

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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August 10, 2022

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Dusty Johnson, our pulpit supply this past Sunday, and Craig Driver, our worship leader. Dusty not only preached an attention-getting sermon, but also kept us on our toes as to his arrival due to some family and travel complications. But he arrived in time to play a lovely trumpet solo on "Amazing Grace."



Our worship will be led by Evie Waack who will be preaching and leading communion, and worship leader, Craig Mahood. We are so grateful for our talented parishioners who share their gifts with us.



SEARCH AND CALL UPDATE:

The congregation met after church this past Sunday for a special congregational meeting. A motion was made and passed that First Congregational UCC hire the Shepherd Staff to assist in our search and hiring of a new pastor. The Search and Call committee and the Board of Trustees will proceed with the Shepherd Staff to begin our partnership as soon as possible. We are hopeful that their expertise and contacts will provide us with suitable candidates for our church, and we will find the "right person" to lead our church family into the future. Please continue to pray for us as we proceed with this very important task.



AUGUST TRUSTEE MEETING

Just a reminder that the Board of Trustees will meet
next Tuesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



~ Prayers for Diana Paige who was transferred to Iowa City with another Cerebral Spinal Fluid Leak. They plan to keep her and try to contain the leak, postponing another surgery until her infection is cleared.

~ Please keep Debbie Miller in your prayers. She is Karen Dew's sister, and is having breathing issues that have worsened.

~ Prayers for Gina Greene's friend, Jane, who is suffering from cancer.

CHANCEL AND HANDBELL CHOIRS RESUMING



Mark your calendars! Chancel Choir and Touch of Brass Handbell Choir will resume our regular

practices beginning Thursday, August 25th. Touch of Brass rehearses at 5:15pm in the sanctuary and Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:45pm. If you are interested in joining our musical ministries this year, please let Luke know if you have any questions and plan to join us at our first rehearsal!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



Serving Jesus.

We need a couple more people for the Habitat for Humanity House build this September 24th. The day will be from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. You need no particular skills other than the desire to work hard and support the community. They will teach you.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS ...

Beat the Heat & Grab a Seat!

Sign up for our free guided bus tour. Over the last year, **Iowa Heartland Habitat** served 75 families through home ownership, critical home repair, and financial education.



We invite you to join us on a journey through Walnut and Church Row neighborhoods, seeing firsthand the work that has been done and hearing about the vision for the future. During the event, a Habitat homeowner will share their inspiring story.

The tour will last an hour and 15 minutes and light snacks will be provided. There are six tour times available for you to choose from, so find one that works best for you and sign up today:

Tuesday, August 16th - 12pm, 2pm, or 4pm

Wednesday, August 17th - 12pm, 2pm, or 4pm

Pickup:

Home Depot Parking Lot
(1050 Southtown Drive, Waterloo, IA 50702)

To Sign Up:

Call 319-235-9946 or visit <https://bit.ly/3yLS7Vk>



PICTURES FROM NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND:





Childcare: There will be **NO** childcare provided for the September 4th worship service.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Will be on August 21st during service! Bring your backpack to be blessed as we head into this next school year.

Rally Day/Sunday School: is just one month away (starting September 11)! Will your child and/or youth be participating this year? Do you want to volunteer on a rotating basis? Let abbie.youthdirector@gmail.com know!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Bring a friend and join us for an afternoon at Palmer's! Meet at Palmer's (1666 W Airline Hwy, Waterloo, IA 50703) at 3pm on Wednesday, August 10th. Questions? Talk to Youth Director Abbie.



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