

# First Congregational UCC

## TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our  
church family and friends  
April 5, 2023



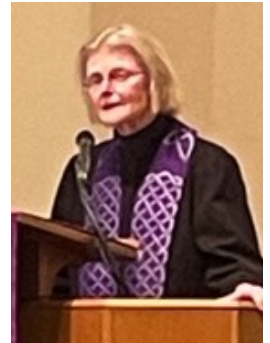
*No matter who you are or where you are on Life's journey, you are welcome here!*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday was a meaningful celebration of the beginning of Holy Week, with a procession of palms, organ improvisations by Hudson in honor of Lynette Doepke, and flowers on the altar in honor of Peter Blankenfeld. Rev. Pat Geadelmann was at the pulpit, helping us frame this most holy week in the church calendar.



Thursday will be our Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper and Tenebrae service, led by Rev. Jim Altenbaumer. On Friday, we will join our brothers and sisters in Christ at Kimball United Methodist Church for an ecumenical service led by the youth from our church and our neighbor churches. Luke Overton will conduct a combined choir from the area churches. Both services will be at 7:00 pm.



Easter Sunday's celebration will be led by Rev. Brad Braley. Both Touch of Brass Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir will be participating. Worship leader is Diane Highnam, and Gina Greene will be presenting the mini message.



Please mark Sunday, April 23rd after church on your calendar for lunch with Jenna Peterson from Habitat for Humanity, who has agreed to talk about the "next step" after their neighborhood survey and their invitation to partner with nonprofits and churches to serve various needs in Church Row. If possible bring food to share and your own table service. Hope to see you there!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School will not be meeting this week. If you would like to participate in the next class, planned to begin on April 16, please let the church office or Anne Hoekstra know.

### PRAYERS FOR...

- ~ Roger Lane who had an emergency appendectomy and is expected to go home today.
- ~ Richard Cook, who underwent a heart ablation on Tuesday.

### FUNERAL LUNCHEON THANK YOU!

Thank you, thank you, to all of you that furnished or worked (or both!) at Pete Blankenfeld's funeral luncheon Saturday! We have an awesome, giving church family! Big Hugs,

~ Nancy Mahood

### 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.

## COMMON MEETING

We want everyone who would like to go to Lauren Leman's masters vocal recital next Tuesday to be able to attend so we will not have a joint meeting in the sanctuary on April 11th. Boards can still decide to meet that evening at the church or schedule a different time to meet.

### BONNIE RICKERT MEMORIAL

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



### Janice Springer's Saturday Workshop Pictures:



# 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](http://firstbaptistwaterloo.org)

**Tue., April 4: First United Methodist**, 718 Clay Street, CF - **Mark 10** thru **Luke 22**  
[aboutfirst.com](http://aboutfirst.com)

**Wed., April 5: Cedar Heights Presbyterian**, 2015 Rainbow Drive, CF - **Luke 23** thru **Acts 10**  
[cedarheightspres.org](http://cedarheightspres.org)

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

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

**Sat., April 8: Cedar Valley Church**, 3520 Ansborough Ave, WL - **Philemon** thru **Revelation**  
[cedarvalleychurch.net](http://cedarvalleychurch.net)

Livestream available to watch from any participating church website or on  
**First Congregational UCC, Waterloo ([firstcongucc.org](http://firstcongucc.org)) Facebook page**

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[https://wfcourier.com/news/local/churches-collaborate-on-live-readings-of-new-testament-in-six-days/article\\_3ce7c2e4-5162-5ce9-a3f1-95b23842e412.html?utm\\_source=wfcourier.com&utm\\_campaign=newsletter-templates/news-alert&utm\\_medium=PostUp&utm\\_content=2990013&utm\\_email\\_eh1=4079986f94905b1f10f8915fe31c434ad9324706](https://wfcourier.com/news/local/churches-collaborate-on-live-readings-of-new-testament-in-six-days/article_3ce7c2e4-5162-5ce9-a3f1-95b23842e412.html?utm_source=wfcourier.com&utm_campaign=newsletter-templates/news-alert&utm_medium=PostUp&utm_content=2990013&utm_email_eh1=4079986f94905b1f10f8915fe31c434ad9324706)



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**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 also 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

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

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