

# The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ January 17, 2017.

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## Open House for Clothes Closet!

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Our Cedar Falls UCC Clothes Closet (Kaden's Kloset) is going well. We are going to have an open house so the families can shop and share and we can demonstrate our hospitality. There is great potential for a vibrant ministry with this closet. Thank you for volunteering to bring goodies and be here for our open house. We will be open from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please like on Facebook our Kadens Kloset Cedar Fall's page. Help us get the word out.

Today we had a UNI student stop by and want to know if she could help Saturday. I invited them to come. It is encouraging to have young people seeking to serve and help. She may bring a friend. Let us continue to faithfully serve and bring opportunities for others to serve with us.

A challenge for all of us in 2017 is to look for the good news. People are working for a better world and we don't seem to be hearing about it in our regular news. Every Sunday I invite someone to share Good News 2017. I'm getting some of my news from Christian Century, Sojourners Magazine, and Christian Science Monitor. Portland, Oregon is the first city to impose a tax increase on companies that pay their chief executives at least 100 times as much as their median workers' salary – a 10% surcharge. The tax is even higher if CEO-to-worker ratio is greater. This is an effort to challenge income inequality.

It is really nice to respond with local good news too. "Economic Inequality: How can People of Faith and Good Will Respond?" interfaith workshops exploring economic inequality are being offered on January 29, March 5, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. January 29, 2017 – 1:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. @ Cedar Valley Unitarian Universalists, 3912 Cedar Heights Dr. Cedar Falls, IA.

In my office I have a kennel. Dobby, my black German Shepherd comes to work with me. We are in puppy class on Tuesday evenings. He is very high-spirited and does pretty well in class. I have lots to learn yet. Come by sometime and meet him. He needs the practice learning how to socialize.

Peace Camp for 5 year old to 12 year old youth is February 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We will focus on Communication.

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

In Christ we serve,  
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



## Church Community News

Eileen Daley's dad died – our hearts reach out to her.

Roland John Wedemeier (1.27.1935 – 12.31.16) celebration of life was held at Saint Paul UCC in Denver, IA, Rev Craig Henderson presiding. Our hearts go out to his family.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, Bart McAninch died. Services won't be right away. Our prayers for Marlys and family.

Charles Dean Henry (grandson of Georgia and Randy Henry) arrived at 9:37 am January 14, 2017. He weighs 11 lb. 4 oz and is 22 in long. Congratulations! And love to the parents.

### Thank You notes

What a magical event! Two angels recently appeared on my door step bearing a gift of good cheer. Special thanks to those two who were named Kuhlman and Weier! – from Linda and Lathon Jernigan

Dear Pastor Sue and UCC Congregation, My family is most grateful for your correspondence with Mom and Dad and willingness to keep them up-to-date with the church newsletter. ... thank you again for allowing us to use the fellowship hall in June of 2015 to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays. Blessings to all, Melinda (McAninch) Grimm and Jay, David, and Kurt McAninch

Many thanks to the "UCC Family" for a package of special items that included candy, sweets, assorted fruits, a Christmas

decoration of measuring spoons with painted snowman faces, and some "Fully Rely on God" soap. All this was packed in a delightfully decorated box (which may have held shoes in another life) delivered to my apartment (#1) at Windridge by two attractive ladies (Barb and Pastor Sue). The gift was much appreciated and enjoyed on arrival December 15.

Merry Christmas!!!

Dick (Douglas)

### Morning Circle

9:30 a.m. – January 19th

### Theological Forums

(6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights)

We are going to explore the topic of Racism on the 18<sup>th</sup> and on the 25<sup>th</sup> talk about whether Jesus was white and if that matters to us as Christians. What does our faith say about racism?

### Social Justice Action Request

Please call congress now to protect mental health care: Call 202-224-3121, press #2 and enter your zip code. Say something like: "As a constituent, I would like the Representative to protect people with mental illness who can't afford to lose health coverage. Please preserve Medicaid and insurance safeguards that help people get mental health care. Thank you."

If you could also call our Senators with the same message, 202-224-3121, press #1 and enter your zip code, this would be helpful too.

Are you affected by health insurance issues and potential changes that may be coming? What about pre-existing conditions? Do you have someone this affects?

## President's Message

The Annual meeting will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Council will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ORDINATION OF PATRICIA GEADELMANN

Pat did an internship at the Cedar Falls UCC during 2002 and 2004 under the supervision of Jim Altenbaumer. She is now serving part-time as Minister of Care and Visitation at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. She would like to invite us to her ordination.

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church 505 Franklin St. Waterloo, IA.

### 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.

### Tai Chi Class

Veronique Conrad has let me know that anyone interested in taking a Tai Chi class next semester (Jan. 2017), is welcome to join in a beginning class at New Aldaya. For information the best is to e-mail Lindsay Wolff: [lwolff@newaldaya.org](mailto:lwolff@newaldaya.org)

**Cedar Falls UCC Foster Children's Closet** Our love is extended to foster families. Open House January 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## WORKSHOP

Led by Rev. Janice Springer

**“Here Be Dragons”** Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. When ancient mapmakers drew a map of the known world, they would get to the edge of the page and the edge of what had so far been discovered, and they would print along the borders of the map *Here Be Dragons*. Beyond this point, they were saying, we have not yet explored and you are on your own, no guarantees. Sounds like life, doesn't it? You're invited to join us for a look at one of the dragons of our lives: fear. Where does it come from? What impact does fear have on the community, on our society? What is the relationship between fear and faith? How do we cope with the awful fears that threaten to paralyze us, that suck the joy from our lives? Sometimes we need to learn how to live without fear. Sometimes we need to learn how to live with fear. Join us as we discover together the tools that can help us.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House 9 am – 3 pm  
January 21<sup>st</sup> for our Clothes Closet

Cedar Falls United Church of Christ will hold our Annual Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

February 4 – Workshop “Here Be Dragons”  
Feb. 11 – Peace Camp – Communication  
February 19 – Gospel Brunch

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent

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