

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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PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Celeste Bemby for ministering to us last Sunday! It was wonderful having her back with us at FCUCC!

We welcome back to our pulpit this Sunday, Rev. Jim Altenbaumer, retired pastor from the Cedar Falls UCC church. It has been a pleasure having him lead worship earlier this year, and we look forward to his sharing of the Word with us again.

On July 3, we will welcome Kathleen Marsh to our pulpit, our former Director of Youth now living in Cedar Rapids. Paul Greene will be leading worship on July 10. July 17 is still open, so if you have something you would like to share, please let Anne Hoekstra know!



Getting To
Know You

The Creative Ministries Board is sponsoring a new, monthly, feature in Tidings to help us to get to know more about each other! Would you be willing to share a paragraph about something you enjoy and a picture that represents it? What are your hobbies? What do you most

enjoy doing in your spare time? Where was your favorite vacation? Do you have a stuffed animal collection? Do you build models? Do you spend time working on your family tree?

Send your thoughts and picture(s) to Barb Mardis (via email barb.Mardis@uni.edu, postal mail or hand them to me at church) or they can be given to Michelle in the church office.

To get us started, John Mardis kindly "volunteered" to contribute for June. Read about his gardening hobby and please consider sharing something about YOU! Looking forward to re-meeting you all!

~ Barb Mardis

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Prayers for Collene Peirce, who is still in Allen Hospital following a heart procedure and treatment for other health issues.



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

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School and Church Space Usage: Just a reminder that we have VBS coming up July 11-14 in the evenings! For the safety of the children and youth, as well as for programmatic needs, **we ask that no other groups are utilizing the church building on July 11, 12, 13, or 14 from 3pm-8:30pm.** If you are planning to have a meeting in the church prior to 3:30pm, please be aware that most, if not all, of the meeting spaces will have decorations and/or other programmatic supplies. Please do not move these items. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Contact abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com with any questions.

VBS Donations: We are in need of donations for Vacation Bible School! If you would like to contribute disposable plates, cutlery, cups, and/or napkins, please bring those to the church (either during Sunday Service or Monday-Friday between 9am and 4pm. Contact Abbie (abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks in advance! :)

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!

GETTING TO KNOW. . . JOHN MARDIS

I enjoy gardening. I started because freshly picked vegetables are wonderful and otherwise hard to find. I have a strong bias toward good food. I soon learned to enjoy working outdoors, designing structures, and coming up with ways to deter rabbits. After fifty years, I am pleased with my progress! Everything we cannot use fresh, or freeze or can, gets taken to the food bank, so that even though we no longer require so much ourselves, I can still carry on with my hobby.

P.S. Over the years, we have saved zero money. All of our gains have been in satisfaction and good eating.



MEALS ON WHEELS - "HOW DO WE TEACH KIDS ABOUT HELPING OTHERS?..."

By enlisting them to take lunch to our neighbors!

If you have a child or grandchild you'd like to introduce to volunteering, we have an opening this Thursday from 10-12 with Meals on Wheels.

Please call Laurie Allbaugh at 319-504-3212 if interested!!

"POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE"

Please join your FCUCC friends for a potluck following worship on Sunday, July 10th downstairs. The Board of Social Causes and Justice are assisting LoveINC by collecting box fans for their dispersal. This is an opportunity to donate to those in need in our community, either with a fan or money, to those less fortunate. Donations are welcome but not obligatory. Bring your family and friends, and a dish to share. There's nothing better than a First C potluck! So come--for food, fellowship, fun, and mission.

PETER MIYAMOTO PIANO CONCERT - JULY 19TH AT 7PM

Pianist Peter Miyamoto will be performing a piano concert on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the church as part of the Cedar Valley Chamber Music Festival. He performed an outstanding program at First Congregational last year, and we are very grateful to have him return. The public is invited and this event is free.



ANNUAL UCC 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!

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

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TICKETS?

Megan Grey, who was in our choir as an alto section leader, will be singing with the Waterloo CF Symphony March 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm. It will be at the Gallagher Bluedorn. I know many already have season tickets, but for those that don't; let me know. I would like to get tickets asap. Anyone interested? Please contact me at ksnleary@gmail.com.



~ Kay Leary

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

10th Annual LoveINC Golf Tournament June 27th - 11:30am

Love INC partners local churches to provide tangible needs to the under-resourced in the Cedar Valley. Registration is \$100 per golfer.

Your foursome will enjoy lunch provided by Irv Warren Memorial Golf Course at 11:30 am. We'll follow lunch with an organized 12:30 p.m. shotgun start for an 18 hole round of best-shot golf. A prize will be awarded afterward to the winning group!

The festivities will include:

11:30 AM Registration/Lunch

12:30 PM Tee Off

Prizes awarded to the winning team, flight winners, and pin event winners. Please register at loveinccv.org or call 319-266-1264.



Picnic at Lafayette Park June 28th - 5:30pm

Love INC is hosting 4 picnics this summer as part of our Begin Now and After Begin Now Ministry. Please contact jenny.nelson@loveinccv.org for more information. We will have food, games, prizes and incentives. Feel free to invite your family and friends – all are welcome!"

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

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