

First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our
church family and friends
September 6, 2023



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



PULPIT SUPPLY

Thanks to Rev. Clark Kilgard, for his message Sunday, to Seth Chronister for serving as worship leader, and Diane Highnam for her mini message.

You can watch the service by clicking on the picture of Rev. Clark Kilgard.



Our congregation welcomes back Rev. Brad Braley for our Rally Sunday worship and celebration! Gina Greene will serve as worship leader, and Gary Waldon will be providing the mini message. Following the mini message, students up to 6th grade, will follow the teacher to their classroom for Sunday School. The chancel choir will be providing special music during the service.



What: Rally Day!!

When: This Sunday Sept 10

We will kick off the school year with a walleye luncheon (both fried & grilled) after service. A meat alternative will also be available along with several side dishes. Thank you Spiritual Growth and Programs Board!

Who: Everyone!!

Adult Book Study at 9:15 in the friendship room
Sunday School during worship following the mini message

PRAYER REQUESTS:

~ Prayers for Connie Jo's sister, who was taken to the hospital. Connie Jo is with her. We will pass more information if it becomes available.

~ Prayers for Bonnie Bessman's daughter, Teri, who has started chemo therapy.

WANTED! GREETERS!

Sign up on Rally Sunday to be a greeter. Take a Sunday morning and welcome your church family, friends and neighbors. What could be more fun?

ADULT BOOK STUDY

A discussion of Rachel Held Evans's book, *Inspired*, will resume on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 a.m. with "The Debate" on p. 81 and Chapter 4, "Wisdom Stories". The group will meet in the Friendship Room for discussion. Newcomers are welcome. Books are available by calling Michelle in the office.

COMMON MEETING

The next Common Meeting will be this coming Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. Boards should plan to meet then, or arrange another time to meet.

Boards who meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12 will go immediately to their respective meetings. There will not be a gathering in the sanctuary prior to individual board meetings.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CIRCLE UP BREAKFAST

First Congregational Church will be hosting a table at the Habitat Circle Up Informational Breakfast.

Event Date: Wednesday, September 27th

Event Time: 7:30am - 8:30am

Cost: FREE - thanks to generous sponsors

Please let Gina Greene know if you are interested in attending. Thanks in advance!



Save the Date: **Sept 24** is our annual CROP Walk and we want YOU to walk with us! We'll be wearing our walking clothes & shoes to church, staying for a delicious meal after church and carpooling / church vaning to Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church in CF for the walk!

You and your friends can join the team online by going to [Cedar Valley CROP Hunger Walk](#) or let Diane know you'd like to join!

Donations can also be made online or in person! Help change the world!

FALL HABITAT BUILD

We will be looking for a date to help with a Habitat House in September or October. Please contact Gina Greene if you are interested in building!



~ Youth Group will be held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30pm in September at Kimball Avenue United Methodist (1207 Kimball Ave.) and in October we will be at First Baptist (434 Baltimore Ave.).

~ September 15th we will enjoy a bonfire from 7pm to 9pm at Three House Collaborative Ministry (Snacks/smores will be provided).

~ The Youth Group will participate in the Crop Walk on September 24th.

~ We will also enjoy a "Haunted Hay Ride" in October - Tickets will be \$15 each. More information to come.



*All proceeds benefit
Love INC of the Cedar Valley!*

- Car Show Entry Fee
- Table Rent from Vendors
- Bake Sale
- Beef & Noodle Dinner Tickets
- Door Prizes

Join us for a fun-filled day!

*Join us for a
fun-filled day with crafts,
goodies, and a car show!*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 – 1:30

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PRINCE OF PEACE FESTIVAL

Benefitting Love INC of the Cedar Valley

Saturday, September 9
9:00 – 1:30

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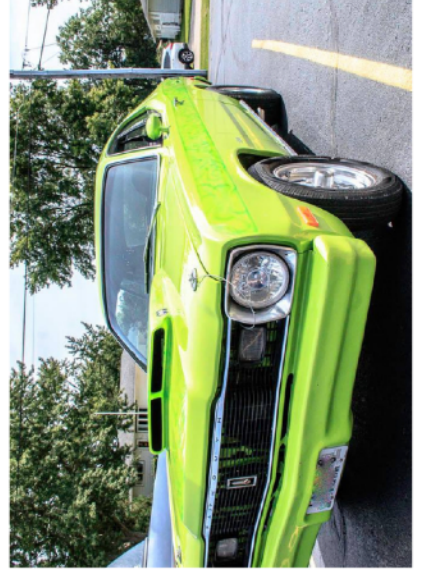
Website: popevansdale.org or on Facebook!

Craft &
Vendor Show
9-2pm

Beef & Noodle
Dinner
\$10
11-1pm

Bake Sale
9-2pm

Quilt Show
9-2pm



LEGENDS CAR SHOW

SULLIVAN BROTHERS MEMORIAL 5K AND 10K RACE



The Grout Museum District is hosting the 16th Annual Sullivan Brothers 5K & 10K Races on September 16, 2023. The Sullivan Brothers Races are a memorial for those, like the Sullivan Brothers, who have given their lives in service to our country, and a celebration of the veterans who served our country and returned home. Proceeds from the races benefit the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. The race this year will have in-person and virtual race options. **Deadline to Register to receive a shirt is September 22nd - Click the picture to register and for more information.**

5K and 10K In-Person Race:

9 a.m., Saturday, October 15th, Start and finish line is located near Electric Park Ballroom on the National Cattle Congress grounds and at 11 a.m. Chili will be served at the Pavilion

5K and 10K Virtual Race

Participants can run and enter their time online between 9 a.m. Saturday, October 15th and 6 p.m. Sunday, October 16th. Those wanting to enter results online need to do it by 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 16th

There are volunteer opportunities if you don't want to walk/run. Click the picture for more information.

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