

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
March 27, 2024



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



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Amy Wiles for her message on Palm Sunday and to Greg Holt for serving as worship leader mini-message provider.

**You can watch the service by clicking
on the picture of Rev. Wiles.**

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Janice Springer to our pulpit for our Easter Sunday Worship. Paul Greene will serve as worship leader and Diane Highnam will provide the mini-message.



Remaining Holy Week Schedule

March 28 - **Maundy Thursday**
Simple Soup Supper 6:15pm
Service 7:00pm

March 29 - **Good Friday Service** 6:00pm
at Waterloo First United Methodist
(Please note this is a change of the original time.)

March 31 - **Easter Sunday** (No Sunday School)
Easter Egg Hunt 9:45am
Worship Service 10:30am



Funeral Service for Hildegard Larsen

The funeral for Hildegard Larsen will be here at FCUCC on Friday April 5th at 10am with visitation an hour before the service. You can read her full obituary here:

<https://www.hagartywaychoffgrarup.com/obituaries/Hildegard-C-Larsen?obId=31052138>



SPRING PANTRY NEEDS

Almost 14% or about 19,000 people are food insecure in Blackhawk County. A special thanks to each of you for making a difference by bringing in goods for the pantry. Specific items needed include cereal, shelf stable milk, snacks, canned fruits and vegetables.

It takes a team. A special thanks to Marcia Johnson and Kay Thuesen for filling the pantries last Friday.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Northeast Iowa Food Bank needs our help on the following Tuesday evenings: April 30, May 28, and June 11th! We'll meet at the Food Bank at 6:00 and be finished up by 8:00! If you're able, let's plan to meet for supper in Lincoln Park (downtown Waterloo) at 5:00 each night before going to the Food Bank! Bring your brown bag supper and drink and enjoy the spring evenings together. Contact Diane or Michelle in the church office if you'd like to sign up!

YOUTH NEWS

The collaborative youth group will meet on Wed., March 27th here at First Congregational at 5:30pm.



The Collaborative Youth Group has been challenged to an envelope fundraiser. Each participating church has an envelope board with envelopes numbered 1 to 100. If all envelopes are filled we could raise a little over \$5,000!

There are many activities this summer that the Youth will get to participate in that these funds will be used for - - such as going to The Falls water park, Get Air trampoline park and a trip to Minneapolis visiting the Mall of America.

The envelope board will be in the Library the next two Sundays. Please turn in your envelopes to the office with your check made out to FCUCC or place in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for your consideration in participating with this fundraiser!!

IMMERSE COURSE

You can still join! The class began on March 19th for 8 Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1pm here at FCUCC. If you are interested in learning more contact Jenna Petersen at jpetersen@webuildhabitat.org or 319-235-9946.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The week starting April 2 we will be delivering Church Row newsletters to the neighborhood. This will allow time to advertise the clothing giveaway. Please let Mary Potter (319-939-2753) know if you can help deliver.

NAMI PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free 8-week mental health and wellness class led by trained peers for people with mental health conditions to help with their recovery.

The course will be held on Thursdays from 6 to 8 pm from April 18th through June 6th at FCUCC. Call Leslie Cohn, NAMI director, at 319-830-6448 or email namibh@qwestoffice.net if you have questions or want to register. **Deadline to register is Wed., April 3, 2024.**

UPCOMING CONCERTS

First Congregational has been chosen by Cedar Valley Chamber Music to host two free concerts this spring! Save the dates--plan to attend and bring your friends!

On Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. "Beyond Debussy: A Program Exploring the Diverse Legacy of Claude Debussy" will feature Hannah Porter Ocoña on flute and Josh Graham on marimba/percussion.

On Friday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. "A Triptych in Music" will feature Nash Ryder on violin and Sean Botkin on piano.

NEW PARAMENTS

This Sunday, we will be inaugurating new white paraments for our Pulpit, Lectern, and Altar. White paraments are used during the season of Easter, Christmas, and Epiphany. The ones for the pulpit and lectern are donated in loving memory of Marlys Tandy by her daughters Linda and Sara. The altar piece is a gift from the memorial committee. We are looking forward to Linda and Sara joining us for a worship service in the next few weeks to celebrate these beautiful additions to our sanctuary.

BOOK READ



Code for the Zoom Link

Join Waterloo Human Rights Commission at their Book Read every Tuesday in April from 6:00-7:30pm. For more information please contact nancy.culpepper@waterloo-ia.org.



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
** The Coffee & Prayer Walk starts at FCUCC every Tuesday at 10am.		7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn ** 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk 11:30am Immerse 8-week Course	3-4:30pm Job Foundation	5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir	Hildegard Larsen 9:00am Visitation 10:00am Funeral	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:15 Adult Study 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	5:30pm Job Foundation	7pm Common Meeting	5:30pm NAMI Board Meeting 7:00pm NAMI Presentation	5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir		9am - Women's Breakfast 7pm - Concert <i>Beyond Debussy</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				
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Birthdays

5 Kaylee Holt	19 Harper Corson	23 Scott Driver
8 Sarah Lauterbach	20 Erinn Lauterbach	24 Alice Schneider Sadie Grace Kleitsch
10 Jeff Essmann	21 Tim Ensworth Tim Lind Ross Martens	26 Keith Jorgensen
12 Janice Akin	22 Albert McFadden Rich Thuesen	27 Beth Lauterbach John W. Stevens
14 Lucas Greene		28 Tristan Holt
17 Anna Kendall		

Anniversaries

4 Kurt & Margaret Kaliban
29 Kyle & Kari Lindaman

PLEASE NOTE:

The Office will be closed from Friday, April 12th through Tuesday, April 16th.



HOSTS

REDEEMPTIVE COMPASSION *Conference*



Guest Speaker, Author,
and Nationally Known
Nonprofit Leader

LOIS TUPYI



APRIL 6TH, 2024

OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND LEARN THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE
OF LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

SCAN QR CODE ABOVE TO SIGN UP!

OR CONTACT LOVE INC OF THE CEDAR VALLEY

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PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 1ST



**SUNDAY
APRIL 7**

6:30PM
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**LGBTQ
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PRESENTED BY

Colby Martin

AUTHOR OF
UNCLOBBER & THE SHIFT





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. 5th St, Waterloo. The give-away will be held in the school gymnasium. Enter off of the W. 5th 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

If you would like to donate to this give-away, here are the following drop-off dates:

(Drop off Items at Sacred Heart)

- ~ April 6 & 7th before or after Masses at gym door - Randolph parking lot
- ~ April 9, from 3 to 4pm, April 10 from 9:30 to 10:30am & April 11 from 5 to 6pm at east door of school off of W 5th St
- ~ April 12, from 9am to 1pm at the gym - Randolph parking lot (during sorting of clothing/bedding)

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

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