

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 2, 2021

OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

We are meeting again this Sunday for outdoor worship at RiverLoop Amphitheatre for 10:30 worship! It's a great time to welcome summer vacation for the kids, and enjoy being together again! Please wear masks and respect social distancing. There will be no June picnic this year. We will miss this, but appreciate seeing each other in person!



~ Anne Hoekstra



WE ARE REOPENING!

We will resume worship in the sanctuary again on June 13 at 10:30 am! And the newly refurbished organ is back in place, ready for Hudson to play and for us to enjoy! It will be an exciting day, with more Sundays of togetherness to follow. Folks are reminded to wear masks and observe social distancing so that we can keep our most vulnerable folks safe. The service will also be live-streamed and recorded so that it is available to folks not able to be with us in person. We can't wait to see everyone again!

The **Common Meeting** on June 8, 7:00 p.m. will also occur in person. Committees will gather in the sanctuary for an informational meeting prior to adjourning to their respective committee meetings.

Speaking of reopening... You can now sign up again for Altar Flowers starting June 13th. Please let Michelle know if you would like to provide Altar Flowers for the June 13th service.

There will then be a sign-up for future Sundays after that outside the sanctuary. Flowers/plants can be from your garden or florist. It's nice to have the variety that our congregation offers. Please stop by and sign up to secure the special dates in your life!



TAKING CARE OF OUR FAMILY

- ~ Prayers for Maya, Henry and Lynette Doepke's great-granddaughter, who is undergoing tests following a seizure.
- ~ Prayers for Crosby Prescott as he recovers from a broken ankle
- ~ Prayers for Russ Towsley as he recovers from bladder cancer.
- ~ Prayers for Kathy Franke as she recovers from knee replacement Surgery

Thank You

The family of Shirley Mc Greevey wishes to thank Pastor Bret and our church family for the cards and kind words of sympathy at my mother's passing. She will truly be missed.

~ *Tim & Vicki Ahrens and family*

GRADUATES TO HONOR

Please submit names of your family members and loved ones who will be graduating this spring. We would like to acknowledge and honor them.



Please include their upcoming plans following graduation. Please submit this information to Michelle Wolfe so they can be acknowledged in Tidings (FCUCCoffice@gmail.com)

** EMILY HIGHNAM **

Emily graduated from the University of Dubuque with an elementary teaching degree. She will be teaching Elementary Science in Bettendorf next year.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DONNA SHERIDAN

A memorial service for Donna Sheridan will be held at the church, *this Saturday, June 5, at 11:00 a.m.*

Due to covid restraints, no luncheon will be held. Masks and social distancing are requested.



MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONTHLY

An idea each month for goods that will serve our neighbors in need. For June we are collecting laundry detergent, deodorant and body wash. These items can be brought to the church since we will be meeting in person starting on June 13th!

FURNITURE

We receive donations of quality furniture and used appliances in order to give them to households in need. We are very specific in the types of furniture and used appliances we receive and distribute.

Types of furniture and used appliances we consider:

- Couch - Full size or loveseat (*We don't accept hide-a-beds*)
- Dining table & chairs
- Bed
- Dresser
- Refrigerator
- Stove
- Washer & Dryer



LoveINC has delivery teams who pick up donations 2-3 times per month. They also have a warehouse where items can be delivered by appointment. If you have something you would like to donate, please call 319-266-1264 or email donations@loveinccv.org.

CLOTHING

Love INC and Stuff Etc. are partnered to be a resource for families in need of clothing and household items. You can help by donating items to Stuff Etc.

Once your items sell, Love INC will receive proceeds into an in-store line of credit. Love INC can then provide vouchers for our clients during their time of need to shop for just the right items.

See a recent story when one of our clients was blessed by our partnership with Stuff Etc. after they experienced a house fire:

We received a call from a family who lost everything in a recent house fire. After discovering how other agencies were helping this family during this tragic event, we asked if they could share with us their greatest unmet need.

We learned that the family with six children needed clothing. It was a difficult need for other agencies or organizations to meet because the children whose ages span from 14 to 2 are a wide variety of sizes.

Love INC and Stuff Etc. provided an opportunity for this family to shop for their clothing needs in one convenient stop. The mom shared how thankful she was for the love and prayers she received from Love INC during this very difficult time.

You can bring up to two totes full at a time to Stuff Etc. Just mention Love INC (or account #10580). Thank you for joining our efforts in sharing the hope and love of Christ when it's needed most!

First Congregational Youth Gatherings!

June 2021






ATTENTION YOUTH!

The following are days to keep on your radar, as we will be gathering outside of the church and having fun!

These dates are June 2, 9, 13, 23, and 27 all from 6pm-7pm!

Questions?

Contact Abbie at abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Create an endowment of love. Please consider including our church in your estate planning.

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