

# The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ April 25, 2017.

## Happy Mother's Day & Congratulations Grads

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

With May has come sunshine and the raising of my spirits. How about you?

Sunday is Mother's Day. We are asking that you send an electronic picture of you and your mother to us here at church so that we can include it in a presentation Sunday during the offering. Thanks.

In worship we share Good News 2017. I have been getting most of it from the Christian Century and Christian Science Monitor. If you would like to have mentioned other good news, then please let me know.

We pray for those areas of our country who are experiencing flooding and the after affects of the excess water. There are so many areas of social justice being affected today that it is hard to keep up. Please hold in prayer all those being negatively affected by those decisions.

Starting in June we will be inviting Celeste Bembry to share her faith story, Greg will share his in July, I will share mine in August, Janice will share hers in September. I will be inviting people to share their story and schedule a time. If you are interested in sharing your faith story, then please don't wait for me to ask you, call in and let me know.

Your story is a gift you give to others. This month we are sharing two celebrations of life. Their stories are going to be shared and celebrated. If you have memories of Eleanor or Bart, please let me know. I will share them with those who are able to attend these events.

I also would like to video our folk who aren't able to come to church. Everyone's faith story encourages others. I will seek your permission before videoing you though. Think about what you would like to share. Some possible questions would include: When were you first aware of God? How does your faith make a difference in your life? What is/has been your relationship to Cedar Falls UCC?

May God's love bring us together and may God's grace hold us together. Have a blessed Holy week.

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!**



### **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](http://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

### **Sad Notice**

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, David Byerly, Dick Douglas' son in law died. Our prayers are with him and his daughter Karen.

**We have two celebrations of life scheduled this month: Eleanor Crownfield on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and Bart McAninch on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.**

### **Theological Forums**

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

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Sin and Scripture

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Power of God and Problem of Evil

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Social Gospel in Today's Age

May 31<sup>st</sup> - Wisdom of World Religions

We won't be continuing in the summer. We will resume this in the fall. We will revisit some topics because of the interest and timing. If you have a topic to put on the schedule, please let Pastor Sue know so scheduling will work for you.

### **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.

### **Organ Repair**

Our pipe organ is in good shape. Thanks to everyone who contributed to repair it.

Poems by Chris Vallecillo read in church on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Easter Morn and He is Alive! Thanks Chris for sharing them.

#### **Easter Morn**

Today we celebrate that first Easter morn,  
When the stone rolled away and the veil was torn!

This was the day God set us free.  
The day HE raised Christ out of hell and misery!

Christ bore our sins,  
He bore our pain.

Because of His great sacrifice  
We are forever changed!

Thank you Lord God above;  
For this most gracious gift of love!  
So let Jesus' life be the example to us;  
That in God alone we must put our trust!

#### **He is Alive!**

He is alive!  
He has risen!  
My heart leaps with joy;  
For I am forgiven!

The greatest sacrifice ever made.  
Through HIM all debts have been paid!  
Let us rejoice and be glad that Christ has overcome the grave.  
Announce the Good News – whoever follows HIM shall be saved!

So Celebrate this most Holy Day;  
Giving God the Glory,  
Thanks and Praise!

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m.

Eleanor Crownfield's celebration of life or memorial service is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

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.

### **President's Message**

We will be scheduling another Fireside Chat the first part of June.

- Larry Buchholz-

### **Pilgrim Heights Schedule**

Counselor in Training Camp for Youth 15 and older is June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>

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

July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>

July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>

July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup>

July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>

Explorer Camp: K – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

June 28 – June 30<sup>th</sup>

July 5 – July 7<sup>th</sup>

July 16<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>

Discoverer Camp: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders AND

Voyager Camp 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Held each of these weeks also

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>

July 16<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>

July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>

Adventurer Camp: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>

Family Camp: All Ages

July 28<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>

Grown Up Getaway: Adults 21 and older

August 13<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>

UCC Confirmation Retreat: August 25-26<sup>th</sup>

Family Camp – Last Hurrah of Summer:

All Ages September 1<sup>st</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>

Men's Fall Retreat: October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

Women's Retreat: Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

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 June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>. We will open our Camp to the community.

### **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

Movie Night on May 19<sup>th</sup>. I have two possibilities. One is called Saving Grace starring Tom Cotti about a pope, the other is Hidden Figures. Let me know if you are coming and which one you would like to see.

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