

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ July 19, 2016.

Peace Camp

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

We have 9 community and church children signed up for peace camp. 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) Thank you Aloha and Lexi, Colleen and Melissa and other possible girl scout recruits for being willing to help with Peace camp.

We need more help on the 25th and 27th. If you are able to come help us with lunchtime especially Monday, I would appreciate it. On Monday we are making our own individual pizza and extra hands would be appreciated. On Wednesday we are having sandwiches and chips.

On July 15th we had 7 people go to a baseball game (Waterloo Bucks). It was fun and the Bucks won. We have a sign up sheet for July 29th. Sign up if you can make it. This date includes fireworks!

Check out our new web site: cedarfallsucc.org Give us feedback. I'd appreciate knowing what you think. It is taking me awhile to figure out how to regularly post the Voice to the website but I'll get the hang of it. Also if you have any pictures I would appreciate you e-mailing them to me. We already had someone attend church after visiting our website.

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

Ministry to those who have mental illness and their families continues to be a great need in this community. 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.

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 we would need to do to engage in this ministry. We could start our own clothes closet for children, or we can do nothing. What are your thoughts? So far I have had several of you suggest we go ahead with this.

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!



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.

NAMI Class

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free 12-week class for family members who have relatives with mental illness. It includes current research about mental illness; information about medications, effective treatments to promote recovery, problem solving and communication techniques, coping with worry and stress, and emotional overload. The class will run every Thursday from 6:00PM-8:30PM starting September 1st and ending November 17th. It will be held at the First Congregational Church in Waterloo at 608 W. 4th St. Call the NAMI office at 319-235-5263 if you have any questions or want to register for the class. **The deadline for registering is Wednesday, August 17th.**

Stone Soul Picnic

The annual Stone Soul Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th at Gateway Park in Cedar Falls from 1:00PM-5:00PM. This picnic helps to raise money for the North East Iowa Food Bank. Monetary and canned food donations accepted.

Thank You

“For all of you who have been so generous with your special wishes, prayers, and visits around my recent surgery, Thank you, Thank You! I hope I may very soon be back to “normal” for which I give credit to staff, family and friends and very special credit to my faith and confidence in the God who heals us.” - Dick Douglas

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

7/19/16 TUE	9:00AM-3:00PM Peace Camp
7/21/16 THUR	9:00AM-3:00PM Peace Camp
+7/24/16 SUN	9:15AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15AM Worship
7/25/16 MON	9:00AM -3 P.M. Peace Camp
7/27/16 WED	9:00AM-3:00PM Peace Camp
7/29/16 FRI	7:00PM Baseball Game

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