

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 John Mardis for his sermon on Sunday, reminding us of the many ways our church family serves-- "love made actual". Thank you to Gina, worship leader, and Diane Highnam for the mini-lesson about CROP.

Next Sunday we welcome Paul Prescott to the pulpit, and Cliff Highnam for the mini-lesson.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



~ Prayers for the Jonathan Yarngo family, whose home was damaged and their safety threatened by someone shooting through their windows last week. Fortunately, no one was physically injured. We pray for protection and safety for them and their neighborhood.

~ Prayers for Bonnie Rickert, who is recovering from several weeks of hospitalization at the University of Iowa Hospitals for complications related to gall bladder and surgeries. She is now at NorthCrest Specialty Care in Waterloo for rehab.

~ Prayers for Teri Graham, who has been experiencing a debilitating recurrence of sciatica pain.

~ Prayers for Ginni Casteel, who was hospitalized last week for breathing issues, and is now home.

~ Joan Grimm, who has been experiencing health issues. She reports her medication has been adjusted and she is gaining strength.

~ Prayers for Connie Jo Peirce and her family, following the funeral on Monday of their mother, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, & sister, Collene Peirce.

~ Prayers for David Young who will finish his radiation treatments at Mayo next Monday and return home.



Library: We have a variety of books in our church's library. From Bibles to children's books, narratives on justice issues to art and music, and more, we've got something for everyone! And guess what?

You can borrow them for free! Check out <http://www.firstcongucc.org/library.html> for a full listing of what we have. (And a huge thanks to Barb Mardis for making the records!)

Youth Group: Preschool and elementary students will be doing a service project for their Wednesday night group on Sept. 28th from 6-7pm. See you there!

Sunday School: Come hang out and wrap up this month's Sunday School themes! Breakfast treats and juice and fellowship start at 9:15am in the basement, and classes start at 9:30am. See you there!

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

The Cocoa Puffs Packagers at the Food Bank!



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Decisions on which much of our programs and projects are based on resolutions that have been passed at our General Synod biennial meeting.



POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

Our next *Potluck with a Purpose* will be after church on Oct. 9th.

Rev. Brad Braley will be preaching that Sunday and will be telling us a little more about CROP at our potluck. He has been chair of our Cedar Valley CROP walk for several years. This past Sunday, several First C volunteers walked and/or donated funds on behalf of CROP (Church World Service) for food, clean water, and better living conditions. Donations are shared with our local food bank and sent to World Mission projects and can still be given this week. You are invited to attend the potluck - bring a dish to share. It's good to have a Family Meal together!

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL TEACHER COLLECTION

In the month of September we are collecting items that have been requested by the teachers at Irving Elementary. All items are appreciated: Cleaning Wipes, Kleenex, Band-aids, Paper Towels, Post It Notes, Expo Dry Erase Markers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship	3	4	5 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson 6:00pm Youth	6 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir (Sanctuary) 6:00pm NAMI (Downstairs)	7	8 7:00pm - Julia Bullard Trio Concert
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23/30 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship <i>(30th) Fall Festival to follow worship</i>	24/31	25	26 3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson 6:00pm Youth	27 5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir (Sanctuary) 6:00pm NAMI (Downstairs)	28	29

Birthdays

1 Greg Hoekstra	14 Sabina Meacham	26 Pat Brown
3 Ann Zellhoefer	16 George Brown	Emily Lindaman
7 Carol Towsley	22 Bonnie Bessman	27 Abbey Martens
7 Rex Boatman	Jack Koch	Abbott
8 Melissa Wells	27 Sarah Pavelski	27 Andrew Yarngo
9 Lucas Backens	24 Emily Highnam	
	Landon Kelley	
	Marsha Lind	

Anniversaries

5 John & Barb Mardis	
7 Teresa Dahlgren & Michael McCollough	
Dale & Barbara Hatinger	
14 Scott & Ariel Driver	
25 Rich & Kay Thuesen	



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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please Come! The adult Sunday School class is utilizing a study / discussion of Kathleen Norris's book and dvd, Embracing a Life of Meaning. It will meet at 9:15 in the Friendship Room. Although the series will be ongoing for 8-10 weeks, it is designed so that folks may join the group as they are able.

OCTOBER TRUSTEE MEETING

The Board of Trustees meeting will be Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. (Please note we will be meeting the third Tuesday instead of the second Tuesday this month.)

FCUCC KITCHEN NEEDS

The church kitchen could use some leftover containers. Please drop off empty containers (Cool Whip, cottage cheese, lunch meats, etc) in the crossroads. Thank you in advance!