

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 19, 2022

PULPIT SUPPLY

Thank you to Rev. Janice Springer who shared her message about Grace last Sunday. She will be preaching for us again on November 13. Thank you to Evie Waack for serving as worship leader, and Paul Greene for his mini-message.

This coming Sunday, we welcome back Rev. Clark Kilgard to our pulpit. He will be assisted by Kay Thuesen, worship leader, and Evie Waack with the mini-message.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

“Embracing a Life of Meaning”, featuring Kathleen Norris, continues this week at 9:15 am in the Friendship Room, the second part of Chapter 3, “Community Matters”. Newcomers are welcome — there are books for sharing and the conversation is easy to join.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...

- ~ Prayers for Bonnie Rickert, who is in rehab at NorthCrest Specialty Care in Waterloo.
- ~ Prayers for Teri Graham, who has been dealing with sciatica pain.
- ~ Prayers for Rick Kiefer, who is experiencing ongoing medical problems.



MOMENT FOR MISSIONS...



We will be participating in Adopt-a-Family again this year. Please consider making a donation to help families with children at our partner school, Bunger Middle School in Evansdale. With the donations received from our church family, we will purchase gifts for families in need. You can mail your offering in or put an envelope or check in the offering plate on Sundays with "Adopt-a-Family" in the memo.



ANNUAL FALL CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The give-away, sponsored by the Church Row Neighborhood Coalition, will be Saturday, October 29th from 9am to 10:30am at First Baptist Church (434 Baltimore, Waterloo). Donations can be brought to the church prior to the 28th. If you would like to help organize, please join us Friday, October 28th from 9am to 3pm at First Baptist.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY

Church Row Coalition has organized a work day, Tuesday, November 15, here in the neighborhood with Habitat for Humanity. There are six people still needed. If you would like to work with our ecumenical friends please sign up using the link below:

iowaheartlandhabitatforhumanity.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=67993

LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

One of our members, Leon Deal, also known as Leon Begay, has been working diligently in the community to stock little free pantries for folks that need extra food assistance in our neighborhoods. Currently there are 4 pantries being stocked each week. There was a 5th, but it fell apart this summer.

He would also appreciate assistance in filling these on Fill Up Fridays. They are located:

1112 Mobile St. 3525 Sager Ave.
(Jesse Crosby Center) (Shiloh Baptist Church)

1502 W. 2nd St. 1317 Bertch Ave.
(Waterloo) (Waterloo)

If you would be interested in assisting with either building a new pantry or helping to fill these, please let Michelle Wolfe or Anne Hoekstra know. Here is more information about them:

The purpose of Fill Up Friday's is to stock up the free little food pantries regularly. Just sign up for a Friday to check on the pantries and stock them with non-perishable food items and toiletries. Anyone can donate food/toiletry items anytime but this will help keep a regular stock of the pantries. This is an ongoing community based initiative to serve all people, fight stigmas surrounding poverty, and be there to close the gaps when we may each need it. There are up to 20 food pantries that serve Black Hawk County. However, most of these food pantries are open infrequently such as 2-3 times a week (even once a week during a work day). The Cedar Valley Food Pantries are made up of five free little community pantries located in Waterloo. The free little food pantries are there for anyone to get food items, donated toiletries, etc.

What to Do: Fill the pantries with DRY or UNOPENED STOCK SHELF-STABLE food. Think of nonperishable foods that will not spoil if left out in the sun.

Food to Donate: Peanut butter, nuts, rice, beans, lentils, cereal, oatmeal packets, granola bars (with no chocolate that can melt), crackers, snacks for kids, canned soups/ fruits (pop-top cans preferred), new / unopened baby formula, sealed / unopened drink mixes, dried fruit, etc.

Non-Food Items to Donate: Can openers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, women's period products, q-tips, toilet paper, bar soaps, travel size shampoo / lotion / sunscreen / mouth rinse, new nail clippers / socks, etc.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FEST ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH!

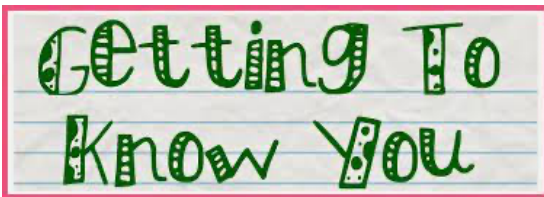
3:00 - 4:00pm: Outside activities - Hay rides, Trunk or Treat, Yard games

4:00 - 5:00pm: Inside activities - Pumpkin painting and carving, guess the weight of the pumpkin & number of candy corn

5:00 - 6:00pm: Chili Cook-off!

**** We need volunteers to sign up to provide chili and also to decorate and provide car trunks for the trunk or treat!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THIS WILL BE A FUN GATHERING FOR ALL!



GETTING TO KNOW: GARY WALDON

I have been a member of the First Congregational Church since I was around five or six years old. I was in Pastor Jacob's confirmation class when I was twelve years old and was confirmed about a year later. One big memory is the Sunday school classes in the big white house that stood next to the church. Fern Murphy was the Sunday school teacher. Since belonging to the church I have served on the Board of Deacons twice, chaired the Board of Missions once, chaired the Stewardship campaign twice and I'm currently a member of the Endowment Committee.

I graduated from SCI (State College of Iowa) High School in 1962 and then went to Wartburg College for one year, transferred to the Minneapolis School of Art and Design for two years and finished my degree at Upper Iowa College in 1967. Between art school and Upper Iowa I lived and worked in Mannheim, Germany for John Deere Lanz as a summer student. While there I lived in an apprentice home for boys, the Lehrling-Wohnheim on Karl Marks Strasse. After college I served in the US Army as an artillery surveyor for two years during the Vietnam conflict.

I worked for John Deere for 36 years and retired in 2002. Since being retired most of my time has gone to volunteer work helping my wife, Linda, (she passed away in 2020) with the Waterloo Cedar Falls Symphony. I have also been extensively involved with the Boy Scouts of America serving as Assistant Scout Master, Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chair person, Sturgis Falls Fund Raiser Chair Person and High Adventure Coordinator for Troop 42 at Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Same troop where Bob Sheridan served as Scoutmaster for many years. I'm currently the BSA Round Table Commissioner for the River Valley District of the Winnebago Council.

My hobby activities are hiking, cycling, kayaking, gardening, photography and taking care of my big white cat MissKitty.



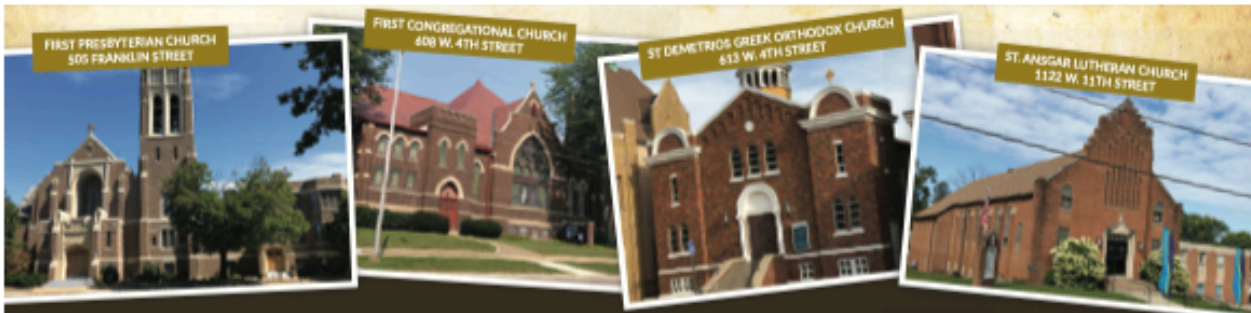
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Church Tours

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022, 1-5 PM



The Grout Museum is hosting a tour of historic churches November 6, 1:00-5:00. Our church has been chosen as one of the sites.

Admission: \$15, (12 & under free)

To Register:
GMDistrict.org
or at any church on the day of the tours.

