

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ June 6, 2017.

NEW BANNER Sharing Stories

CORRECTION:

In the last Voice it was mentioned that Joy and Burt Corning had established the Corning Memorial Endowment Fund. This is incorrect. Robert Corning was the person to give this gift to the church. We appreciate it when we have the opportunity to correct misinformation.

Thank you Morning Circle for creating our new banner. What a beautiful job you did! Thank you Maryann Hesse, Barb Kuhlman, and Carol Smith for doing the majority of the work. Thanks to all who helped. Here is a picture of it:



It was hung for Pentecost Sunday and for Communion. We are the church together.

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Friday at My Waterloo Days I will be handing out invitations for people to bring their children to Peace Camp and flyers of our church. I will also be handing out additional information for the Cedar Valley Interfaith group. I ordered and will be getting tattoos to give out from our table. I am sharing the table with the Islamic center. Drop by if you are in the area.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. In this chaotic world, peace seems elusive. On June 12th, we begin Peace Camp for 5 year old – 12 year old children and end on Friday. We will meet from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. including lunch. On Friday the 16th we will only go until noon and the day is filled with games.

Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Kaden's Kloset will be open for donations or shopping for our foster care families. If there is a time slot that you are willing to be at the church and cover some of those hours, let Colleen or Pastor Sue know. Thanks.

On June 18th, Father's Day, we will have a photo presentation to music during the offertory. We are collecting pictures of "Father / child" pictures. If you have a picture of you and your dad, please send it to us electronically so we can put it in a slide show or power point program. If you are a dad and have some pictures of you with your

children could you get them to us. It was a nice touch on mother's day to have those photos. Thank you!

Starting in June we will be inviting Celeste Bemby to share her faith story (June 11th), Greg Meyer will share his in (July 30th), I will share mine in August, Janice Springer 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. Every person's life is unique and has times we encounter God and God speaks to us in our stories. The Holy Spirit connects our stories with God's story. When we celebrate a life, I gather stories about the person. I have found that painful memories can be healed through stories. Remembering our stories may create community and our faith stories are the legacy we leave. Stories create meaning at any age.

As Henri Nouwen has expressed it in The Life of the Beloved, "Your life and my life are, each of them, one-of-a-kind. No one has ever lived your life or my life before, and no one will live them again. Our lives are unique stories in the mosaic of human existence – priceless and irreplaceable."

As Frederick Buechner has said in Telling Secrets, "Maybe nothing is more important than that we keep track, you and I, of these stories of who we are and where we have come from and the people we have met along the way because it is precisely through these stories in all their particularity ... that God makes (God's) self known to each of us most powerfully and personally." Sharing and remembering our stories helps us perceive ways God has shared in our personal history. We remember incredible answers to prayer and grace moments, times when God helped us through what seemed

impossible crises. Story is the song line of a person's life. We need to sing it and we need someone to hear the singing. Story told, story heard, story written, story read create the web of life in words. (Christina Baldwin, Story Catcher)

In his book, Story Journey, Thomas Boomershine states that "if the adventures of the Gospel are learned deeply, our stories are woven together with Jesus' story." Have you ever written a spiritual autobiography? There is an incredible power of sharing spiritual stories. It is my hope that you will be willing to share your story.

I would like to video our people 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? How do you grow spiritually? What ministries hold a special place in your heart? What ministries has God called you to?

May God's love bring us together and may God's grace hold us 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!



Sad Notices

Marlys Jean McAninch (91) of Cedar Falls passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Westview Care Center in Indianola, Iowa. Marlys was the daughter of Charles Edwin and Edith Grace (Adams) Blume and was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner, Iowa. She graduated from Sumner High School in 1943 and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education from Iowa State University in 1948. Marlys was married to James Barton McAninch on August 8, 1948 in St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner. She taught secondary and adult education in the states of Washington and Iowa.

She is survived by one daughter, Melinda Jean (Gene) Grimm of Indianola, IA; three sons, Jay B (Janet) of Centreville, VA; David E. (Kristine) of Green Bay, WI; Kurt W. (Ruth) of Pleasanton, CA; ten grandchildren, Deanne (Bryan) Berg of Indianola, IA; Gavin (Jodie) Grimm of Virginia; Garret Grimm of Indianola, IA; Ben (Jill) of North Mankato, MN; Becky (Mark) Graham of Chicago, IL; Sarah (Ryan) Galloway of Lawton, OK; Kathryn (Marcus) Scharping of Green Bay, WI; Peter of Green Bay, WI; Andrew of Fresno, CA; and Nathan (Julia) Miami, FL; twelve great-grandchildren, Chloey, Corbin, & Roman Berg, Leo Grimm, Bart, Frankie, and Jackson McAninch, Evie Graham, Jack and Beatrice Galloway, and Alex & Macalister Scharping; several cousins, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Douglas, and two sisters, Darlene & Marilee and their spouses. She was a member of the United Church of Christ in Cedar Falls and a 50 year member of the American Association of University Women. Celebrate Life Iowa was in charge of cremation. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 1, 2017 at the United Church of Christ on University Avenue in Cedar Falls at 1 p.m.. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Cedar Falls, IA.

Peace Camp

Our next Peace Camp is June 12th – June 16th. We will open our Camp to the community. This camp is for 5 year old to 12 year old children. “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the Children of God. If you have a child, grandchild, neighbor..., please call the office and register the child for Peace Camp.

President’s Message

The organ Repairs have been completed and the organ sounds great. We tend to take things like the organ for granted, but it is valued at between \$450,000 and \$500,000 and is truly one of the nicer organs in this region. We tentatively scheduled our next Fireside Chat for June 11th. We are trying to hold one each quarter.

- Larry Buccholz-

Morning Circle

We took our end of the program year road trip last Thursday. Since it was the day after the storm, we saw lots of down trees on our way to Greene. We had lunch at the Black Sheep Coffee Baa, cute place. We will continue meeting in the fall, so mark the first Thursday of the month. We hope to have our banner hanging in church on the first Sunday of June and welcome your comments on it. (Barb Kuhlman 319-277-1510)

United Fellowship

There were six of sharing fellowship over Indian food in Cedar Rapids. We will assume our outings in the fall, mark the first Thursday of the month and join us. We are always open to suggestions of where to eat and you are always welcome to join our table.

Pilgrim Heights Schedule

Memorials will be directed to either American Association of University Women or United Church of Christ, Cedar Falls in Marlys' name. Condolences and memorials may be sent to M. Grimm, P.O. Box 718, Indianola, IA 50125.

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

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 Closet 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. Greg Meyer, our organist is doing an outstanding job of showing us what a fully functioning organ can do. Amazing. Thanks Greg.

Church Community News

The Cedar Falls Municipal Band with Dennis A. Downs, Conductor is doing a 2017 Concert Series. Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning June 6th-July 25th. Let's go as a church on the 27th of June. We will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m.

"August Ensembles Concert Series"
Tuesdays, 7:00 – August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
We will plan on choosing one of these dates too.

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.

Congratulations Graduates

We continue to celebrate graduates from the church or connected to the church that we know:
Christopher Merz sons:

Benjamin Jonathan Merz graduated from Minnesota State University at Mankato with a BA Theater Generalist degree on Saturday, May 6.

Matthew Ellery Merz graduates from Cedar Falls High School Sunday, May 28. He will begin study at the University of Chicago in the fall, concentrating in mathematics and physics. The University of Chicago discourages declaration of major in the first year, but Matt's interests include research astronomy and astrophysics.

Congratulations to Emily Youde who graduated from Kaplan University with a master's degree in Business Administration.

Cynthia Youde's granddaughter, Megan Barnum graduated from Jackson Missouri High School. Megan's parents are Julie (Youde) and Craig Barnum. She will attend the University of Mississippi in the fall.

Eileen Daley's sons : Colin and Brennan. Colin Ashwood, Master of Public Affairs from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington. Colin will be relocating to Washington DC in July to begin employment with the Governmental Accountability Office.

And Brennan Ashwood, Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) from Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH). Brennan will be relocating to Chicago in July to begin his PhD in Chemistry at the University of Chicago.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9 – My Waterloo Days

June 11 – During Worship, Celeste will be sharing her faith story.

Following worship will be a fireside chat.

Peace Camp June 12-16th

On Monday through Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and on Friday 10 a.m. – Noon

If you can donate snacks for camp or other goodies, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

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Welcoming all with open arms.”
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