

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ September 27, 2016.

World Wide Communion Sunday Celebration on October 2nd

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

October is a full month. World wide Communion will be celebrated on October 2nd. We also will be taking Neighbors in Need Offering.

October 1st we are hosting the workshop, "Reframing Illness and Wellness: Seeking a Broader Perspective" 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. led by my spouse, Rev. Janice Springer. Because we are having food, if you can attend please call the church and register.

October 9th we have a very full day! Gospel Brunch in the morning, CROP Walk in the afternoon, and we are hosting the NE Iowa Association Meeting that afternoon, begins at 2 p.m.

On September 18th, we had a Fireside Chat about living our Vision. Our vision is about creating a safe place where all who come into our midst are accepted, welcomed, and brought into our community with love. We already have stepped into our vision when we gather for worship on Sundays and welcome not only one another but the stranger in our midst. We step into our vision when we encourage one another, pray for one another, and avoid gossiping. Edward Everett Hale said, "I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." I have seen you provide a place of refuge for each other in spite of the hurts of the past. You have stepped into our vision. What can you do to step into our vision? George Barna in the Power of Vision writes, "You might define vision as foresight with insight based on hindsight." I really like that. So, with all the insight you can muster from all the

hindsight you can use, what foresight do you have for this Church?

Our vision statement: The Cedar Falls UCC will be a sanctuary for persons that need a safe place to worship. In figuring out what that means I found the following in a brochure. So I invite all to step into the vision and live our vision.

If you are searching for God and not sure what you believe, you will be safe here.

Whether you are a student or a senior citizen, you will be safe here.

If you are struggling with addictions, you will be safe here.

Whether you are married or living together, single, divorced, or widowed, you will be safe here.

If you bring your children, they will be safe here.
(All leaders have background checks.)

Whether you are a couple, single parent, or grandparent you will be safe here.

If you are grieving, you will be safe here.

Whether you are gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgendered or heterosexual you will be safe here.

If you have been abused by someone, or even by a church, you will be safe here.

Whether you are democrat, republican, libertarian, or independent, you will be safe here.

If you are hurting, lonely or scared, you will be safe here.

Whether you are from Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Australia or Antarctica; you will be safe here.

If you are a sinner like us, you will be safe here.

We currently do not have any Sunday School Teachers. Any ideas? Do you know anyone that might like to teach Sunday School? We pay \$25 a Sunday for Sunday School and time during church.

OUR NEW MINISTRY IS GOING TO BE LAUNCHED October 1st. Council approved our launching a clothes closet for foster children.

Cedar Falls UCC Foster Children's Closet (Kadens Kloset) will be launched October 1st. We are accepting donations to fill out the closet. We are collecting items for foster care children that are aging out of the program. We also need specifically more backpacks, luggage, and carry bags to put their items in. If you can help us out with any of these items, bring them to church.

The support group for families with a child diagnosed with mental illness now only meets once a month. We will be providing this support group 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is October 13th.

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.” (Matt. 5:9) Our next peace camp is November 12th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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!



United Fellowship

Our October date is Thursday Oct. 6 with the destination of Balltown for lunch. We will be leaving the church at 9:30AM. There is a sign-up sheet or you can call Barb Kuhlman at 277-1510.

Theological Forums

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

September 28 – Biblical Perspectives on Homosexuality

October 5 – Christian Perspective on Homosexuality

October 12 – God Questions

October 19 – Jesus Questions

October 26 – Atonement – What is it?

November 2 – Views of Heaven and Hell

November 9 – Views of Peace and War

November 16 – Understanding the Holy Spirit

Crop Walk

October 9, 2016 registration is at 1:30PM and the walk starts at 2:00PM. If you are interested, please contact the church secretary from 8:00AM-12:00PM, Monday, Tuesday, or Thursdays.

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. Council voted in July's meeting to transfer funds from the Fullbright, Porter, and Harold and Rosie Kienzle Memorial Funds to the Organ Repair account.

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. Thank you.

Workshop 1 – October 1st

Reframing Illness and Wellness: Seeking a Broader Perspective

You are invited to join us as we consider counter-cultural concepts of illness and wellness. We'll explore issues like these:

What are some of the world's different medical models, and the perspective of health and healing that forms the basis of each?

How can we be served but not limited by the medical model of our culture?

Disease care and health care are not the same. How can we access both?

How can we reframe our spiritual practices to support us in time of illness?

Your body believes every word you say: what does that mean?

How do we relate to our bodies in sickness and in health?

How can we be healthy in a fear-based culture that is obsessed with disease?

How do our words impact our health and the health of others?

How can we pray for ourselves or others when illness is present?

What useful resources are available in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area?

We will try to model some of the ideas we discuss, so we will **not** share the gory details of our last operation or our nasty illness; we will **not** trash the medical personnel that serve us; we will **not** wallow in negativity and fear!

Cedar Falls United Church of Christ

9204 University Avenue

Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Saturday, October 1, 2016

9:30-4:00

Cost: Free Will Offering Lunch and snacks provided

Register by Sept. 27th by calling 319-266-9686 or

emailing cedarfallsucc@gmail.com.

For more information call 319-505-2424

Rev. Janice Springer, a pastor in the United Church of Christ, will lead this event. She has served churches for 35 years and is currently the Minister of Spiritual Formation at the UCC in Missoula, Montana. Her articles have been published in several journals including *Christian Century*. Janice is the author of *Spiritual Depth in Christian Worship: Ten Practices*,

and is working on her second book. She has led workshops and retreats in the United States and Canada. She serves as a spiritual director and lives in Iowa and Montana.

Present From Pastor Clark

Our former Interim Pastor, Clark Kilgard gave our church a special gift. It's a book of poetry by James Hearst, called [The Complete Poetry of James Hearst](#). If you would like to read it, the book will be in the library.

Pastoral Relations Committee has been formed: Chris Mertz, Carol Smith, and Gary Hesse. We will meet at least once every quarter and more if needed. Our next meeting, will be on November 7th.

Aging Out Items Needed

For our Foster Children's Closet we will be focusing on "Aging Out" boxes. These will be items for children aging out of the foster care system. These items include: luggage, toiletry items (shampoo, soaps, hand soaps, toilet paper), pillows and sheets, towels, hand towels and dishwashing towels, dish soap, dishes including drinking cups, Tupperware, hand mixers, toasters, can openers, silverware, pots and pans, hangers, alarm clocks, shower curtains with hooks, bathmats, bedding, welcome mats. If you have any of these items you could donate, all donations will be accepted. Please make sure they are gently used or new. All help and donations are welcome! Thank you!

Calendar

- 9/28/16 WED 6:30-8:00PM
Theological Forum
- 10/1/16 SAT 9:30AM-3:30PM
Workshop (Reframing Illness)
- +10/2/16 SUN 9:30AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM Sunday School
10:15AM Worship
- 10/5/16 WED 6:30-8:00PM
Theological Forum
- 10/6/16 THUR 9:30AM
United Fellowship
- +10/9/16 SUN 9:30AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM Sunday School
10:15AM Gospel Brunch
1:30PM Crop Walk
2:00PM N.E. IA UCC Assoc. Mtg.
- 10/10/16 MON 9:00AM VOICE Deadline
5:30PM Worship Board
- 10/13/16 THUR 6:30PM Support Group
for persons who have mental illness in
family
- 10/17/16 MON 6:30PM Memorials and
Endowments
- 10/19/16 WED 6:30-8:00PM Theological
Forum
- 10/20/16 THUR 9:30AM Morning Circle
- 10/24/16 MON 9:00AM VOICE
Deadline
6:30PM Council
- 10/26/16 WED 6:30-8:00PM Theological
Forum

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9204 University Avenue
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New Website: www.cedarfallsucc.org
Open and Affirming
“Listening to God with open minds.
Welcoming all with open arms.”
NEW CHURCH email address:
cedarfallsucc@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/5/16 SAT 9:30 – 3:30 I Know We’re all
welcome at the table but do I need to sit next to
you?
- 11/12/16 SAT Peace Camp 10 a.m. – 2 p.n.
- 11/29/16 TUES 4 p.m. Community Meal @UMC