

Congregational Tidings

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

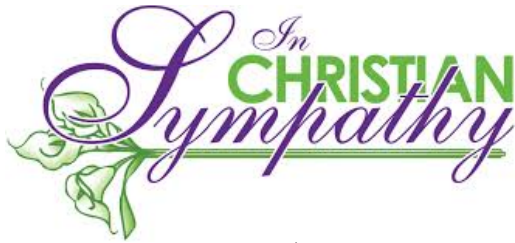


A weekly newsletter



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November 17, 2021



We are saddened to announce the passing of **Tyler Greene** on Wednesday, November 10th.

Please keep Paul, Gina, Lucas, Molly, and David and the whole extended Greene family in your prayers. We will all miss Tyler!

An open memorial service will be held in the Kersenbrock Auditorium of West Waterloo High School, 425 E Ridgeway Ave, Waterloo, IA on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 10:30am with a light lunch and time to visit the family immediately following the service in the West High Commons. Masks encouraged.

For more information, please see the Locke Funeral website:
<https://www.lockefuneralhome.com/obituaries/tyler-greene>

TAKING CARE OF OUR FAMILY . . .

- ~ For the family and friends of Tyler Greene. Services will be held this Saturday.
- ~ Prayers for Hildegard Larsen who is recovering from a heart procedure last week.
- ~ Prayers for Russ Towsley who is recovering from hip surgery on Sunday to repair a break from a fall.

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS . . .



We will be partnering with Bunger Middle School once again this year for the Adopt-A-Family program. With donations from the church, we will purchase gifts for families in need. If you would like to make a donation, please drop off your check with notation on the memo line for Adopt-A-Family in the offering

plate at the back of the church on Sunday or mail your donation to Michelle in the office.

Thank you for your help!

STEWARDSHIP . . . TREASURER'S REQUEST

Michelle and I reviewed pledge cards for our 2022 budget after Stewardship Sunday and see that we have heard from only 25 members. This year for our 2021 budget we have pledges from 72 members, so we have a long way to go. If you have not yet sent in your pledge card, please do so by this Friday, November 19th. Next week Michelle will call members she has not heard from to be certain we know your intentions. Please help us with this important part of our budgeting process.

~ *Dave Allbaugh*



As we prepare for advent - please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a short meeting on November 21st right after the service. If you have some ideas for "something new" please join us or contact Janice Akin on her home number at 319-233-4680 or her cell at 319-230-8549 or email JAkin05@mchsi.com to share your thoughts.

UNI WOMEN'S CHORUS CONCERT

UNI Women's Chorus Concert (wait on this until I see if it is open to the public. If you don't hear from me in time, save it for next week—hopefully I will know something by then.)

Under the direction of Amy Kotsonis, the UNI Women's Chorus will be performing a holiday concert on Tuesday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church. It will also be streamed live online: click on the "watch online" link at the top of the [UNI School of Music](#) page.

REOPENING COMMITTEE

The reopening committee did not meet today but noted that the positivity rate has gradually climbed again. We continue to trust that most if not all of the folks entering the sanctuary are virus-free, vaccinated, wearing a mask, and comfortable with parkas as we keep the doors open and the boiler on for good ventilation. When I have spoken with the county epidemiologists, their statement is that while the risk is high in the county, our risk in the sanctuary is low. We continue to use protective measures. It is good to be together. See you Sunday.

~ *Beth, Dave, Tim, Greg*



Luke is putting together a Thanksgiving video again this year.

Stay tuned for the second annual Thanksgiving recital video by the FCUUC Family.



Youth Group: Wednesday, November 17th from 6pm-7pm. We will be cleaning up and decorating the youth room!

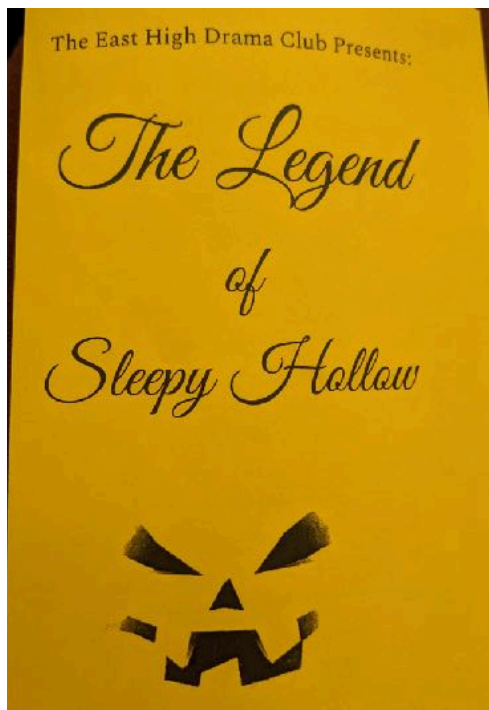
Sunday School: Will meet during service on Sunday the 21st following the children's message through the rest of the service!

Sunday School Teachers Still Needed! Let Youth Director Abbie know if you can help sub for Sunday School in the upcoming months! Abbie creates the lesson plan and gets all of the materials gathered, so you just have to come and have fun with our youth!

Advent Activities: The season of Advent is almost upon us! Would YOU like to light a candle? Read a couple of lines during service? Participate in a short Christmas play? If so, let Youth Director Abbie know!

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT:

Congratulations to **Jess and Jack Conrad** for being a part of a wonderful play at East High this past weekend! Jess ran the lights for the show and Jack was the Headless Horseman. A positively awesome rendition of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Youth Director Abbie's favorite parts were the graveyard scenes, which were incredibly spooky! BRAVO!



News from Love, INC



This year, LoveINC is registering families for different Christmas Stores hosted by four of their partner churches: Candeo, Orchard Hill, Prairie Lakes and Prince of Peace Lutheran.

Christmas Stores provide the opportunity for parents and primary caregivers to purchase gifts for their children at 80-90% off the retail price. Selecting and purchasing their own gifts at an affordable cost gives dignity to parents and families as they provide for their children at Christmas!

If you would like to donate gifts or volunteer at a Christmas Store, you can select a specific store and find more information about getting involved on our website. (<http://loveinccv.org>)

Gifts should cost between \$10-30 and be appropriate for preschool through high school aged children. Gifts should be new and unwrapped.

DROP OFF LOCATION	ADDRESS	DEADLINE for DROP OFF
First Congregational Church	608 W 4 th St, Wloo	Thursday, Dec 2
Love INC office	2603 Rainbow Drive, CF	Thursday, Dec 2
Orchard Hill Church	3900 Orchard Hill Dr, CF	Thursday, Dec 2
Prairie Lakes Church	1907 Viking Road, CF	Sunday, Nov 21
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	4031 Lafayette, Evansdale	Sunday, Nov 21
Candeo Church	1405 Greenhill Road, CF	Sunday, Nov 21

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