

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends

March 29, 2023

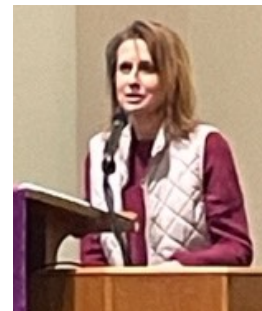
No matter who you are or where you are on Life's journey, you are welcome here!



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PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Jenny Nelson, Executive Director of LoveINC, who gave the message during worship and presented information about her organization at the Potluck with a Purpose. We are one of 41 churches partnering with LoveINC. Their mission statement is "We mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ because we envision a world where Christian churches are united in purpose and fully engaged in actively living out their faith by lovingly serving people in need in their communities." Thank you to Abbie Chronister for serving as worship leader and Gina Greene for her mini-message.



This Sunday is Palm Sunday and we welcome Rev. Pat Geadelmann back to our pulpit with the message "Hosanna and Heartache". Anne Hoekstra will serve as worship leader, and Keith Jorgensen will present the mini-message. We will celebrate this special day in the life of the church with Palms and communion.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2: 10:30am - Palm Sunday

(We invite our young people, and those young at heart, to join in the procession of palms during our opening hymn this Sunday.)

Thursday, April 6: 6:15pm - Meal of Soup and Bread
7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

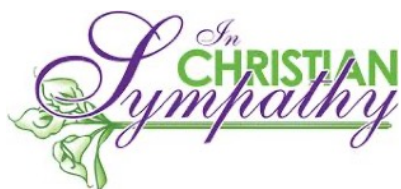
Friday, April 7: 7:00pm - Good Friday Service *(at Kimball United Methodist Church)*

(The combined youth group representing First Congregational, First United Methodist, Kimball Ave. Methodist, and First Baptist will be leading the service.

Luke Overton will be directing an ecumenical choir from these churches for special music.)

Sunday, April 9: 9:45-10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt
10:30am - Easter Sunday Worship

- ~ Prayers for Diana Paige who has returned home following her near surgery at U of IA Hospitals and will continue her rehabilitation at home.
- ~ Prayers for Heather, Karen Dew's daughter, who had shoulder surgery this week.
- ~ Prayers for Richard Cook who is scheduled for a heart ablation on April 4th.
- ~ Prayers for John Mardis who has returned home and continues to recuperate from his treatment.
- ~ Prayers for Lois Johnson who is recovering from injuries sustained in a fall.
- ~ Prayers for Bonnie Bessman who is also recovering from injuries from a fall.



Our condolences to the family of Peter Blankenfeld who passed away Saturday morning, March 25. The funeral will be Saturday, April 1st at 2:30 p.m. here at First Congregational. Visitation is Friday March 31st from 4 PM to 6 PM. Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup is in charge of the arrangements.

WORKSHOP CONFERENCE

Rev. Janice Springer will be leading her workshop , "I Know We're All Welcome at the Table, But Do I Have to Sit Next to You?," this Saturday, April 1, in the chapel from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (*Note that the workshop was shortened so folks can attend Peter Blankenfeld's funeral later that afternoon.*) Lunch will be provided. If you would still like to register, please let Anne Hoekstra or Michelle Wolfe know.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School continues at 9:15am in the Friendship Room for discussion of chapter 8, "Richard Rodriguez" in Listening for God. This will complete our study of this book. We will begin a new study on April 16. More information to follow. Please let Michelle know if you are interested in joining the next session.

BONNIE RICKERT MEMORIAL

Just a reminder that the memorial service for Bonnie Rickert will be Sat., April 22nd at 11am.

SUMMER SERMONS?

Summer will be here before we know it. If you would like to present a sermon during this season, please let Anne Hoekstra or Michelle in the office know. We appreciate our own congregation and what they have to share.

YOUTH EVENTS

- March 29: **Wednesday youth night.** Youth group will be held at Waterloo First United Methodist Church from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- April 7: **Good Friday Youth Service.** All churches involved with the youth group will gather at Kimball Ave United Methodist Church for Good Friday service at 7pm.

RESCHEDULED CONCERT

Vakhtang Kodanashvili's concert has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, May 2 at 8:00 p.m.** in Davis Hall at the GBPAC. This series celebrates exceptional piano concerts offered by UNI faculty and guest artists, in honor of former faculty pianist Joyce Gault.

ANNUAL SPRING CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

See flyer in this week's Tidings regarding the give-away and volunteer opportunities.

GETTING AHEAD CLASS

The Church coalition will be serving a meal at the May 11th, 5pm class. If you would like to provide a salad or dessert or volunteer at the event please contact Laurie Allbaugh at 319-504-3212.



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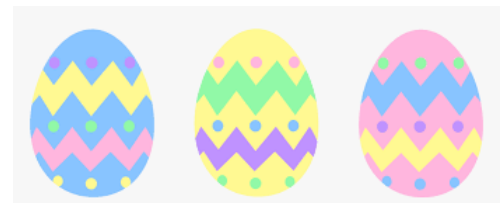
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am - Workshop 2:30pm - Funeral for Peter Blankenfeld
2 10:30 Worship Palm Sunday	3 6:30pm Job Foundation Senior Lesson	4 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn)	5 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson	6 8:15 Prayer Walk 7pm Maunder Thursday Service with Simple Soup Supper preceding	7 7pm Good Friday Service (Kimball United Methodist Church)	8 9am - Women's Breakfast 12pm - Girl Scouts
9 10:30 Worship Easter Sunday	10	11 7:00pm Common Meeting	12 7:00 pm NAMI Presentation	13 8:15 Prayer Walk 5:15pm Bells 6:00pm NAMI 6:45pm Choir	14	15
16 10:30 Worship	17 6:30pm Job Foundation H.S. Lesson	18 7:30am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn)	19 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson	20 8:15 Prayer Walk 5:15pm Bells 6:00pm NAMI 6:45pm Choir	21	22 11am - Memorial Service for Bonnie Rickert
23/30 10:30 Worship	24	25	26 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson	27 8:15 Prayer Walk 5:15pm Bells 6:00pm NAMI 6:45pm Choir	28 (Office Closed)	29

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

4 Kurt & Margaret Kaliban
29 Kyle & Kari Lindaman



Holy Week Event - Apr. 3-8

7 Churches Unite to read the *New Testament*

11:00am to 2:00pm each day

Recapturing a Love for Public Scripture Reading



Schedule of the readings - public is welcome

Mon., April 3: First Baptist : 434 Baltimore Street, WL - **Matthew** thru **Mark 9**
firstbaptistwaterloo.org

Tue., April 4: First United Methodist, 718 Clay Street, CF - **Mark 10** thru **Luke 22**
aboutfirst.com

Wed., April 5: Cedar Heights Presbyterian, 2015 Rainbow Drive, CF - **Luke 23** thru **Acts 10**
cedarheightspres.org

Thur., April 6: St. John's Lutheran, 715 College Street, CF - **Acts 11** thru **1 Corinthians 9**
stjohncf.org

Fri., April 7: Jubilee UMC Freedom Center, 1641 East 4th Street, WL - **1 Corinthians 10** - **Titus**
jubileeumc.com

Sat., April 8: Cedar Valley Church, 3520 Ansborough Ave, WL - **Philemon** thru **Revelation**
cedarvalleychurch.net

Livestream available to watch from any participating church website or on
First Congregational UCC, Waterloo (firstcongucc.org) Facebook page

Call (319) 234-8927 For more information



ANNUAL SPRING CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

Date/Time

***Saturday, April 22
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 on the north
side of the school. Watch for signs.***

Free To Those in Need

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

**Sponsored by the Church Row Neighborhood
Coalition**

*** * * VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES * * ***

- ~ Donated Clothing (and towels) can be brought to the church foyer anytime or delivered to Sacred Heart the week before April 22nd.
- ~ Volunteers are needed to help sort on Friday, April 21st from 9am to 3pm and also to help work the give-away on the 22nd at Sacred Heart.

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

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****LAST CHANCE** to place your Easter Lily order

Please place your orders by Friday, March 31st.

PRICE: \$ **14.00** each

Please make checks payable to First Congregational UCC. You may mail your check and this order form to the church or you can fill out an order form and drop it off in the church office by Friday. You may also call the church office at 234-8927 or email Michelle at fcuccoffice@gmail.com to place your order(s).

Easter Lilies can be picked up after the Easter worship service on April 9th.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total number ordered: ____ x \$14.00 = _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____