

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ July 5, 2017.

Prayer Requests

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Most days I get requests to pray, which I immediately lift up in prayer and sometimes pass them on. I want to invite our faith community to lift up in prayer our elderly who are struggling with health issues. My cousins grandchild was born premature and needs prayers: Arya Konrady. Please pray for all the babies born early that are struggling for life.

Peace camp will be August 7th – 11th. If you are able to provide snacks that week, please let me know. It is taking time to build this program. If we are able to help one child be a peacemaker then we are investing in the future. “Blessed are the Peacemakers for you shall be called the children of God.”

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. ☺

I want to thank Mike Gorton and Erik Breddin for covering the two Sundays I am gone. Join them for worship.

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.

We have been sharing our favorite hymns for special music this summer. Celeste is scheduling those hymns so if you know you are going to be gone on a given Sunday let her know so we don't choose your hymn when you'll be gone.

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!



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.



We celebrated the life of Marlys McAninch on July 1st, 2017. Thank you good and faithful servant.

Thanks to Colleen Kelly for handling our sound that day and the food afterwards. Thanks to Bill Kelly for video taping the service for those who couldn't be there.

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

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

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.

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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