

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ June 20, 2017.

Peace Camp postponed

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Thank you for your condolences at the death of my 33 year old nephew, Brad. It has been a painful time. I have been remembering when he was a little boy and would come stay with me. I had members of my church that invited us to spend time with them on their farm. I had pictures of my nephews riding a pony, a 4 wheeler, and fishing. I was serving 3 churches and they made the rounds with me every Sunday morning. Remembering brings a smile to my face. Brad was the youngest of 5 boys. He moved to Texas to work for his uncle (his dad's brother). He had been there 7 years and I hadn't the opportunity to spend much time with him or talk to him. I know he was willing to help anyone who needed it and was shy. I didn't know he was struggling with depression (untreated). I know that it is rampant and there are many who struggle with it. What is so sad is how we make it worse by stigmatizing people with it and all those struggling with mental illness. We add shame and struggle to those who are already down and out. Our family had no idea that Brad was self-destructive. Brad had no idea that his death would wound us so deeply. He didn't know how much he was loved and that saddens me too.

As a result of Brad's death, I have rescheduled Peace Camp. The new dates are: August 7th-11th. I was at My Waterloo Days and handed out

invitations to Peace Camp with the new dates. I am contacting the YWCA to see if they will team up with me for this event. I won't know for a couple of weeks yet, but I am hopeful. If you can make goodies or provide snacks for the camp, I would appreciate your help.

We have the Interfaith Peace Tree for a couple of months. If you are willing to sign it, it will be at our church until mid to late August. We will also hang it up for display.

I will be on vacation in July. I am looking at being gone the 10th-25th. Rev Craig Henderson will help us out with pastoral care needs. He serves Saint Paul UCC Denver Iowa. His office number is 319-984-5682. If you need a pastor while I am gone, please call a Council Member and they will have Craig's cell number and be able to pass on any messages. I will be in Montana and unable to receive phone calls very easily. When I am off the mountain and in town I can receive voice mails and I can return phone calls if needed. I will respond to emergencies and anything that is major, just not minor church issues. ☺

Thank you to Colleen Kelly for our Father's Day slide show. Thank you to all those persons who provided pictures. It was fun to see both old and new pictures. I also want to give special thanks to Celeste Bembry for sharing her faith story. I appreciated so much her willingness to share how she has experienced discipleship.

Greg Meyer will share his faith story July 30th and I will share mine in August. Janice Springer will share her story 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.

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.

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.

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!



Peace Camp

Our next Peace Camp is August 7th-11th. 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. Help us make it successful.

President's Message

We are going to move on repairing our roof. We have had occasional problems with leaks. We will let you know more later.

- Larry Buccholz-

Morning Circle

We will resume meeting in September.

United Fellowship

We will resume meeting in September.

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.

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, Chloe, 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.

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.

Evelyn E. Church (1931-2017)

Evelyn E. Church, 85, of Grundy Center, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, May 25, at Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Grundy Center.

She was born Aug. 21, 1931, in Cedar Falls, daughter of Herman and Anna Arnold Siepert. She married Ernest Wiesley on April 16, 1955, and he preceded her in death Oct. 21, 1971. She married Walter Church on Oct. 18, 1975, in Cedar Falls. Walt preceded her in death Jan. 14, 2012.

Evelyn graduated from Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) with a teaching degree in home economics and taught home economics at Orange Township for several years. She then worked for 19 years in the Admissions Office at the University of Northern Iowa, retiring in 1995. She was a past member of the Cedar

Falls American Legion Auxiliary, the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, El Kahir Shrine, Janesville Eastern Star and the UNI Alumni Club.

Survived by: two daughters, Bonnie (Jim) Nemmers of Eagan, Minn., and Dee Dee (Dave) Robeson of Grundy Center; a stepson, Rick (Nancy) Church of Fairfield, Conn.; and a stepdaughter, Paula Amberfield of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marion Riordan of Minneapolis.

Preceded in death by: her parents; a brother, Donald Siepert; and a sister, Carol Renner.

Services: 1 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, with burial at Greenwood Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be for an hour before the service.

Memorials: may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice (Grundy County) and the Grundy Care Center.

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

Our love is extended to foster families. We will have donations and shopper by appointment in July.

CORRECTION:

In the 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.

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.

Pilgrim Heights Schedule

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

July 1, 2017 is Marlys McAninch celebration of life.

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