sunday Services will resume this Sunday, the 27th. We can't wait to see you!

Youth Group RESUMES: Youth group will resume THIS Wednesday, the 23rd! We will not have Youth Group next week on March 2nd, due to the Ash Wednesday service; however, we are planning on going maple tree tapping at Hartman again on March 6th! Stay tuned for more info.

March



Birthdays

Anniversaries

1 Janis Engel Kinnick Petersen	8 David Greene	20 Adam Akin
2 Lauren Brock- Medhus	9 Jason Dams Sue Hummel	23 Greg Holt
3 Liz Becker April De La Hunt	13 Kenny Steva Maria Avino	25 Samuel Stevenson
6 Joan Siglin	16 Rizzo Lace Buck	30 Lindsey Panicucci Joanne Tefft Molly Anne Stevenson
7 Craig Jensen Ginni Casteel	18 Lucy Prescott	31 Jeremy Essmann Nancy Showers
	19 Connie Jo Peirce Gary Waldon	Neveah Brock

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Steve & Susan Peters
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Henry & Lynette Doepke
30
Craig & Cindy Wells



MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

LET'S GET FUNKY! I'm So Excited, and you should be too! Join in for a groovy night at the Boogie for Hope Disco Inferno! Enjoy far out silent and live auctions, an off the hook dinner, then Get Up and Boogie- That's Right! DJ Darryl will be spinning the stellar tunes so you can Dance, Dance, Dance! So dust off your disco threads and come for a slammin' good time! Can you dig it? Tickets at <https://houseofhopeccd.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/8004> Or call 319-232-3823. Please help empower women and children of the Cedar Valley and support our church row neighbor!

~ Laurie Allbaugh



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