

# 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. Clark Kilgard for leading worship Sunday and his sermon on Forgiveness. We all need some, for ourselves and for others. Thanks also to Kay Thuesen for serving as worship leader, Evie Waack for her mini-message, and Diane Highnam for stewardship moment.

This week we welcome Rev. Dylan Does, a Quaker pastor who is currently serving as Development Director of Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity. He was our guest this summer at our Potluck with a Purpose and shared some valuable information about what Habitat is doing in our Church Row Neighborhood. He will be preaching from John 1:1-5, 14-18. "The Ways of the Word", what the church can be. His message fits well with our Stewardship theme this fall, "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving"—ways we can turn our faith into action.



**FALL  
FEST  
2022**



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

## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL FEST ACTIVITIES THIS 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!

**PLEASE JOIN US!  
THIS WILL BE A FUN GATHERING FOR ALL!**

# TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



- ~ Prayers for Lauren, the daughter of Erin Brock-Medhus and Josh Medhus, who is recovering from croup.
- ~ Prayers for Anita Altenbaumer, whose sister died recently.
- ~ Prayers for Teri Graham, who continues to suffer severe pain from sciatica.
- ~ Prayers for Bonnie Rickert, who continues in rehab at NorthCrest Specialty Care in Waterloo.
- ~ Prayers for Rick Kiefer for his chronic health concerns.
- ~ Prayers for the Search and Call committee as they continue their charge to find our next pastor.
- ~ Prayers for those affected by recent and previous hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters.
- ~ Prayers for those whose lives and families have been devastated by war and famine.

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 13TH



Welcome to Stewardship Season! Last Sunday we kicked off our 4-week campaign to raise awareness about our financial needs for the upcoming year! Stewardship,

by definition, is "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care". Sunday's message included a short video about a UCC-led fund called "Our Church's Wider Mission". We contribute to this fund annually, and the video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3H86ybfq9JU> in case you missed the service on Sunday.

Our church has had a wonderful history of making generous contributions to this and other funds and we hope that we can continue to make a difference in the upcoming year. We ask for your prayerful consideration as you prepare your hearts for this year's stewardship campaign.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Embracing a Life of Meaning", featuring Kathleen Norris, continues this week at 9:15 am in the Friendship Room, the first part of Chapter 4, "Community Matters". Newcomers are welcome — there are books for sharing and the conversation is easy to join.

## POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE

On November 13th the purpose of our potluck will be to enjoy fellowship and food with our church family and to honor the veterans in our group. It would be wonderful to see tables filled with vets and their families. We would appreciate it if those vets would share rank, branch of service, assignment, etc. If you are comfortable sharing any other information you are welcome to do so. If you'd like, please bring your own table service. All are welcome!

## KITCHEN HELP THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to the kitchen cleaning crew! Great job done. If you use the kitchen please do your best to put things away where you got them. Many hands made for a fun morning.

~ Gina Greene

# 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](http://iowaheartlandhabitatforhumanity.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=67993)

**Here's an email we received recently that ties in to the Fall Clothing Give-Away and Habitat:**

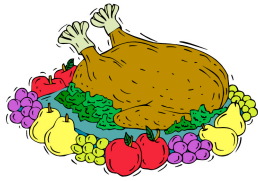
***Subject: a God moment***

*"Had an experience today I just had to share with all of you. Last Saturday I was working on a Habitat house and met one of the potential home buyers working on her sweat equity hours. Since she works at a daycare I mentioned our clothing give-away. I told her I would send her the flyer to share, which I did.*

*Anyway, today around 4:00 p.m. she calls me and is sitting outside of First Baptist with lots of clothing (including her own kids stuff). She didn't realize about the hours for drop-off. Anyway I met her there to transfer her large donation to my vehicle which I will drop off tomorrow morning.*

*This is someone I was hoping to help and she became the blessing by giving in a very special way to our charity.*

*Donna"*



# November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson (Downstairs) 6pm - Kids Group	5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir (Sanctuary) 6:00pm NAMI (Downstairs)		12:00pm Girl Scouts (Downstairs)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:15 Sun. School 10:30 Worship 1-5pm Tour of Historic Churches			3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson (Downstairs) 6pm - Youth	5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir (Sanctuary) 6:00pm NAMI (Downstairs)		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:15 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	6:30pm Job Foundation Senior Lesson (Downstairs)	7:00 pm Common Meeting	6pm - Kids Group 6:30pm NAMI (Library/Downstairs)	5:15pm Bells 6:45pm Choir (Sanctuary)		12:00pm Girl Scouts (Downstairs)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:15 Sun. School 10:30 Worship				Thanksgiving (Office Closed)	(Office Closed)	
27	28	29	30			
10:30 Worship		6-8pm Food Bank Volunteering	3 - 4:30pm Job Foundation M.S. Lesson 6pm - Youth			
( <-- Office Closed 11/28 - 12/1/22 --> )						

## Birthdays

1 Laura Kaliban	12 Kami Jorgensen Cooper Mejia	22 Katherine Kaliban Phinleigh Buck
2 Kurt Kaliban	17 Louisa Corson	24 Gina Greene
5 Amity Buck	20 Margaret Kaliban Megan Vandeventer Dale Waack	26 Dan Zellhoefer
8 Dave Allbaugh Benjamin McFadden Teri Graham	21 Meghan Kreimeyer	29 Kelly (Wells ) Sittig
9 Erin Brock-Medhus		30 Allison Kaliban Michael Mingus

## Anniversaries

1 Jim & Cathy Thiele
6 Jeff & Gyobanna Driver
7 Dave & Shelli Panicucci
15 Cliff & Diane Highnam

# BUNGER EVENT SCHEDULE

**\*\* Bunger is our Partner in Education \*\***

They are inviting anyone out to help support their students by attending one of their sporting events. The schedule is listed below:

Tuesday, November 8	7th Grade G Basketball	Peet @ Bunger
Thursday, November 10	8th Grade G Basketball	Holmes @ Bunger
Tuesday, November 15	7th Grade G Basketball	Central @ Bunger
Thursday, November 17	8th Grade G Basketball	Hoover @ Bunger
Tuesday, November 29	7th Grade G Basketball	Carver @ Bunger
Tuesday, November 29	Wrestling	Carver @ Bunger
Thursday, December 1	8th Grade G Basketball	Peet @ Bunger
Friday, December 2	Wrestling	Central @ Bunger
Tuesday, December 6	7th Grade G Basketball	Holmes @ Bunger
Thursday, December 8	8th Grade G Basketball	Central @ Bunger
Tuesday, December 13	7th Grade G Basketball	Hoover @ Bunger
Thursday, December 15	8th Grade G Basketball	Carver @ Bunger
Thursday, January 12	7th Grade B Basketball	Peet @ Bunger
Tuesday, January 17	8th Grade B Basketball	Holmes @ Bunger
Thursday, January 19	7th Grade B Basketball	Central @ Bunger
Tuesday, January 24	8th Grade B Basketball	Hoover @ Bunger
Thursday, January 26	7th Grade B Basketball	Carver @ Bunger
Tuesday, January 31	8th Grade B Basketball	Peet @ Bunger
Thursday, February 2	7th Grade B Basketball	Holmes @ Bunger
Tuesday, February 7	8th Grade B Basketball	Central @ Bunger
Thursday, February 9	7th Grade B Basketball	Hoover @ Bunger

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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](http://GMDistrict.org)  
or at any church on the day of the tours.



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