

# 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

We welcome to the pulpit this Sunday, Paul Prescott, who will be preaching "What Now?", assisted by Liz Thorpe, worship leader, Cliff Highnam, children's sermon, Lauren Leman, soloist, and Hudson Lourenco at the organ and YOU in the pews! See you Sunday!

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## LAST SUNDAY'S POTLUCK...

A big THANK YOU to Dylan Does from the Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity for coming to church, sharing a potluck meal, and talking to us about the great work being done in our own neighborhood. Church Row is currently involved in several Habitat renovations and he welcomed us to join their organization in a variety of ways. Check out their website at [WeBuildHabitat.org](http://WeBuildHabitat.org) or see Laurie Allbaugh for more information! A brochure is located on the bulletin

board by the front office! Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up the potluck and for all those who contributed several fans (*Fans can still be donated throughout July!*) and \$100 to LoveINC and \$150 to Habitat for Humanity last Sunday.



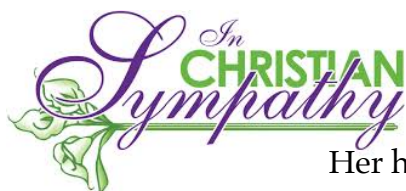
We also have a couple volunteers who'd like to work on houses and would love to grow into a larger FCC group! POTLUCKS with a PURPOSE is off to a great start!

~ Diane Highnam and Laurie Allbaugh

# TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

## Update on prayer requests:

- ~ Collene Peirce was able to return to her home following hospitalization and rehab on Saturday, July 9.
- ~ Diana Blankenfeld Paige continues to improve following her brain surgery.
- ~ We are grateful for your prayers—they matter. Please continue to pray for our search and call process as we seek our next spiritual leader.



We recently received word of the passing of **Bernice Garretson** on Wednesday, May 18th. Bernice and her husband, Leland "Dean" Garretson joined First Congregational Church in October of 1957.

Her husband died in 2009. You can read Bernice's full obituary here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/wfcourier/name/bernice-garretson-obituary?id=34899516>



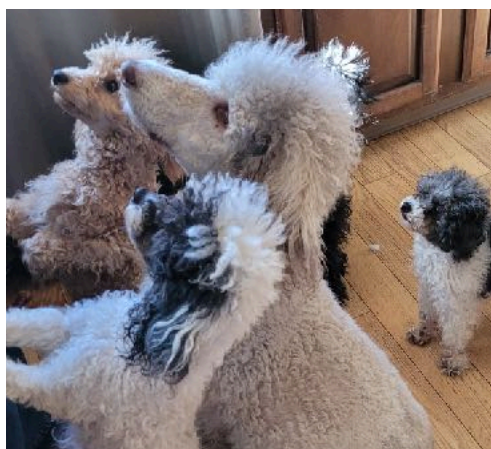
## ATTENTION TRUSTEES:

There will be a short Trustee meeting in the chapel after service this Sunday, July 17th. Please make every effort to attend.

## GETTING TO KNOW. . . NANCY MAHOOD

I love to bake (not a surprise) and really like to share with my church family as a Deacon. I like to cook also and often say I come from a long line of good Cooks. ("Cook" is my maiden name!)

I love my dogs and really enjoy when the puppies are born; in the process of finding them great homes, we have made many long-lasting friendships.



My horse, Larry, is my pride and joy; I love being with him and going to horse shows.



After a busy day, I read every night until sleep takes over!



**Youth Director Office Hours:** Abbie will not be hosting office hours this week due to Vacation Bible School.

**Wednesday Night Youth Group** is on pause through the summer. **Stay tuned for August events!**

**DuckPin Bowling:** Thank you to everyone who came out to DuckPin Bowling! It was a blast having a new experience. Thank you to Maple Lanes for hosting us!



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## 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. here at First Congregational. As part of Cedar Valley Chamber Music's Community Series, this free public piano "Recital of Black Voices in American Music" is hosted in partnership with the Waterloo Center for the Arts. It features works by Margaret Bonds, William Grant Still, and Florence Price.

**The public is invited and this event is free.**





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE  
WEEK AND MORE PICTURES  
TO COME IN NEXT WEEK'S  
TIDINGS.**



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