

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends

July 26, 2023

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



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. James Altenbaumer for his message of Hope this past Sunday, and to Craig Mahood for serving as worship leader. Thanks to Nancy Mahood and John Mardis for sharing the mini message about Jacob's ladder through story and song.

We welcome Mike Blankenfeld, a "son" of the congregation to the pulpit next Sunday. His message is entitled "Don't Be Distracted in a World of False Promises". He and his family live in Hospers, IA. We are pleased to have him return to share his message and faith. Nancy Mahood will serve as worship leader, and Craig Mahood will be providing the mini message.



Remember - This Saturday the Collaborative Youth Ministry will be hosting a hangout day. Come hang out with us and play different games, kickball, hangout with friends, etc. There will be food! You will want to wear some comfy outside clothes and good tennis shoes and may want to bring a water bottle and sunscreen. Please see the schedule below for more information.

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.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

~ Prayers for Alisha Lennox (Zoe and Eli's Mom) who continues to deal with multiple health issues and a weak immune system.



~ We celebrate the marriage of Lauren Reisinger and Kyle Morgan who were married on Saturday, July 22 in Okoboji, IA. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Morgan!

PARKING LOT SALE

August 12, 8:00am - 11:30am

Start collecting! First Congregational Church will be holding a Parking Lot Sale August 12 and we would love your help. This is NOT a fundraiser but rather an opportunity to share with the community. (Any money will be given to a neighborhood project.) We will have some kids activities, coffee and cookies, and tables of items for sale. All clothing left will be saved for the Fall Clothing give away.

Please start saving items for the sale!

Drop Off items: Friday August 11, between 3:30 and 7:30 at the Church Garage. (If that time does not work for you we will arrange an area at church for items or contact Gina Greene to arrange a pick up.)

We can still use a few people to help with the shifts: Friday 3:30-7:30 pm, Saturday 7-8am and/or 8-11:30am. Thank YOU! Contact Gina Greene, ggreene1124@gmail.com or 319-404-8840.

LITTLE PANTRIES

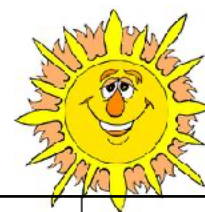
Thank you to everyone for continuing to add extra groceries to your cart and bringing them in for the little pantries. No one should go hungry! Thank you!

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

Here is our Food Bank Crew from last week:



August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 10 Spiritual Life & Care Mtg (chapel) 6:30pm National Night Out (Washington Park)	2	3 8:15 Prayer Walk (Begin @ Habitat for Humanity every Thursday morning)	4	5
	6 10:30 Worship	7	8 6:00 Trustee Mtg.	9	10 Meals on Wheels	11
13 10:30 Worship	14	15 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn	16	17	18 11:30am Social Action Luncheon (Downstairs)	19
20 10:30 Worship	21	22	23	24 Meals on Wheels	25 Fill Neighborhood Pantries	26
27 10:30 Worship	28	29	30 6:00pm - 8:00pm Job Foundation Re-Enrollment (Downstairs)	31		

Birthdays

1 Diana Paige John Mardis Cathy Thiele	8 Christian Petersen Nelle Mae Clausen (Lauterbach)
2 Sara Thompson	11 Marcia Johnson
3 Michelle Holt Katinka Keith Bob Tefft	13 Jimmy Meacham
4 Dave Zellhoefer	16 Diane Highnam
7 Demi Daniels (Slaughter)	17 Evie Waack
	18 Michael Thuesen
	21 Cole Highnam Sara Holdiman Lynch Michael Vandeventer

Anniversaries

24 Aaron Petersen	5 Duane & Kathy Franke Craig & Karen Jensen
25 Alecia Lee Cindy Stevenson Brian Thuesen Crosby Prescott Josie Clausen (Lauterbach)	8 Paul & Gina Greene
26 Jim Stevenson Ryan Waldon Eva Daniels (Slaughter)	18 Tim & Lynne Ensworth
28 Rudy Bernhard Mary Kay Petersen	
29 Rocky Petersen	



*National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1st, 6:30-8pm,
Washington Park!*

You are cordially invited to join America and your church and neighborhood friends in celebrating the annual National Night Out. Our congregation has taken several initiatives to become more involved with those geographically close to us, including, but not limited to, Gina’s Parking Lot Sale, many Habitat for Humanity’s opportunities, Growing Minds, and Historic



Church Row Coalition and Associations. This is one of the most fun ways and it’s free! Come have a supper of 🌭, 🍉, 🍿, 🍪, 🍦 and lemonade 🍋 and enjoy music 🎵, games 🏐, and crafts 🎈 for kids. If anyone wants to donate one wedged watermelon, please text/call 319-504-3212.

Bring a lawn chair and thank you for your support!

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

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