

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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March 30, 2022



WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME FOR UKRAINE AND THE WORLD

Join us in our church's sanctuary Wednesdays (March 30, April 6 and 13) during Lent for prayers for Ukraine and the world. A quiet space for prayer and reflection will be available 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Printed prayers will be available. Come and go and your schedule allows. If you have any questions contact Evie Waack.

If you are not able to stop by church, here is a prayer you could offer from wherever you are:

Prayer for Peace

How do we pray for peace from half a world away?
How can words salve and soothe real wounds,
Assuage real fears, Wipe tears from real eyes?
God of endless compassion, transform our prayers
From words into bridges, that span the distances
Between us, uniting our hearts in yours.
Every time we turn our keys in a lock,
May we remember all who are losing their homes.
Every time we step into our cars,
May we remember all who are having to flee.
Every time we embrace our children,
May we remember all who are trying to shield theirs from war.
May our besieged sisters and brothers
Be drawn into the arms of the suffering Christ,
And may our cry be heard as one voice,
Ringing out from every corner of the earth:
God of endless mercy, grant us peace.
Amen.

- *Camron Bellm (JRS USA)*





Holy Week Schedule

April 10--Palm Sunday with a Procession of Palms, 10:30 a.m.

April 14--Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm Communion and Tenebrae Service

There will be a simple soup supper in the basement of bread and soup at 6:15 before the service. Please gather together as we remember the last meal Jesus had in community with his disciples.

April 15--Good Friday Service, noon, sanctuary; a simple service of readings, prayer, and song.

April 17--Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to an Easter egg hunt prior to the service.

COMMON MEETING

The April common meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm. This is for all board/committee members.

THANK YOU

We thank Rev. Bret Myers for his work with us this last year and a half. He began his service with First Congregational UCC as "designated term interim pastor" on August 1, 2020. We wish him the best as he seeks new ventures. If you would like to send him a note or card of thanks and best wishes, you may send them to

*Rev. Bret Myers
111 Pleasant Drive
La Porte City IA 50651*



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that FCUCC has again been given a tuition grant from the Donna Koweil Scholarship Fund.

The intention is for current college students who are members of FCUCC and have successfully completed at least one year of schooling.

Preference will be given to those students who are pursuing a nursing degree.

Deadline to submit an application is April 30th.

Please contact Michelle in the office for more information or an application.



Youth Group: will take place this Wednesday, March 30th from 6pm-7pm!

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School (VBS) is happening this summer! It will take place in the evenings of July 11th-14th and there will be a meal provided. We are partnering with many local churches to put together an

AWESOME week! The program will be designed for youth PreK-5th grades, and we welcome any youth older than that to come and help out in a variety of capacities. Want to volunteer? Help plan? Let Youth Director Abbie know!

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS:



Many Ways to Make a Difference Each Month!

You can make a difference this month by giving brooms, mops, buckets, and sponges! Our partner churches, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Grace Baptist Church, offer appointments each week to individuals and families who are lacking necessary cleaning essentials. Help us keep their brooms, mops, buckets, and sponges in stock as they generously serve the Cedar Valley! All donations can be dropped off at church in the foyer on Sunday or brought to the Love INC office - 2603 Rainbow Dr., Suite 2, Cedar Falls. You can also make a financial gift to purchase these cleaning supplies.



Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering was received last Sunday.

Thank you to the great response! We have received over \$900 so far! It's not too late to give! Michelle will be mailing the check to our UCC Conference next week so if you would like to make a donation, please bring it to the church this week or place it in an offering plate on Sunday.

Thank you again for such wonderful support of the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.



April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	4	5 7:30am - Men's Breakfast (Village Inn-W'loo) 5:30pm - NAMI	6 6:00 - Youth Group 6:00 - NAMI Family to Family Class	7 5:15 - Bells 6:45 - Choir	8	9
10 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Palm Sunday	11 4pm - 6pm Job Foundation	12 7:00 Common Mtg	13 6:00 - Youth Group 6:00 - NAMI Family to Family Class	14 Soup Supper 7:00 - Maundy Thursday Service	15 12:00 - Good Friday Service	16
17 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship Easter Sunday	18	19 7:30am - Men's Breakfast (Village Inn-W'loo)	20 6:00 - Youth Group 6:00 - NAMI Family to Family Class	21 5:15 - Bells 6:45 - Choir	22	23
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Abbie Gone @ Youth Conference in Atlanta						

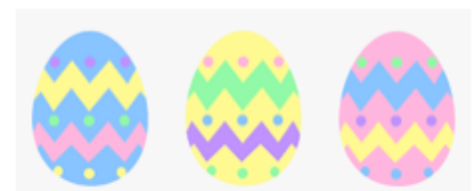
Birthdays

5 Kaylee Holt 6 Marlys Tandy 7 Noah O'Connell Sophia Lara 8 Sarah Lauterbach 9 Peter Blankenfeld 10 Jeff Essmann 12 Janice Akin	14 Lucas Greene 17 Anna Kendall 19 Harper Corson 20 Erinn Lauterbach 21 Tim Ensworth Tim Lind Ross Martens 22 Albert McFadden Rich Thuesen
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23 Scott Driver 24 Alice Schneider Sadie Grace Kleitsch 26 Keith Jorgensen 27 Beth Lauterbach John W. Stevens 28 Tristan Holt 29 Collene Peirce
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Anniversaries

4 Kurt & Margaret Kaliban 26 Rick & Julie Kiefer 29 Kyle & Kari Lindaman
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Time to order your Easter Lilies...

You still have time to order! Deadline has been extended to April 10th.

PRICE: \$ **12.50** 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 (available in the library) and place it in the offering plate with your check on Sunday. 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 17th.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total number ordered: ____ x \$12.50 = _____

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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