

# 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

Thank you to Rev. Dave Glenn-Burns for being our guest pastor, and to Abbie Chronister for serving as worship leader last Sunday.

It was good to hear about Rev. Glenn-Burns' ministry at UNI's ThreeHouse. (Our Board of Spiritual Growth and Programs will be serving hamburgers this coming Sunday evening for a WELCOME BACK event for UNI students. Thanks, Tim Ahrens and Abbie for organizing our part of this, and to the other volunteers from FCUCC assisting.)

This Sunday, Greg Hoekstra will be providing our sermon, Gina Greene will be worship leader, and Laurie Allbaugh will provide our children's sermon. Our theme this Sunday will be "Dialogue: Having a Word with God."



We need worship leaders to assist those filling the pulpit in the upcoming weeks. Please consider being a worship leader and let Anne Hoekstra or Michelle Wolfe know of your willingness to serve.

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## RALLY DAY AND FALL PROGRAMMING

Rally day is coming soon! Please put September 11 on your calendars and plan to join us! We will kick off the school year with a Fish Fry lunch after service that day.

We are looking forward to getting "back in the groove" this September following our modified programming these past 2 years. Sunday School will begin in the chapel at 9:15am with fellowship, coffee, juice, and something good to eat. At 9:30am, young and old will gather for a shared opening, and then classes will break into their respective corners.

# TAKING CARE OF FAMILY - PRAYERS FOR...



- ~ Bob Tefft who had complications following a fall in Jul which required surgery on Monday, Aug. 22 at the University of Iowa Hospitals to drain fluid from his brain. Jo reports that he is doing well, and will be involved with rehab as he recovers.
- ~ David Young, who began a 7 week radiation treatment series this week at Mayo Clinic.
- ~ Colleen Peirce and her family, as she has entered hospice care. She is still at home for the time being.
- ~ Karen Dew who is facing rotator cuff surgery, and her sister, Debbie Miller, who has been having breathing problems, but is currently doing better.
- ~ Cindy Thompson's nephew-in-law and his family, who had his eye removed due to a cancerous tumor.
- ~ Gina Greene's friend, Jane, who has now entered hospice.
- ~ Diana Paige, who continues under treatment.
- ~ And those not named who face chronic health issues, family, and financial difficulties.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

We have an opportunity for a Habitat for Humanity House build on **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 what to do!

Please let Gina Greene know or email her at [ggreene1124@gmail.com](mailto:ggreene1124@gmail.com) if you are interested in more information. We will need 8 people for a team. Thanks for considering.

## FREE NAMI PEER-TO-PEER CLASS

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a free 8-week mental health and wellness class led by trained peers for people with mental health conditions to help with their recovery. It offers respect, understanding, encouragement, and hope while building on the strength and resilience of participants.

**It will be every Thursday from 6 to 8 pm starting September 22 through November 10 here at First Congregational Church.** Call Leslie Cohn, NAMI director, at 319-830-6448 if you have questions or want to register for the class.

Everything is confidential.

**The deadline to register is September 8.**

## CEDAR VALLEY CROP HUNGER WALK SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



In 2022, we will continue to fight against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry. Registration is open. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow! Go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) to sign up or register a team.



**Wednesday Night Groups** will resume starting September 14th from 6pm-7pm. We will be alternating weeks as far as age groups go. September 14th will be Pre-School / Elementary School, and the following week (September 21st) will be Middle / High School. Go to [www.firstcongucc.org/youth](http://www.firstcongucc.org/youth) for more info and the full schedule!

**Sunday School** will resume September 11th. Gathering with time for fellowship will be at 9:15am, followed by time to be together as an intergenerational community at 9:30am, and then 9:45am-10:15am will be age-specific faith formation. See you there!

**Youth Director Time Off:** Abbie will be taking time off from August 29th to September 4th. Please contact Office Manager Michelle during those dates with any questions, and she will get you connected with the appropriate party!

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:



This past Sunday, we celebrated the Blessing of the Backpacks. Good luck to students, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, counselors, front office staff, and all other people working hard at our local schools as classes resume this week!



# \*\* END OF SUMMER CHURCH EVENT \*\*



**What:** Kayaking

**When:** Sunday, September 18, 2022

**Time:** 2:00-4:00pm

**Where:** Big Woods Lake, South Parking Lot, NE Corner at the Kayak Launch

**What to bring:** Bring a Kayak or Canoe and your life jacket.

**Other things to bring:** Water bottle, sun screen, bug repellent, clothing for wet adventures.

**Afterwards:** Meet at Gary Waldon’s deck for refreshments, 823 Oak Park Blvd, Cedar Falls.

**Please let Michelle ([fcucoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fcucoffice@gmail.com)) know if you would like to participate by Tuesday, September 6th if you are kayaking and attending the refreshment time afterwards.**

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