

# First Congregational UCC

## TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our  
church family and friends

August 16, 2023

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



### PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Jim Altenbaumer for preaching Sunday, and to Anita Altenbaumer for serving as worship leader, and Gina Greene for her mini message. **You can watch the service by clicking on the picture of Rev. Altenbaumer.**

This week, we welcome back Abbie Chronister, who is preaching on the 2nd Chapter of Genesis, "Created and Creating". Worship leader will be Seth Chronister, and mini message "Journey" will be provided by Craig Mahood.



### TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for Beth Lauterbach, who was recently diagnosed with early stages of wet macular degeneration and is beginning treatment. We pray for healing and comfort.
- ~ Prayers of continued healing for Todd Grimm, Joan's son, who is in rehab following a stroke.
- ~ Prayers for Connie Jo Peirce, who has health concerns.
- ~ Prayers of healing for Diana Paige following her 10th surgery for a brain tumor.
- ~ Prayers for all teachers and school employees starting a new academic year. Prayers for our young people who are starting or resuming their studies. We pray for both learning and wisdom for all.



# Parking Lot Sale a Great Success in Sharing



What a great event! Thank you to everyone that made the Parking Lot Sale such a success. Thank you God for the beautiful day.

## Thank you for:

- ~ Sharing your marketing, signs and Facebook expertise
- ~ Sharing information with Church Row partners and friends who then shared it with their congregations
- ~ Sharing your many quality donations
- ~ Sharing time with and donations from members at home, Ginny Casteel and Bonnie Bessman
- ~ Sharing your time working shifts (What fun spending time together.)
- ~ Sharing your time receiving goods, setting up and tearing down
- ~ Sharing great conversations with friends and neighbors over delicious cookies, coffee and punch
- ~ Sharing profits of \$800+ dollars for Habitat and Church Row projects
- ~ Sharing our "Leftover Goods" with ThreeHouse Collaborative Ministries to help UNI foreign exchange students get set up, The Habitat Restore, Growing Minds parents with toys for kids, the Fall Church Row clothing give away, and Goodwill.
- ~ Sharing your continued time and support, Kyle and Michelle, as always
- ~ Sharing that helped in any other way



## HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Would you love the opportunity to know our amazing youth? YOU can be part of the rotating teacher team on Sunday mornings. You would be teaching our youth following the mini message on Sunday mornings about once a month. Please let the office know if you would be interested or want some information.

## PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

The continued support for the Pantry has been wonderful. Thank you for adding the pantry to your grocery list. We are low on cereal, canned vegetables, snacks, granola bars, instant potatoes, and can always use canned meats. Thanks for helping to feed those that might otherwise go hungry.

## HUDSON LOURENÇO-FELD RECITAL

Our organist, Hudson, performed his own recital at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN on Tuesday this week as part of their downtown summer organ recitals. Congratulations, Hudson!

## ADULT BOOK STUDY

The Sunday morning adult book group will resume meeting again on Rally Day—September 10, in the Friendship Room at 9:15 a.m. A discussion of Rachel Held Evans's book, *Inspired*, will be the focus of the first few weeks of study. This will be a continuation of the study begun last spring. Chapter 4, "Wisdom Stories" will be the focus for the group's first discussion, "The Debate" on p. 81. There are extra books for those who would like to read the book and join the discussion. Please let Michelle in the office know if you would like a book.



## FAMILY FUN DAY AT GEORGE WYTH STATE PARK

Another amazing Family Fun Day is in the books! Over 200 fishing poles, tackle and gear were given out to kids.

Attendees got to eat some amazing walleye prepared and donated by the Cedar Valley Walleye Club members.

Everyone had a blast!

Our own David & Jeanne with their grandson, Elliott & Laurie Allbaugh enjoyed the day. Elliott got a free fishing pole and got to fish, shoot a bow & arrow and an air rifle and even won a mini trophy for picking out a fast fish in the minnow races.

Thanks again Tim and your friends at the Cedar Valley Walleye Club & Impact Outdoors for hosting the event!





To whom it may concern-

Thank you for considering giving towards the Morale Boosting Fund for Growing Minds Early Learning Center. The staff at Growing Minds love their jobs and do amazing loving on the children in their classrooms. As a non-profit school, we can't afford to pay \$30/hr so our teachers are not in it for the money but choose to show up every day because they care and

want to make a difference. We consider ourselves a family who strive to empower and encourage our families that we enroll. For you to consider contributing to helping our teachers feel seen and appreciated is AMAZING!

This fund allows us the freedom to supply fun foods or desserts during our ongoing monthly staff meetings / training and to individually celebrate specific staff that have gone above and beyond.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Meghan Smith-Director of Education*  
*Mary Neisen- Program Coordinator*



**Thank you for supporting us!**

To show our gratitude, we've planned a special tour just for you. Come see what's new in the neighborhoods, enjoy a delightful bite, learn what's coming next, and spend time with the Iowa Heartland team. Feel free to bring a friend or more. Everyone is welcome!

**Choose your tour time and date:**

September 7 or 8 / 8:30am, 12pm, or 4pm  
Tour lasts 90 minutes.

**Meet us at your pickup location:**

Waterloo Center for the Arts  
225 Commercial St. Waterloo, IA

Sign up Today!

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~ A Youth Benefit/fundraiser carwash will be next Friday, August 18th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Waterloo First United Methodist (kiddy corner across the street from FCUCC).

This benefits our youth and the three other churches involved with this year's Wednesday evenings collaborative youth activities. Thanks for supporting this event!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Rally day is coming soon! Please put September 10th on your calendars and plan to join us! We will kick off the school year with a lunch after service that day.

More Details Coming Soon!

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