

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ March 28, 2017.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

During Lent, we have been focused on what sounds we might hear during Holy Week. We have heard the sound of weeping, the sound of a rooster crowing, the sound of dripping water, and we will continue with the sounds of coins clanking, clop, clop, clop sounds and the sounds of joy. These sounds remind us that God is with us when we are discouraged, disappointed, and despairing. These sounds remind us that God loves us even when we are the source of discouragement, disappointment, or despair. These sounds remind us that we are trustworthy, lovable, and servants of God.

How are you serving God? What empowers you to follow Jesus? Each of us have ways that nourish us and renews our spirits, what is it for you?

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th at 6 p.m., we will share an experience of a Christian Seder. The food will be prepared that day and if anyone wants to help we will share prayer over the food as we prepare the feast. I will be serving the traditional foods and the main course will be a lamb stew. Even if you aren't sure you will like it please join us and experience this special meal and service.

On Good Friday, the 14th there will be an ecumenical service. We begin at noon meeting at Overman Park across from City Hall. It is

called the Procession of the Cross Event and we will be walking to different stops. We finish between Washington and 8th by St Pat's and First UMC. This will be the first year I have participated in this service.

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 Bembry will be reading August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson". This is a thought provoking play on the plight of African American males and family life. We can go out afterwards to talk about it if you want, let me know.

Have you liked our church's Face book page (Karen Newcomb oversees) and our Kaden's Kloset page (Colleen Kelly oversees)? We are trying to build these pages as a way of more effectively communicating. Please share postings as well. Face book doesn't show our postings on everyone's timeline but picks and chooses so the more people who like something or shares it the more people that see it. Thanks.

Each week in worship we not only share Good News 2017 but also after worship, prayer time. Individuals are invited to go to a prayer station. Thanks to Janice Springer and Celeste Bembry for their willingness to pray with others.

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!



Holy Week Schedule

- April 9 – Palm Sunday
Worship 11:15 a.m.
- April 13 – Maundy Thursday
6:00 p.m. Seder Meal
- April 14 – Good Friday
Noon – Procession of the Cross
- April 15 – Easter
Sunrise Service – check with Celeste
11:15 a.m. Worship with extra
instrumental music

Devotional Material

The devotional “These Days” is available in our church lobby. We have received already April, May, June. If you want to devotional materials on line then consider going to our national church’s web page:
www.ucc.org/daily_devotional

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)
- March 29 – The Gospel of Mary
- April 5 – Other Non-Canonical books
- April 12 – No Class or forum
- April 19 – resurrection/reincarnation
- April 26 – Topic to be determined

Organ Repair

We will be doing organ repair after Easter. 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.

President’s Message

We will be scheduling another Fireside Chat the end of May first part of June.
- Larry Buchholz-

Cedar Falls UCC Foster Children’s Closet

(Kaden’s Kloset)

Last week we were able to help 5 families from Kaden’s Kloset. We are trying to reach families that can benefit from this ministry and we are beginning to do just that. 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. We are also receiving regular donations.

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.

April 22nd – 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. Can you give of your time on this day?

Church Community News

Bart McAninch's celebration of life or memorial service has been set. The **Celebration of Life for James Barton McAninch**, 91 of Cedar Falls will be held Saturday May 27th, probably at 1 p.m.

Our prayers continue for Donna Moon on the death of her husband Charlie.

Eleanor Crownfield is currently at the Martin Center. Please keep her in your prayers and send a card.

..... 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.

Pilgrim Heights Schedule

Men's Spring Work Weekend: March 31-April 1

Spring Work Weekend: April 21-23

Day of Discovery: May 7

Counselor in Training Camp for Youth 15 and older is June 25th – June 30th

Grandparent(s) and Me – Plus!: K-4th grade (refers to grade completed)

July 9th – July 11th

July 12th – July 14th

July 19th – July 21st

July 23rd – July 25th

July 30th – August 1st

Explorer Camp: K – 2nd graders

June 28 – June 30th

July 5 – July 7th

July 16th – July 18th

Discoverer Camp: 3rd – 5th graders AND

Voyager Camp 6th – 8th graders

Held each of these weeks also

July 2nd – July 7th

July 9th – July 14th

July 16th – July 21st

July 30th – August 4th

Adventurer Camp: 9th – 12th graders

July 2nd – July 7th

July 23rd – July 28th

Family Camp: All Ages

July 28th – July 30th

Grown Up Getaway: Adults 21 and older

August 13th – August 18th

UCC Confirmation Retreat: August 25-26th

Family Camp – Last Hurrah of Summer:

All Ages September 1st – September 4th

Men's Fall Retreat: October 27th-28th

Women's Retreat: Nov. 17th – 18th

Registration Information is available in the church office. If you want to go, we also have some scholarships available.

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

We have received \$227 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you so much for your contributions.

Social Justice Action Request

We have been invited to participate in rally's to let our representatives and senators know our views on various issues. Sometimes we are given enough notice to pass it on quickly.

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 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 Kloset 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

April 21st – 6:30 p.m. movie night at the church

April 22nd – Kaden's Kloset is open

April 23rd – Earth Day Service

April 30th – JAZZ Brunch

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