

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
August 23, 2023



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



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Abbie Chronister for her message this week, to Seth Chronister for serving as worship leader, and to Craig Mahood for his mini message. **You can watch the service by clicking on the picture of Abbie.**



This week, we welcome to our pulpit Robin Kime who is the Campus Ministry Associate at ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries at UNI. She currently lives in Waterloo with her fur children: Jack, Wilson, Frankie, and Willa. She graduated from UNI and has loved being a part of the ThreeHouse team, to love and support students and the campus community. Karen Jensen will serve as worship leader and Kay Leary will be providing the mini message.

SEARCH & CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have been meeting since December 2021, and brought in Shepherd Staff a year ago. The pool of candidates is very limited, the committee has seen only two that were seriously considered. We continue to partner with Shepherd Staff on behalf of the congregation to find a settled pastor who is a good speaker/teacher, a good shepherd to our congregation, a collaborative team leader, community-minded, and who can help revitalize our church.

Are you waiting on the sidelines for a senior pastor to be called? Yes, a pastor is important, but the "Church" is more than a pastor. The Church is the Body of Christ! Everyone can contribute in their own way. Something is missing when you are not here!

There are plenty of exciting things happening at First Congregational Church UCC, including Rally Day on September 10th! We hope to see you here!



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 walleye luncheon (both fried & grilled) after service that day. A meat alternative will also be available along with several side dishes.

PRAYER REQUESTS:



- ~ Prayers for those returning to school
- ~ Prayers for those affected by the storms in California and the fires in Maui
- ~ Prayers for those affected by the heat wave

NORTH EAST IOWA ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held November 4th from 10am to Noon. Join us for a seminar / workshop led by Rev Dr. Jan Rippentrop-Schnell, followed by a light lunch of soup and sandwiches and a brief meeting.

Event will be held at Cedar Falls UCC and should conclude by 1:30pm. Additional Information to come.

THIS WEEK WE FILL THE LITTLE PANTRIES

Thanks for your continued support for the Pantry. Thank you for all the great food donations. Let's keep it going! 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.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SITES & BITES TOUR

Habitat has planned a special tour to see what's new in the neighborhoods and give information on what's coming next. Everyone is welcome.

September 7 or 8 / 8:30am, 12pm or 4pm

Go to <http://bit.ly/2023-sites-and-bites-tours> for more information or to sign up today.



Did you know: we're officially partners with ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries? If you were ever at UNI, you may have known them as the Wesley Foundation throughout the years! Since then, ThreeHouse has evolved into a more ecumenical space, partnering with a dozen local churches across a handful of denominations.

Tyler Greene was involved with ThreeHouse for many years and continues to be a part of its ministries. Abbie Chronister—as a part of her seminary training—is currently doing a Social Transformation Practicum/ Internship with ThreeHouse.

Some of the leftover items from our recent parking lot sale were donated to ThreeHouse as a part of their free-furnishings-fair for international students. Coming up this Sunday is ThreeHouse's annual Block Party for UNI students. Not only is our church sponsoring the student jazz musicians, but also providing root beer floats!

To learn more about its ministries, you can visit ThreeHouse.org



The bed and breakfast, practically next door, can be recommended to visiting family & friends to help revitalize Church Row! Tour beautiful buildings and homes in Waterloo and Cedar Falls at the 2023 Tour of Classic Homes, hosted by Friends of the Grout Historic Houses. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Rensselaer Russell House Museum and the Snowden House. Tickets and more information can be found by clicking on this article.

This Saturday, August 26th from 1-5pm - Tickets are \$15 per person

Getting To Know You

GETTING TO KNOW: DAVID ALLBAUGH

Early Years

- Moved to Waterloo and joined the Church in 1960
- Graduated West High Class of 1965
- Married classmate Jeanne Seiple – 54 years and counting . . . in a good way
- Did engineering internships at Lockheed Missile & Space Co. in San Francisco Bay area in 1967/68
 - o slept in Golden Gate Park with 3000 hippies in 1967 “Summer of Love”
- Graduated Iowa State with AeroSpace Engineering degree
- Joined the Air Force as a pilot and flew a C-141 to destinations on six continents



Middle Years

- Hired on with John Deere in Waterloo in 1975 and worked in engineering , manufacturing, and management
- Raised two children, Rachel & Dan, with Jeanne while she also worked at Deere
- All of you with a working spouse and kids know that’s all you have time for in the middle years

Later (Current) Years

- Retired from Deere in 2007 to enjoy “next chapter” of life
- Spends time with Rachel’s family in Ames and Dan’s in Des Moines
- Entertains and is entertained by five grandchildren ages 14 years to six months.
- Travels internationally with family and friends.
- Volunteers in the community; Church, The Job Foundation, Grout Museum, Rotary, Silos & Smokestacks



Goal: Make it to HS graduation of Granddaughter Natalie Grace Allbaugh in 2040!



~ The Youth Benefit/fundraiser carwash on August 18th was a great success. Thank you to all who supported this effort!

~ All families and friends are invited to attend our youth group on August 30th from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Waterloo First United Methodist Church. We will then hold a family meeting about RYE Youth Gathering following youth group (around 7:45pm). Meeting will include information on the October 27th - 29th Youth Gathering. Registration is \$55.

~ Youth Group will be held at Waterloo First United Methodist at 5:30 each Wednesday night through the end of August. In September we will meet at Kimball Ave. (1207 Kimball Ave.) and in October we will be at First Baptist (434 Baltimore Ave.)

~ The Youth Group will participate in the Crop Walk in September and enjoy a "Haunted Hay Ride" in October - Tickets will be \$15 each. More information to come.



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