

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
April 24, 2024



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



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. James Altenbaumer for his message last Sunday, to Barb Mardis for serving as worship leader and to Anne Hoekstra who provided the mini-message.

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



This Sunday we welcome back Abbie Chronister to the pulpit for Mental Health Sunday. Kay Thuesen will serve as worship leader and Greg Hoekstra will provide the mini-message.

NORTH EAST IOWA ASSOCIATION MEETING



April 27, 10:00am, Osage UCC
(630 State St., Osage, IA 50461)

(See more information on next page)

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

The pantry shelves will be quite empty after delivery this Friday. Items needed include canned soups and meals, potato flakes and pancake mix, cereal, canned fruits, vegetables, and pasta, peanut butter, and shelf stable milk.

A big thank you to Anne Hoekstra for delivering our pantry items this week. A big thank you also to everyone for pitching in to fill the shelves.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

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The Northeast Association Board in conjunction with the Committee on Ministry is calling our Church bodies together for our Spring Annual meeting and Ecclesiastical Council.

This will be a hybrid event. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Dixie Laube at 612-812-7942.

Here is the Zoom Link for those unable to attend:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5221540645?
pwd=RFRqZ29xa0FieldSS2pXY21jKzBldz0
9&omn=85037340953](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5221540645?pwd=RFRqZ29xa0FieldSS2pXY21jKzBldz09&omn=85037340953)

Meeting ID: 522 154 0645

Passcode: 121275

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Our next date to volunteer at the Food Bank is next Tuesday, April 30th. If you're able, let's plan to meet for supper in Lincoln Park (downtown Waterloo) at 5:00pm before going to the Food Bank. Bring your brown bag supper and drink and enjoy the spring evening together! We will then head over to the Food Bank at 6pm. Contact Diane or Michelle in the church office if you'd like to sign up!

YOUTH NEWS

The collaborative youth group will meet at First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30pm.

UPCOMING CONCERT

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. "A Triptych in Music" will feature Nash Ryder on violin and Sean Botkin on piano. The concert will be held here at FCUCC and is free and open to the public.

LOVE INC DONATIONS

We are finishing up the month of April with Household Essentials Donations: Paper Towels, Garbage Bags, Toilet Paper, etc. For the month of May we will be collecting Gas Cards. Make sure the gas cards are for "fuel only." Increments of \$10 or \$20 are appreciated. You can drop off your April donations in the box dedicated to LoveINC in the Crossroads. If you do want to donate gas cards, please place them in the offering plate on Sunday or bring them to the office for safe keeping. Thank you in advance for your support!



FREE MONEY FOR YOUR EDUCATION!

Just a reminder that we have received another scholarship grant from the Donna Koweil Scholarship Fund. The intention of this scholarship is for current college students who have already completed at least one year of schooling. Preference will be given to those students who are pursuing a degree in the health field.

Deadline to submit an application is May 15th. Please contact Michelle in the office for more information or an application.



May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson	2 9am CVIC Mtg. 5:15pm Bells 6:00pm NAMI 6:45pm Choir	3	4
5 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Music Sunday Lunch Following Service	6	7 7:30 Men's Bkfst (Village Inn W'loo) ** 10:00 Coffee & Prayer Walk 11:30am Immerse 8-week Course	8 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson	9 5:15pm Bells 6:00pm NAMI 6:45pm Choir	10	11 9:00am Women's Bkfst (Perkins)
12 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Mother's Day	13 6:30pm Job Foundation Senior Lesson	14	15 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson 7:00pm NAMI	16 5:15pm Bells 6:00pm NAMI 6:45pm Choir	17 11:30 Social Action Meeting 7:00pm Chamber of Music Concert	18
19 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	20	21 7:30 Men's Bkfst (Village Inn W'loo) 6:00 Trustee Mtg.	22	23 5:15pm Bells 6:00pm NAMI 6:45pm Choir	24 <i>(Fill Neighborhood Pantries)</i>	25
26 10:30 Worship & Sunday School	27 Memorial Day (Office Closed)	28	29	30 6:00pm NAMI	31 Growing Minds Preschool Graduation	** The Coffee & Prayer Walk starts at FCUCC every Tuesday at 10am.

Birthdays

1 Lynne Zellhoefer	15 Jan Bernhard	24 Dorothy Brecunier
2 Roger Lane	Marie Kelch	25 Jayden Zellhoefer
4 Ed Dams	16 Jodi Casteel	26 Nathan Leary
Molly Bishop	Eli Lennox	Helen Swisher
Sam Koch	Abbie Chronister	27 Kyle Lindaman
7 Nancy Heinick	17 Sharon Holdiman	28 Brandon Casteel
Hudson Lourenço-Feld	20 Duane Franke	Eric Ellison
8 Dave Panicucci	Jesse Buck	31 Henry Ensworth
12 Josh Backens	23 Becky Martens	

Anniversaries

4 Todd & Becky Ellison
26 Brandon & Regan Casteel
27 Josh & Charlotte (Driver) Backens





HOW CAN WE ASSIST YOU?

Each member of First Congregational 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.

Would you like a visit or a call? Do you have a prayer request? 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!

Each member of our flock is so very important.

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

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