

# The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ October 25, 2016.

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## Appreciation Party Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Lesley Jernigan has accepted another work position. She has been church secretary since 2009. Thank you Lesley. An appreciation party will be held in her honor Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Share your appreciation for her. If you can't be there send a card, we'll get it to her.

We will have new office hours with no secretary. I am in the office most weeks every day but Fridays and Colleen cleans that day so if you leave a message, we hopefully can get back to you in a timely fashion. If you are willing to donating some time in the office, let me know. Being able to talk to a person rather than a machine is more welcoming. We have some tasks besides answering the phone for those who are able and there are always little extras that can be done. Thanks.

We have a church wide mailing to go out. Would you be willing to help with that? Give the office a call, 266- 9686

**OCTOBER 27, 2016, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** a special gathering around the Theme: Interrupted by a Cop! Roles and Rights class/discussion will be held at First United Methodist Church 614 Randolph Street Waterloo, Iowa 50703. This is supported by Iowa State Patrol, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, Waterloo and Cedar Falls Police Departments, Waterloo Commission on

Human Rights, Brothaz Barbershop, Gray's Barbershop. Thanks Celeste for bringing this to our attention.

In the sanctuary, you may notice that there are now 3 prayer shawls. When you come to worship, please feel free to wrap one around you. We invite you to especially pray for Marlys and Bart. We miss them. We also pray for Shirley Connelly recovering from surgery. It is important to keep one another in prayer. Please pray for the church. We had wonderful music Sunday with a quartet joining us – thanks Cris for arranging some of his students to share their gifts with us. When we have more people we get energized. It takes all of us inviting to build up this Body of Christ!

November 1 at 6 p.m. in Bengtson Auditorium, Russell Hall, a free concert with host guest artists Markus Burger and Jan von Klewitz will be performing "Spiritual Standards". Poster will be in our entryway. No tickets or reservations needed.

We continue to focus on our vision. We already have stepped into our vision when we gather for worship on Sundays and welcome not only one another, but also the stranger in our midst. **Join us on November 5<sup>th</sup> for a workshop, "I know we're all welcome at the table, but do I have to sit next to you?"** We need to have at least 8 people registered. Sign up now.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**, in our morning worship service, we will be remembering all those servants of God who have died since November 2015. We were blessed by their service to God through this church. The two people I have listed are: Reika Kramer and Marj McKinley. If I am missing anyone else, please let me know right away.

**On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.**, we will be having a special service to install me as Cedar Falls United Church of Christ's pastor. Let us know if you can attend and be at the dinner following worship.

Currently I am teaching Sunday School. 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.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." (Matt. 5:9) Our next peace camp is **November 12<sup>th</sup>** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will be focusing on affirming one another. If you can help us out on this day, let me know.

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!**



## **Theological Forums**

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

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

## **Donations Welcomed for our Church Organ**

This week we are having our organ tuned and continuing to decide what repairs we can do as we go forward. We are still receiving donations to help repair the organ. Thank you to all the people who have given us help.

## **CROP Walk**

A huge thank you to all those who supported the CROP walk this year. Thanks Ken Connelly for organizing it. It benefitted the NE Iowa Food Bank. Thank you Thank you Thank you!

## **Support Group for Families**

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 November 10.

## **Other Opportunities to Serve!**

We are dividing the responsibilities up again on Sunday morning. The team idea was a good one, but we seem to be having problems getting enough teams. So if you are willing to be a greeter in 2017 please sign up. If you are willing to be ushers, please sign up. If you are willing to be hosts for fellowship time following church, let us know. Just call the office: 266-9686. Thank you. We appreciate your help.

## **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. We will be goal setting for 2017.

## **Cedar Falls UCC Foster Children's Closet**

(Kadens Kloset) has been successfully launched. Thank you for your support. We have been receiving donations and already had families utilize our closet. We are still developing the closet. We will be specializing in helping the young adults who are "aging out" of foster care. We were asked to give a \$200 donation to cover start up expenses. Council has covered that expense but if you feel so moved to help with that please do so. It is a way to connect to this new ministry. We are 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. Our love is extended to these foster families.

## **United Fellowship**

Any one interested in joining us for our next event, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, meet us at the church to ride together to "Wild Carrot" in Waverly at 11:15 a.m. or meet us there.

## **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!

## **Our Church Vision**

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?

There are those who pray for us and believe in our vision and our mission. We can make a difference in this community. We can be the church who extravagantly welcomes and creates safe place for all ages to gather together in God's love and peace. Where do you see yourself fitting in? How can you extend yourself in this faith community strengthening the church to make a difference here and now?

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, trans-  
gendered 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.

### Calendar

10/26/16 WED 6:30-8:00PM Theological  
Forum  
10/30/16 SUN 10:15 a.m. Worship and  
following worship a party of appreciation  
for Lesley Jernigan  
11/2/16 WEDS 6:30 p.m. Theological Forum  
11/5/16 SAT 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Workshop: “I Know We’re Welcome at the  
Table, but Do I have to Sit Next to You?”  
11/6/16 SUN 10:15 a.m. Worship – All  
Saint’s Day – Remembering those who have  
died this past year.

11/7/16 MON - VOICE due date  
11/9/16 WED 6:30 p.m. Theological Forum  
11/10/16 THURS. 6:30 p.m. Support Group  
11/12/16 SAT Peace Camp 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
11/13/16 SUN A Season of Prayer for Our  
Leaders Interfaith Prayer Service 3 p.m. at  
YWCA of Black Hawk County

### 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.m.**  
**11/20/16 3 p.m. Pastor Sue’s installation**  
**11/29/16 TUES 4 p.m. Community Meal @UMC**

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