

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

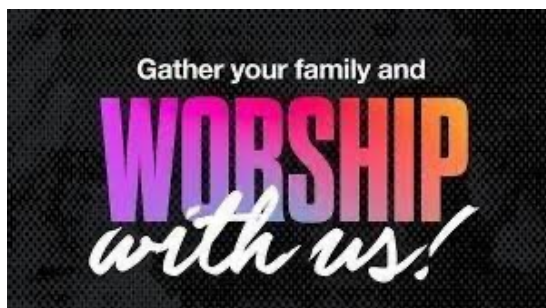
Thank you to Cliff Highnam for his sermon this past Sunday. Thanks to Nancy Mahood for serving as worship leader and Jayne Slaughter for her mini message.

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Dr. Pat Geadelmann to our pulpit. Kay Thuesen will serve as worship leader and Cliff Highnam will be delivering the mini-message.



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!

The sanctuary renovations are FINISHED! We are planning a welcome-home service on March 5 and we'd love to see you there! The plaster is repaired, the walls are painted, the protective plastic has been removed, and the sanctuary has been dusted and cleaned! Hudson will have extra-special organ pieces to share (we've missed our organ), the bells will be ringing, and the choir will be singing! The children will also be helping out with the service! There will be some special treats after church to celebrate our return to the library for our social time together! Please join us as we re-dedicate our beautiful sanctuary to God's work. See you SUNDAY, MARCH 5 at 10:30. Bring a friend or two!



Taking Care of Family...



~ Prayers for John Mardis, who continues his treatments at U of IA hospitals. His address is: c/o UIHC, 200 Hawkins Dr, Iowa City, 52242... ****Update from Barb:*** "John has received a bunch of cards from church friends and he wants to thank everyone. He is out of the ICU now and off of supplemental oxygen; but still quite ill and very weak. He is suffering from aphasia (another side-effect from the CAR-T procedure) so he can't communicate well. Another known effect is loss of appetite. His refusal to eat is making him weaker. All prayers are appreciated!"

~ Prayers for the Yarngo family as they deal with safety issues in their neighborhood.



~ Grandpa (David) Greene is having a birthday March 8th and he will be celebrating 98 years of life. Help him celebrate this great milestone with a card. He loves mail. His address is: 3720 Village Place #5330, Waterloo IA 50702.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School continues at 9:15 in the Friendship Room for discussion of chapter 5, "Annie Dillard" in Listening for God.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The next breakfast will be held Saturday, March 11th at 9am. Meet us at Perkins in Waterloo!

TRUSTEE MEETING

The trustees will meet downstairs on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:00pm.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to our monthly Food Crew for volunteering last week at the NE Iowa Food Bank! We had a fun time sorting fruit snacks and overflow items from local coffee shops into family sized bags for distribution in the Food Pantry. You're the best, Seth Chronister, Keith Jorgensen, Liz Thorpe, Marcia Johnson, Kay Thuesen, Rich Thuesen, and Cliff Highnam! Our next group time is March 28 from 6-8pm! Contact Diane if you'd like to give it a try!

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

Katinka Keith will speak about Obsessive Compulsive Disorder in a program hosted by the Black Hawk County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She is with MercyOne Behavioral Health Care and has been a therapist since 1987.

The program is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. It will take place here, downstairs, at First Congregational.

For more information call (319) 830-6448.

ZUMBA CLASS

A Zumba class is offered by Angelica Rodriguez on the first and third Saturdays each month at 10:00am in our church basement. Which means the next class is this Saturday, March 4th! All ages are welcome.



MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

LAST SUNDAY'S POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE:



Another successful Potluck with a Purpose was held last Sunday with delicious food and engaging learning about Leon Begay's personal mission to feed hungry people and improve the living situations of our neighbors. Our church has committed to help by supplying easily accessible food, such as peanut butter, canned meats, noodles, rice, and other non-perishables that won't freeze. Hygiene products, toilet paper and can openers are also needed. We help deliver these items to 5 different locations around town once a month. Please let Gina Greene know if you would like to make these rounds. Cliff Highnam cut pieces to replace a pantry that had

fallen apart & the young & young-at-heart helped paint them a marvelous purple! Thanks to all who participated and, especially, Tim Ahrens for setting up the dishes and drinks. Our next potluck will be 3/26 with Greg Hoekstra in charge.

~ Laurie Allbaugh



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. Your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. The OGHS offering will be collected on March 19th.

JOYCE GAULT PIANO CONCERT SERIES

This series is hosted annually and celebrates exceptional piano concerts offered by UNI faculty and guest artists, in honor of former faculty pianist Joyce Gault. This year's series includes:

Faculty Recital: Korey Barrett, piano & Sean Botkin, piano - March 9, 2023 at 8 p.m.

Faculty Recital: Sean Botkin, piano - March 20, 2023 at 8 p.m.

Faculty Recital: Vakhtang Kodanashvili, piano - March 28, 2023 at 8 p.m.

Guest Recital: Kristín Jónína Taylor, piano - April 20, 2023 at 6 p.m.

All Recitals will be in Davis Hall in the
Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center





**MEGAN GREY FEATURED WITH
WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Megan Grey, who served as section leader for our chancel choir and played in our Touch of Brass Bell Choir will be featured with the Waterloo Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra **this Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the GBPAC Great Hall at UNI:**

CONCERT: MAHLER, SHOSTAKOVICH 5, AND UNI MUSICIANS

A celebration of Cedar Valley talent featuring Megan Esther Grey singing Mahler, a new work by UNI composer Jon Schwabe, and an inspiring side-by-side performance of Shostakovich 5 with Northern Iowa Symphony.

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