

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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June 15, 2022

**A GREAT TIME WAS HAD AT THE CHANCEL CHOIR / TOUCH OF BRASS ICE CREAM
SOCIAL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH!
THANK YOU TO THREE PINES FARM FOR HOSTING US!**



TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Collene Peirce has been experiencing health issues. She was hospitalized at Allen on Saturday and was to have her procedure to change the battery of her pacemaker yesterday afternoon. We pray for her as she recuperates.

~ Diane Blankenfeld Paige continues to improve, and is undergoing rehab to assist her with her memory.





Youth Director Office Hours: Through the summer, Abbie will host office hours Mondays and Tuesdays from 1pm-5pm. Come stop by! She has treats!

Childcare During Sunday Services: While we're in summer mode, we wanted to communicate that *childcare will be provided during Sunday Services (still following the Children's Message through the end of service, Communion Sundays children will come up to participate in Communion) ONLY for kids up to 5th grade.* We do this so that we can better provide a safe and meaningful environment for our youth that is moreso tailored to their developmental needs.

Wednesday Night Youth Group is on pause through the summer. **June Family and Youth Events** info is listed below and also on the [website!](#)

First Congregational Waterloo
Family and Youth Events

June

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
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05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Family

13 S'more and Nature Hike at George Wyth - Canfield Shelter (6pm-7pm)

28 DuckPin Bowling at Maple Lanes (6pm-7pm)

Up to Grade 5

Sundays Childcare during Worship from Children's Message to end of service (10:30am)

Middle School

07 Middle School Social Hour (3pm-4pm)

21 Middle School Social Hour (3pm-4pm)

High School

14 High School Social Hour (3pm-4pm)

28 High School Social Hour (3pm-4pm)

VBS Registration is LIVE!

Click [HERE](#) to register your student and click [HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer! If you would like a paper copy, please email abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com.

Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 11-14, 2022
5:00PM-7:30PM
 FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
 608 W. 4TH ST. WATERLOO, IA

Brought to you in partnership by First Baptist, First Congregational UCC, Kimball Ave. UMC, St. Timothy's UMC, Trinity American Lutheran, Waterloo First UMC and Zion Evangelical Lutheran churches.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS:

415 Walnut Collective invites local youth, families, and community leaders to a free public film screening and Q&A with filmmaker and fashion designer activist Andre Wright, a Waterloo native and owner of Wright House of Fashion. A Juneteenth celebration of black media, film, and artistic expression, Andre Wright will debut his award winning short-film "Black Liberation Space" on **Friday, June 24, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Waterloo Convention Center** (200 W. 4th Street). Immediately following the film premiere, the 415 Walnut Collective will moderate a public discussion with filmmaker Andre Wright and attendees.

BLACK LIBERATION SPACE

Juneteenth: Revealing Hidden Histories

Remembering the day that news of emancipation reached the last outpost of enslaved people in Texas, Juneteenth acknowledges God's sacred people of African descent. Sacred acknowledgment is recognition of birthplace—the cradle of civilization on the continent of Africa. Sacred acknowledgement is celebration of cultural expressions as first peoples, free people, multilingual, multiethnic, and multi-talented artisans, scientists, creators, builders, navigators, writers, thinkers, and orators. Sacred acknowledgement is remembering and honoring the generations of untold stories that are waiting to be revealed within these sacred bodies.



Amidst growing efforts to suppress the truths of our history, join the United Church of Christ for our Juneteenth 2022 Celebration as African and African American descendants—geniuses of spoken word and cultural oral traditions—reveal hidden histories so we might take up our roles in the unfolding story of God's liberating love. To register go to ucc.org and click the "events" tab. If you don't have access to zoom & would like to participate, please call 319-504-3212.

EVERY DONATION COUNTS

** The cleaning supplies contributed for May's Make a Difference Monthly at Love, INC were greatly appreciated! It takes a village!

** Thanks to all who contributed to the UCC Strengthen the Church fund. We raised \$66.00!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING

Early bird registration has launched!

We are so excited to be gathering again for Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) on October 9th-11th in Sioux City, IA.

Register now for the in-person form of the event at a discounted rate of \$195 per person. This rate is available until July 10th, at which point the regular registration will open at \$250 a person.

Having you at JAM matters to us! So that JAM is more financially accessible and to encourage a variety of church leaders to attend, we have provided several promo codes. Visit our registration page to learn more and see if you qualify for an extra discount!

View the registration form here - [JAM 2022 In-Person Registration Form](#)

Have questions about the event or need help registering?
Contact Aidan Spencer via email or phone at 515.421.0296.

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