

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ

April 16, 2019.

Holy Week Easter Service Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – 6 p.m. Seder Meal at church (This includes traditional plates set for experiencing the seder plate items and then lamb stew for the main course. If you don't like that feel free to bring your own.)

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Procession of the Cross is our ecumenical service for Good Friday. We meet at noon across from City Hall Cedar Falls.

Easter – Worship 10:15 a.m.
11:30 a.m. – Easter egg hunt

Easter Service

Cedar Valley Community Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 21, 2019 6:20 a.m. at Waterloo RiverLoop Amphitheatre 225 Commercial St. Waterloo, Iowa. Service begins at sunrise with light refreshments to follow. In case of inclement weather, service will be held indoors at Trinity Lutheran, 605 W 4th St., Waterloo, 50702.

Our Easter Service will be blessed by UNI school of Music student brass ensemble.

Come join us for this special joyous proclamation of our faith. 10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

After services we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt, pre-school is in sanctuary, elementary (5- 10 years old) is in fellowship hall, and older children in youth room.

Open House

Lorna Heronimus is celebrating her 90th birthday on April 20th. Her family is having an open house from 2 – 4 p.m. on April 20th: 3865 Wagner Rd. Waterloo. 319-939-2043. If you can't make the open house send her a card.

Prayers

Our sympathy is extended to Chris Merz at the loss of his father (March 27th). Please keep Chris and his family in our prayers.

The people from France, Roman Catholics, and all who experienced the majesty of Notre Dame Cathedral and now grieve its loss to the world.

All those affected by flooding...

Dear Friends and Family of Cedar Falls United Church of Christ,

When we celebrate Easter, then we celebrate “New Life” and we celebrate God’s promises of new life both fulfilled and yet to come. Cedar Falls United Church of Christ is moving forward claiming new life. The Values we have in our church constitution, The Mission, and The Vision of the church are on separate sheets for us to affirm by signing. From this starting point we are going to build a plan of action for our church that we will also want to affirm and do. The time for action is now. Every single person can make a difference.

Lent has been a time of seeking God’s presence and paying particular attention to the ways God speaks to us in our lives. Hopefully this doesn’t end after Lent. Whether in our church community, or alone, on our bed in the quiet and stillness of night, we can listen for God’s voice, feel God’s presence abiding with us, sense God’s reassuring love and challenging call.

As a congregation we are listening for God’s call to us. What will be our witness to this community? How do we want to become known as a congregation to others who would like to join us in this ministry? “Speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you’ll all be together in this.” (The Message 1 Thess. 5:11)

As a church it is clear that we are moving forward, but we need to do so intentionally. Our congregation is seeking to set goals and be intentional about addressing these goals. We will be dividing them up into goals we can accomplish this year or within two years time. This will give us an indication whether we can sustain full time ministry or

need to look at other options. We are not only needing to do strategic planning, but we also need to be implementing our action plan. It takes us all. We will hold a church wide event that gets every one’s input.

As a first step, we are asking all our members and friends to sign 3 separate documents to affirm and own that these statements are what each individual agrees with, affirms, or is committed to regarding what it means to be Cedar Falls United Church of Christ. The three separate documents are our Statement of Values, Our Vision statement and its meaning, and our Mission statement. A smaller strategic planning group needs to know if we all are on the same page. From there we will launch more specific plans and goals.

In order to move forward together we will be as clear and transparent as we can. We are in this together. It is my hope we can have a small group do some initial planning and time frame for their implementation. This we would bring to the congregation and hopefully have enough congregational buy in to achieve those goals. We are disciples of Christ seeking to live out our faith in clear ways in this community that invites others into our community of faith.

Our focus will be on living out our faith in meaningful and inviting ways that we may grow inwardly and as a congregation.

God bless you! God is awesome! God loves you!

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



United Fellowship

United Fellowship will be meeting May 2nd.

Building and Grounds

All Hands on Deck

Building and Grounds needs your help with spring cleaning. There are a lot of leaves, branches, window washing, and other items that need to be done. The days will be **April 27th and May 4th** from 9 a.m. to Noon, weather pending. Bring rakes, bush trimmers, gloves, etc. If you have any questions, talk to Colleen.

Expenses

Major expenses were occurred and had to be paid in March some anticipated and some not – the boiler pump ... amount for snow removal ... added a financial burden to our church budget. If there is anything extra you can help us out with, please consider it. Thanks. Though we have sold the land west of the church, we can't afford to just coast.

Cedar Falls UCC Foster Children's Closet

(Kaden's Kloset)

Kaden's Kloset will be open on Wednesdays 2 – 5 p.m. and on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will want volunteers to work our Saturdays. Thanks.

Theological Forums

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays

- 4.17.19 – No meeting (Holy Week)
- 4.24.19 – No Meeting
- 5.1.19 – Mysticism
- 5.8.19 – Care for the Care Givers
- 5.15.19 – Spirituality of Aging
- 5.22.19 – Virtues and Values
- 5.29.19 - Future

Community Events

Sunday, April 28th, 5 – 7 p.m. AEbleskiver Dinner @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church 4000 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls Iowa

April 30th – Community Meal at the First United Methodist Church Cedar Falls

Women of Faith

An Interfaith Gathering of Women
Our next meeting begins at 6 p.m. with a vegetarian potluck and visiting with each other will be held on April 30rd at First Presbyterian Church downtown Cedar Falls.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Cedar Falls United Church of Christ on **4/22/2019**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and

women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979

First Christian Church has a food pantry 4 -6 p.m. on Thursdays. If you are able to donate food directly to them, then please do so. If you know someone who needs this resource please let people know.

St Patrick has a food pantry that is open Monday's from 9 a.m. to Noon and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Jackie, our community outreach coordinator for assistance at 319-266-3523. No food boxes will be given out without prior authorization.

First United Methodist Church hosts the Community Meal every Tuesday.

St. Timothy's United Methodist Church helps with Food on the 3rd Friday, 1-4 p.m. by appointment.

The Mennonites give out Hy-Vee Gift cards at the beginning of the month, 1st come 1st served.

We have called Erika Elizabeth Breddin as Associate Minister of Outreach, Media, and Social Justice on March 31st. Erika joins me in leading our congregation into the future. She will primarily working with me and the leadership of the congregation, in order that we reach into the community and communicate with the surrounding community on social justice issues. On Face book we will be more visible due to the efforts of Erika.



Upcoming Dates to Save

All workshops until fall that Janice was going to lead have been cancelled. She has knee replacement surgery the day after Easter and won't be up to lead workshops until fall.

Next Voice is April 30th

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