

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
July 12, 2023



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

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Pat Geadelmann for her message of "Life Giving Waters" last Sunday. She was assisted by Evie Waack and Gina Greene provided the mini message

This week, we welcome Abbie Chronister to the pulpit. Seth Chronister will be serving as worship leader and John Mardis will be providing the mini-message. Our scripture lesson for the day will be Luke 15:1-10, the parable about the lost sheep and lost coins.

SUMMER BREAK

During July, we take a break from our regularly scheduled Trustees and Common Meetings. Enjoy the break! The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled August 15, 6:00 p.m.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Hey, there Church Family! It's Food Bank time again! Sign up to help out at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank on Tuesday, July 18th from 6-8pm! If you've never volunteered there, give it a try. It's always good fellowship time ... and a great way to give back to our community! There are hungry families in the Cedar Valley and we can do our part to help out! Contact Michelle or Diane if you'd like to join this month!

TRINITY LUTHERAN JOB POSTING

Trinity American Lutheran Church (our across the street neighbor) currently has a janitor position open. This is a part-time position consisting of 15-20 hours per week. If you are interested or know someone who may want to earn extra money, we would encourage you to complete an application which can be obtained from the church secretary at Trinity during her regular office hours (Mon-Thurs. 9-3). This position would require 15-20 hours per week. Salary to be determined.





All Youth Hang Out!!

Calling all Youth! We will be hosting a hangout day. Come hang out with us and play different games, kickball, hangout with friends, etc. Did I mention there will be food????

“No Way! YWHW! (Ya way)”

What?: Hangout, Games, Kickball, Food, Ect.

When?: July 29th from 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Where?: Kimball Ave UMC & Miller Park

Who?: Collaborative Youth Ministry & Joining Youth

Why?: We Haven't Seen You In A While!

“Do I Need To Bring Anything”, Great Question. We will be outside playing at the park. It would be best to make sure you have a waterbottle and some sunscreen. Wear some comfy outside clothes and GOOD tennies shoes!

SCHEDULE:

3:00pm-3:30pm - Arrival/hangout @ Kimball Ave UMC

3:30pm-5:00pm - Walk over to Miller Park behind St. Eds Church. Play Kickball, hang out, run around

5:00pm-6:00pm - Walk back to Kimball Ave UMC, Eat food and discuss important information about the next and final summer event on August 5th. More games if extra time.

Getting To Know You

GETTING TO KNOW: GINA GREENE

I will start by saying this is not my “thing.” I really don’t like to talk about myself. But, here goes.

The Kid:

I was the second born and I grew up with 3 brothers in Bettendorf, Iowa. As a child I liked to dance, play outside, swim and I was a gymnast and played the flute.

The Mom:

I met Paul in 1974 when we were partnered as cheerleaders at Iowa State. We were married in 1975. Best partner ever! I graduated from Iowa State University in Textiles and Clothing but went on to spend my career as the Regional Coordinator for Early Intervention.



The best job I ever had was raising our 3 beautiful children- Lucas, Molly and Tyler. Tyler David Greene, 31, died November 10, 2021 after being struck by a car while out for a walk in his wheelchair. Tyler was full of love and compassion for others, especially those often trivialized by our society. It is important to me that we remember and keep his dreams alive.

The Grandma:

I retired in June, 2020.

My favorite thing to do currently is to spend time with family which now includes an additional son and daughter - Brian and Dora and 3 amazing grandchildren, Wesley 7, Zachary 5, and Ellison 3.

I am blessed to get to spend a couple days a week with them. I like to walk with friends, read, work in the yard, “play” at gardening, play outside in winter and summer and find things to do in the community. I have really enjoyed my new adventures in building with Habitat for Humanity.

I try to learn something new and do something positive and productive every day.





NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

~ *Join Us:* National Night Out is **August 1st from 6:30 - 8:00pm** in Washington Park. Hot dogs will be served in the tea house area. There will also be popcorn, games, bubbles, crafts and a chance to check out police & fire department vehicles. Invite all your friends & family for a fun time!

~ *Volunteers Needed:* You can help in many ways:

1. You can help deliver door hangers promoting National Night Out. They can be picked up at Mary Potter's office (1416 W. 4th St., W'loo) on Monday July 17. We are asking that they be delivered by Monday July 24 at the latest.
2. If you'd prefer not to stroll, but would like to help by contributing cookies or a watermelon cut into wedges.
3. Or you can volunteer to help on Tuesday, August 1 by arriving at First Congregational at 5:15 to help carry tables over to Washington Park or help during the event.

All help is most appreciated! Please call / text 319-504-3212 to help.

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