

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ July 5, 2016.

Peace Day Camps

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Peace camp, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., for ages 5-12 years old, will be held on July 19, 21, 25, and 27th. We will focus on different days on different aspects of what it means to be a peacemaker. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." (Matt. 5:9)

This first year, I am limiting registration to the first 10 children to sign up. I am asking that anyone who can volunteer to help me also sign up so we can have training or go over how the camp will work ahead of time.

I am inviting different community people to come in at different times each day to lead that unit. Example, we have one community person that has agreed on a couple of those days to lead Tai Chi.

I am looking for someone to lead yoga, someone else to do story telling, someone else willing to work with them in a art project. It could be each day of camp or just one day. Music is another tool for teaching and living "peace." We will be making our own lunch and eating as a family each of the days. If you want to help during that time, let me know.

July 15th we have 8 people signed up for a baseball game (Waterloo Bucks). I need to get the tickets this Friday (the 8th) so if you can join us let me know before I get the tickets (\$5 a ticket). July 29th is the other date to go as a church. Sign up if you can make it. These dates include fireworks!

Check out our new web site: cedarfallsucc.org Give us feedback. I'd appreciate knowing what you think.

We are collecting personal hygiene items for the NE Iowa food bank all of July. Here are the items most needed: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, tissue, laundry items. I will be at the church most days in July, drop your items by anytime. If you see a black car in the parking lot, it is probably me. ☺ If you would like more information please contact: Sabrina Hill 319-235-0507 neifb-intern@feedingamerica.org or sabrinahill11@student.kaplan.edu

Our prayers are with Dick Douglas as he continues to heal after surgery and we are thankful for the healing of others. Our prayers are also extended to the victims of flooding out east, especially those in West Virginia. Remember to hold in prayer all the refugees and the struggles in the world that affect so many.

I read in church a passage from Leviticus: “Do not mistreat foreigners who are living in your land. Treat them as you would a fellow Israelite, and love them as you love yourselves. Remember that you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.” (Good News version 19:33-34) Pray for all the refugees and for a peaceful resolution to all the conflicts in the world.

Our prayers continue for family members and friends of the 49 victims in Orlando and the additional wounded as they heal from their injuries. In the midst of the violence in our society, we long for people to not add to the hatred, the blaming, the anger that is generated from such horrible acts. “Will listen With love” was launched in response to the devastating killings in Orlando. It is a national support network comprised of pastors, therapists, or trained listeners. I may not be needed but I have signed up to be a listener.

We have opened our church doors to a support group for families who struggle with caring for mentally ill family members. We will be meeting Thursday evenings. Please hold us in prayer. I read an article this past week and posted it on Facebook that ranked Iowa #50 of our US states for care of the mentally ill. Saddened me greatly, are you open to changing this?

On June 29th, the Courier had an article about a woman seeking a site in this area for foster children’s clothes closet. We could look into “Kaden’s Kloset” and what that would like like.... We could start our own clothes closet for children, or we can do nothing. What are your thoughts?

We lift up Marlys and Bart McAninch, Marjorie Shaffer, Eleanor Crownfield, Cleo Cross, and Dale and Janeen Danielsen and

Marge McKinley. Anytime someone pops into your thoughts please pray for them. So we pray that God’s love may be felt and God’s light shine in and around them. God knows what they need and perhaps what we need better than any of us.

I am starting a confirmation class. If we have 12 year old and older students who want to be a part of this class, please let me know. Lexi Oudekerk and I will begin classes in July but will add anyone else who is interested.

We are making a difference where we can and how we can. You can make the church stronger. Invite and bring friends to worship. Let us know how we can reach into the community. God bless you! God is awesome! God loves you!

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

“Strengthen the Church” offering was taken. We raised \$80. I stated that this offering used to be “Blanket and Tools” special offering and I have sense been corrected. (Thank you for correcting me.) Strengthen the Church special offering came out of the God is Still Speaking program. It is to help begin new churches and gives grants to churches that could be revitalized. Church World Service sponsored the Blanket and Tools Sunday. I apologize. Church World Service still has programs: C W Tools and another C W blankets. You can check out their web page: www.cwsglobal.org Thank you for the correction. And thank you to those of you who have participated in giving to “Strengthen the Church.”

INTERESTED IN LEARNING LITTLE (YET BIG IN IMPACT) WAYS TO HELP US OUT

– Bill and Colleen Kelly will teach us to turn on the heat and air conditioning for the church. They would love to have new people who will learn how to turn on and even run the sound system. Please let them know if you would be willing to learn these tasks! The church thanks them both for their faithfulness and understands their desire to be able to travel together without leaving the church hanging without air or heat. ☺

Other Opportunities to Serve!

Our church is in need of some awesome people to come forward and serve coffee and cookies. If you're the type of person that likes to bake but not to do the fellowship or vice versa we can find people to do one or the other. Please call the office and let Lesley know what week you can show your hospitality! Call no later than Thursday morning to let us know, 266-9686.

For Council we still need a Vice President. We also are looking for a Financial Secretary. For committees the Worship Committee is looking for someone. The Children's Education committee is looking for one more person.

If you have any questions or need to discuss the positions mentioned above, please contact the church secretary, Lesley 266-9686 or Colleen Kelly 319-290-2131.

Donations Welcomed for our Church Organ

The organ has been tuned. When they sent us the bill they noted that many pipes were falling over under their own weight. The organ has an estimated value of almost \$500,000. The estimate to fix everything is almost \$14,000. Some of these repairs are essential and need to be completed as soon as possible. If you can find it in your heart to give any amount of money toward these repairs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please write a check to the church and put in the memo line: organ repair. A special account is being set up just for this purpose.

Council knows this is a lot. Please do what you can. Thank you.

Pilgrim Heights

Pilgrim Heights information and registration forms are located in the church office and on the kiosk in the main entry way. There are sessions for all ages. More information to come in the next VOICE.

Calendar

7/7/16 THUR	6:30PM Support Group
7/8/16 FRI	Deadline to sign up for baseball game on the 15th
+7/10/16 SUN	9:15AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15AM Worship
7/14/16 THUR	6:30PM Support Group
7/15/16 FRI	7:00PM Baseball Game

Upcoming Events

7/15/16 FRI	7:00PM Baseball Game
7/18/16 MON	6:30PM Mem. And Endowments
7/19/16 TUE	9:00AM-3:00PM Peace Camp
7/21/16 THUR	9:00AM-3:00PM Peace Camp
7/25/16 MON	9:00AM-3:00PM Peace Camp
7/27/16 WED	9:00AM-3:00PM Peace Camp
7/29/16 FRI	7:00PM Baseball Game

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