

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ March 14, 2017.

Movie Night Friday @ 6:30 p.m.

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Kaden's Klostet is open on Saturday, March 18th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you have time to be at the church let me know and we can talk about it.

Our movie night is this Friday night. We will have popcorn and other snacks. Bring your own drink. Hope to see you then.

During Lent, we are inviting all to pause and look within. How are your relationships? With God? With Others? Within? After a preliminary review, what needs to be addressed, any special issues? What is your relationship to this congregation?

When there is something going on in the community that you would like to go together as a church, please let me know so we can publicize it in the Voice. On March 31st at 7:00 p.m., Celeste Bemby will be reading August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson". We want to support one another and it will be fun too.

The devotional "These Days" is available in our church lobby. We have received already April, May, June.

Have you liked our Facebook page for Kaden's Klostet? Colleen over sees this page. We are trying to reach families that can benefit from this ministry. Any families that have foster children are welcome to receive what we have and we even send out requests for items we don't have.

Each week in worship we not only share Good News 2017 but also after worship, prayer time. Individuals are invited to a prayer station to have prayer together.

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!



Organ Repair

We have now raised enough money to do the next step in making our organ repairs. Levsen Organ Company has given us a list of 8 repairs that are very important for us to make and we are within a couple hundred dollars of being able to do all of them. Thank you for giving and helping make this possible. We have some more repairs after these but this is a great start. Thanks to Greg Meyer, our organist, for working with Levsen and the Church Council to protect, care for, and know how to be good stewards of this instrument. The repairs will be scheduled this spring.

President's Message

- Larry Buchholz-

Cedar Falls UCC Foster Children's Closet (Kaden's Kloset)

Our love is extended to foster families. Our church will have an open time where families can come and drop things off or get things from the closet that they need on Wednesday 2-5 p.m. We also will have it by appointment. We are going to ask people willing to be at the church for other designated times. We will then post them on our Kaden's Kloset Face book Page. If you haven't liked it yet, please do.

March 18th – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. the closet will be open for people to drop stuff off at the church or shop and get clothes for their foster children.

Currently we have requests for a double stroller, snow boots (size 7and1/2-8) and snow boots and pants (women's/juniors 5-6). If you know of anyone who has any of these items please let us know.

Church Community News

We have included Bart's obituary in earlier Voice's. His celebration of life or memorial service has been set.

Celebration of Life for James Barton McAninch, 91 of Cedar Falls will be held Saturday May 27th, probably at 1 p.m.

Marlys McAninch had her 91st birthday March 5th! Send a card. Let her know you are thinking of her.

Obituary for Charles "Charlie" Seaton Moon

Visitation: Friday, March 17, 2017 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Parrott and Wood Chapel of Memories Waterloo IA. Funeral Service is on Saturday March 18th 2017 at 10:30 a.m. South Waterloo Church of the Brethren 6227 Kimball Avenue Waterloo, IA.

Charles "Charlie" Seaton Moon was born December 21, 1953, in Waterloo, IA, son of Seaton and Betty (King) Moon. He was raised in Cedar Falls and graduated from Cedar Falls High School with the Class of 1972. Charlie earned his Associates Degree in Electronics and worked as a television technician until he began his career with John Deere as a machinist. He met Donna Binkholder through work and the couple married on June 26, 1982. Charlie enjoyed pitching horseshoes, flying airplane gliders, and racing slot and RC cars. He loved muscle cars and bought a 1967 Nova. Charlie spent a lot of time repairing things for his own family as well as friends and neighbors. He will be remembered as a considerate and sweet man who loved his wife, children, and grandchildren most of all.

Charlie passed away at the age of 63 years on Thursday, March 10, 2017 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. He was preceded in death by a brother Rodger; nephew, Brian VanWoert; and his father-in-law, Forrest Binkholder. Charlie is survived by his parents; beloved wife, Donna; 2 daughters: Mary (Shawn) Oelmann of Clarksville and Theresa Moon (Matt Pope) of Waterloo; 5 grandchildren: Madison, Mason, Molly, Jace, and Ryan; a brother, Tom (Linda) Moon of Waterloo; a sister, Linda (Dave) Van Woert of Urbandale; and many nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces. Memorials may be directed to South Waterloo Church of the Brethren or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Invitations from our Larger Community

Our church has been invited to sing in a Spring (April 30th) concert @ First Presbyterian in Waterloo. If you are interested in singing, let Celeste know. If you are interested in attending, save Sunday April 30th at 3 p.m. and join with others at First Presbyterian in Waterloo in enjoying this concert.

Peace Camp

Our next Peace Camp is May 6th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Our theme that day is cooperation. I would like it to be a day of experiences in cooperation – games, activities, and interactions. If you would like to be a part of this event, let me know.

Morning Circle

They are making new banners. Want to join them and help out, you don't have to commit to come all the time just give them a morning now and again. Call Barb Kuhlman 319-277-1510

United Fellowship

April 6th is our next gathering. We will meet at 11:15 a.m. at the church. For this gathering we are going to Waterloo to Newton's Café. Hopefully in May we can venture farther away.

Theological Forums

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

On March 1st, there will be no forum but rather a worship service for Ash Wednesday. On March 8th, we will be discussing writings that didn't make it into our Protestant Bible, such as the Gospel of Mary, the Gospel of Thomas, and others throughout the season of Lent.

One Great Hour of Sharing

In 2016, the United Church of Christ received over \$2.2 million for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Every dollar was used to help people and communities living in critical situations worldwide. We have offering envelopes at the church and will include them in our mailing. Please consider giving to this special offering. We will collect this special offering in March and send it on before Easter.

Social Justice Action Request

We are getting many requests for action. More than I ever remember getting in my 36 years of ministry. I am making a judgment call about which ones to include in our church news and which ones to act on or not for myself. If they are for the poor and oppressed of our world, I pretty much pass them on. If they tend to be partisan in nature, I don't. Please give me (Pastor Sue) your feedback about this item in the Voice.

Educational Opportunity in the Community

"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 2nd from 1:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. @ Cedar Valley Unitarian Universalists, 3912 Cedar Heights Dr. Cedar Falls, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17 – Movie Night – 6:30 p.m. a family appropriate movie will be chosen to share in fellowship time together. We will provide popcorn but invite you to bring your own drinks.

March 18 – Kaden's Closet Open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

April 13th – Maundy Thursday – we will be having a 6 p.m. Christian Seder Meal at the church (a sign-up sheet saying you will be attending is in the office). This is a full meal with the ritual.

April 14th – A Community Good Friday Service downtown Cedar Falls

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