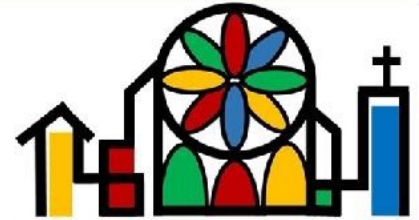


First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends

April 19, 2023



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



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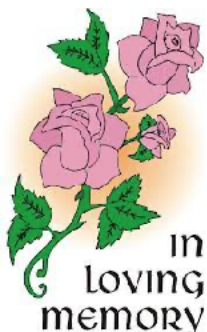
Thank you to Rev. Brad Braley for his message this past Sunday, to Gina Greene for serving as worship leader and to Diane Highnam for her mini message.

This Sunday we welcome back Rev. Jim Altenbaumer to our pulpit. Abbie Chronister will serve as worship leader, and Kay Leary will be providing the mini message.

We recently shut down the boiler for the year so it may be a little chilly in the sanctuary this Sunday so please bring a heavier coat to keep you warm.

POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

This Sunday, April 23rd after church is the next Potluck with a Purpose. Jenna Peterson from Habitat for Humanity, will be here 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!



BONNIE RICKERT MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service to celebrate Bonnie Rickert's life is this Saturday, April 22nd at 11am here at First Congregational UCC. There will be time to visit with the family prior to the service. The family invites you to a luncheon following the service downstairs.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our book, Inspired by Rachel Held Evans arrived. We will discuss up through Chapter One, through page 28. Let Anne Hoekstra or Michelle Wolfe know if you would like a book and/or a Zoom link to join our discussion at 9:15 a.m. We will meet in the Friendship Room. All are welcome!

PRAYERS FOR...

~ Greg Wolfe, who is the husband of our office manager, Michelle, who has been hospitalized following complications from his back surgery last week. We pray he has a full recovery.

~ Bonnie Rickert's family for comfort and safety as they travel here for the memorial service.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

April Event: We are going to Laser Tag at Cadillac Lanes on Saturday, April 22nd from 5pm to 7pm. (\$7.00 per person per round: 12 min per round. (Bring \$21.00)

April 19: Wednesday youth night will be at First Baptist Church from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
Youth Group Activities

OFFICE CLOSED AND NO TIDINGS

Please note that the office will be closed from Friday, April 28th through Friday May 5th. There will be **NO** Tidings the week of May 1st.

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. If you would like to present something, but aren't quite sure where to begin, there are many "helps" to assist. Just let us know!

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY

Heading to the store? Don't forget to pick up something for your neighbors to fill the food pantry. Mark 12: 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

If your cleaning includes a bookshelf, our Little Free Library on the corner of South & 4th Streets is always open for more contributions.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The Neighborhood newsletter delivery is through April 20. Each church is asked to provide volunteers to help. You can pick them up and sign up for a street to deliver at Mary Potter's office, 1416 W. 4th St. Her email is: felines34mary@yahoo.com; phone is: 319/939-2753 for more into.

Getting To Know You

GETTING TO KNOW:

CRAIG MAHOOD

I like music, reading, biking and spending time with friends. I have two special places that have been a very important part of my journey, New Melleray Abbey at Peosta, Iowa and Ring Lake Ranch in Dubios, Wyoming, which is 60 miles east of the Tetons. The photo of Nancy and me is the celebration of our 50th anniversary a few years ago! The other picture was taken on our visit to Iona, Scotland, with a group from First Congregational Church.



HOW CAN WE ASSIST YOU?



Each member of our flock is very important to us but sometimes during our search for a minister we feel like a flock without a shepherd. Please help us as a church family to assist YOU if we can. Please call the church office if you would like some assistance and we will get back to you.

Do you need a ride to a medical appointment? An extra hand at the store? An errand run? A visit? Also as a reminder we have some Memorial funds available through the Goodrich fund to support our seniors that need assistance. Need some help with cleaning, moving, repairs, meals, etc? Please ask!

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MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

SPRING CLEANING

Last chance to help our neighbors with clothes, bedding, towels and shoes as the give-away is this Saturday from 9 to 10:30 at Sacred Heart gym. Sorting will take place Friday from 9-2 if you'd like to help then as well. Items may be delivered there or to our church until Thursday. Large garbage leaf bags with ties are also requested for recipients to carry things home. If you'd like to help those walking by driving them, that is also an option.



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

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