

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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October 5, 2022

PULPIT SUPPLY

A big thank you to Paul Prescott for leading worship this past Sunday, and to Cliff Highnam for teaching the Mini Lesson.

We welcome Rev. Brad Braley back to the pulpit this week. Nancy Mahood will serve as worship leader and Lynette Doepke will be delivering the Mini Message.



“POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE”

Plan to stay for a meal after church! Following worship this Sunday will be our October “Potluck with a Purpose”. Rev. Brad Braley will be leading worship and joining us for the potluck where he will tell us more about CROP and Church World Service. He has been chair of our Cedar Valley CROP walk for several years. Church World Service, a faith-based organization, has been working for over 70 years to “build a world where there is enough for all.” Our congregation has been a part of our local CROP walk, as walkers and financial sponsors, sharing resources with our community and the wider world. You are invited to attend the potluck - bring a dish to share if you are able. It’s always good to share a meal and fellowship!



Collene Peirce died on Wednesday, September 21st.

Our condolences go out to Connie Peirce and the entire family at the loss of a wonderful lady.

You can read her obituary here:

<https://www.hagartywaychoffgrarup.com/obituaries/Collene-Mae-Peirce?obId=25931462#/obituaryInfo>

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



- ~ Prayers for David Young, who finished 7 weeks of radiation treatment at Mayo Clinic on Monday this week.
- ~ 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 dealing with sciatica pain.
- ~ Prayers for the victims of Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian—those whose lives have been devastated by these recent storms. Donations for relief may be sent to the United Church of Christ: <https://support.ucc.org/emailviewonwebpage.aspx?erid=1033791&trid=3b5afd5b-d8f7-47f3-a4e1-19a8dfc31054> Or Church World Service: <https://cwsglobal.org/>



Youth Group: Middle/High schoolers will be heading to the Cedar Valley Arboretum for their Wednesday night group on October 5th! Meet at the church at 6pm.

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

KYLE'S KORNER



Our custodian, Kyle has been up to several improvements around our building lately. So we would like to show them off. This week we are highlighting the fresh paint on the veranda fascia.

Next time you stop by, look up!

~ *Cliff Highnam*,
Chair of Physical Resources Board



MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

CALLING ALL TEACHERS! You have been nominated as our next group of FCUCC volunteers to work at the Food Bank! All of the October evening and weekend times are already full, so our next available date is Tuesday, November 29 from 6-8pm. We have 9 spaces available and would love to have you join us! You can be a teacher of any kind (public school, community college, Sunday school, university, day care, etc). Give the Food Bank volunteer squad a try! It's a lot of fun and a worthwhile way to share a couple hours! We are very fortunate to have such an amazing facility in our community! Let's do our part to fight hunger. Contact Diane Highnam (diane.highnam@cfu.net or 319-240-2849) if you're interested in joining us!

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. Envelopes are available in the Library. You can give by placing your gift in the offering plate on Sunday or by mailing it in to the church. Thank you in advance!

CROP WALK

THANK YOU to all who have graciously donated to CROP Walk this year! If you still would like to contribute, please send your checks (made out to CWS/CROP) to Michelle in the office this week!

HABITAT BUILD

A big thank you to the Habitat Building team for a day of church row renovation. A lot dirty, a little sore and some new friends and new skills. Special thanks to our team leader from Habitat, Erin. It felt great.



CHURCH ROW CLOTHING GIVE AWAY



This give-away will be held Saturday, October 29th from 9am to 10:30am at First Baptist. We are asking you to bring any clean and in good condition clothing, coats, shoes, bedding, belts, hats or gloves for men, women, children and even baby items.

You can drop them off at First Congregational or in the entry way at the First Baptist Church between 10am and Noon Monday through Thursday, parking lot entrance (use buzzer to open door). Thank you for your consideration and contributions to this worthy cause.

If you would like to help organize on Friday, October 28th from 9am to 3pm at First Baptist or provide a package of plastic bags with ties for recipients to carry their treasures home, that would be most appreciated as well.

JULIA BULLARD TRIO CONCERT

This Weekend -
Saturday, October 8th at 7pm

Please plan to join us for an
instrumental concert, sponsored by the
Creative Ministries Board, this

Saturday, October 8 at 7 PM in our sanctuary! The featured Trio
is composed of Julia Bullard (viola), Eric Wachmann (clarinet)
and Sean Botkin (piano). The performance is free and open to
the public; a reception will follow. Bring your friends and enjoy
special music including works by Mozart, Schumann, and Bruch.



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