

# First Congregational UCC

## TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends  
March 6, 2024



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

## PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Abbie Chronister for her message last Sunday, and to Seth Chronister for serving as worship leader and to Cliff Highnam & Archie for providing the mini message.



Unfortunately, the video of the service did not come through but you can still listen to the audio of the service by clicking on the picture of Abbie.



This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Brad Braley to our pulpit. Gina Greene will be our worship leader and Paul Greene will provide the mini-message (Communion will be held this Sunday).

**POTLUCK  
WITH A  
PURPOSE**

**Join us this Sunday, March 10th following the morning Worship Service.**

We will hear updates from Growing Minds Early Learning Center (previously Grin & Grow.) Please bring a dish to share and your own tableware if able.

If you'd like to provide a salad or dessert call/text 319-504-3212.

## TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for our Search & Call committee as they continue our holy work.
- ~ Prayers for our Director of Music, Luke Overton who is recovering from the flu.
- ~ Prayers for Robert Dew who is suffering from blood clots in his legs.
- ~ Seth Chronister's great aunt passed away and we ask for prayers of peace for their family.
- ~ Happy birthday to David Greene who will be 99 years young on March 8th. He loves mail and cards!
- ~ Craig Jensen would like to express his thanks for all the prayers and cards as he is recovering from a knee replacement.
- ~ Teri Graham would also like to express her thanks for all the prayers and cards as she has been suffering through back, knee & foot pain. She has had two injections in her back and knees which has helped the pain considerably but her feet will take a while to feel better.

## FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING



On February 27th we bagged oatmeal and sorted canned and packaged goods for distribution. We will be at the Food Bank again next Tuesday, March 12th from 6-8pm. Come join us! We know how to have a good time!

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour) before going to bed this Saturday, March 9th as Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th.

## TRUSTEE MEETING

Please note the next Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th  
(This is the 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

## YOUTH NEWS

Youth are invited to join us here at First Congregational at 5:30pm tonight, March 6th for dinner and youth group. The next youth group will then meet on March 27th.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

Don Pedro Antonio Maldonado lives in the countryside of Honduras where he works on his crops and coffee plantations. In 2019, when the pandemic lockdown happened, it was difficult for Don Pedro and his family to access food and supplies needed to maintain their harvests. His wife even suggested she leave for the U.S. to find employment and help make ends meet. Despite their challenges, Don Pedro and his wife decided they would hold on to their deep faith and stay together in Honduras.

Following this decision, they received the blessing they had been hoping for when Church World Service (CWS) with funding assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) invited them to participate in a food security program. Pedro received chickens, a piglet, sheep, and a cow. He was given intense training in caring for these animals. He also learned how to start a vegetable garden.

Today, Don Pedro invites his neighbors to his home to share what he is doing. He says, "I teach them by doing the job, not just giving them theory. They see that if I can do it, our community, which faces limitations, can do it too." He added that since joining the program, his family has made a good income that will allow them to maintain a happy life together in their country. Don Pedro credits all of his success to God. His gratitude and desire to share these blessings makes him a blessing to the rest of his community. His family can stay planted where they are and share the light in their community.

*Your contributions this Sunday make  
Don Pedro's good work possible.*

Please mark OGHS on your check and place in the offering plate or mail to the office.



# ANNUAL SPRING CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

## Date/Time

**Saturday, April 13, 9 am until 10:30 am**

## Location

**Royal Legacy Christian Academy (formerly Sacred Heart School), 620 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Waterloo. The give-away will be held in the school gymnasium. Enter off of the W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. parking lot next to the school. Watch for signs.**

## Free To Those in Need

**Spring clothing from child to adult sizes and bedding will be available**

★ **Transportation home will be available for those who need it.**

**Sponsored by the Church Row Neighborhood Coalition**

**If you would like to donate to this give-away, please mark your calendar for the following drop-off dates:**

*(Drop off Items at Sacred Heart)*

- ~ Saturday, April 6, 3:30 to 4pm and 5 to 5:30pm at gym door off of Randolph parking lot.
- ~ Sunday, April 7, 7:45 to 8:15am and 10:15 to 10:45am at gym door off of Randolph parking lot
- ~ Tuesday, April 9, from 3 to 4pm at east door of school off of W 5<sup>th</sup> St
- ~ Wednesday, April 10, from 9:30 to 10:30am at east door of school off of W 5<sup>th</sup> St
- ~ Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 6pm at east door of school off of W 5<sup>th</sup> St
- ~ Friday, April 12, from 9am to 1pm at east door of school off of W 5<sup>th</sup> St (during sorting of clothing/bedding)



The Job Foundation has 21 middle schoolers this school year and they are asking for our help to fund their Job Store. The Job Store is the reward to their 6th through 8th graders as they attend their financial lessons each week during the school year. They receive "Job Bucks" aka Monopoly money based on their participation, behavior, respect shown, etc. At the end of each quarter they get to spend their earned "Job Bucks" at the Job Store. The next Job Store is happening soon and they are looking to stock the following items:

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Taki's snacks   | Fake Fingernails              | Blankets               |
| King Size Candy | Finger nail stickers / polish | Snack Cakes            |
| Soccer Balls    | Hair accessories / brushes    | Personal Care products |
| Basketballs     | Bracelets (any kind)          | Flashlights            |
| Footballs       | Make-Up                       | Card / Board Games     |

**Please bring any donations to the church by March 17th.** They take used items as well in good shape.



### Time to order your Easter Lilies...

Please place your orders by March 18th.

PRICE: \$ 14.00 each

Please make checks payable to First Congregational UCC. You may mail your check and this order form to the church, place them in the offering plate on Sunday or call the church office at 234-8927 or email Michelle at [fcuccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcuccoffice@gmail.com) to place your order(s).  
Easter Lilies can be picked up after the Easter worship service on March 31st.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number ordered: \_\_\_\_ x \$14.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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