

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ September 26, 2017.

2 Workshops in October

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

The program for Pastoral Care Specialist has begun. The first class was on care for the caregiver. One point that was made challenged what I have found I have done many times. Perhaps you have done this too. It is when someone is caring for another person and we say something like “if there is anything I can do, give me a call.” If the caregiver is really tired..., then a more helpful response is to be specific. An example may be things like: I can run errands for you. I have time on Tuesday, I’ll stop by for a list and pick them up for you. Or why I don’t sit with “John” for an hour and you do something just for you. I’ll check in on you Monday and see what you might need. If we are going to show care for the caregiver then we take the initiative to be specific rather than open ended and placing it on the person to call us.

The NE Iowa UCC Clergy Cluster is reading a book called Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World by John Dorhauer. He addresses the reality of what churches are facing and invites us to seeing what might be ahead. What is unfolding can bring hope to many while others may despair. I invite you to read it and give your thoughts.

I read recently that teen-age suicide attempts are on the rise. More and more people are in need of hope. More and more people are struggling with the meaning of life. Pain has a way of blurring our vision and dulling our sense of hope. How do you deal with pain?

There is a program called “Live Out Loud” being planned for 10 a.m. @ Gateway Park in Cedar Falls on October 7th. It will be wrestling with the issues that have come up since a high school student committed suicide a couple of weeks ago. Join me if you can and attend this event.

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!



THANK YOU

A special note of Thanks is extended to Janice Springer for sharing about her faith journey in our worship service September 17th. Thank you Janice.

We extend a big note of thanks to all of you who have donated to our roof repair. Thanks so much.

Workshop Re-scheduled

The workshop, Prayers of Hand and Heart, was changed from September 9th to October 14th. We need at least 5 people signed up for each workshop in order to hold them. Look over our brochure and sign up and invite friends to join you in exploring these different topics.

Prayers of Hand and Heart

10.14.17 from 9:30am—2:00pm

We will experience a variety of prayer styles which will help you whether you are new at prayer or seasoned, and whether you sit in silent contemplative prayer each day, or most of your prayer is on the run. We'll explore prayers from Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox Christian traditions, and also prayers from other world religions. We'll also work with some of the questions, experiences and problems that prayer has raised for us, and we'll explore ways to make our prayer life deeper and more meaningful.

Sign up by calling the office or in the office: 319-266-9686. Remember we need at least 5 people willing to come.

President's Message "RAISE THE ROOF"

We are continuing to raise funds to repair our church roof. The job is done. We will be getting the bill. We have raised all but around \$1400. If you haven't been able to help us out toward this, please consider giving what you can. Thank you.

September 17th turned out not to work for a fireside chat. I will attempt to have an informal gathering during fellowship time on October 29th. We will be specific about the topic in the October Voice mailings.

Our next Council meeting is October 23rd and we welcome Chris Mertz aboard as Vice-President. Thanks Chris for joining our team.

Sincerely,
Larry Bucholz, Council President-

Morning Circle

First meeting of Morning Circle September 21st was cancelled. We will try again October 19th. We will start at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments and visiting.

We will discuss Job 38:1-40 from the United Church of Christ, Daily Devotional for small group discussion. Be thinking about the following questions: 1. Do you believe people get wiser as they grow older? 2. What are you less sure about today than you were when you were ten, twenty, or thirty years younger? We will also be discussing our program year. I would love to hear your thoughts to the discussion questions even if you can not attend our meeting. – Barbara Kuhlman

United Fellowship

Next meeting will be October 5, 2017

If you want to join us, then meet at the church to join us for our October outing. We will depart at 10:15 a.m. for Strawberry Point and will have lunch at the Franklin Hotel. Open to all, please join us for food and fellowship and maybe some fall leaves.

A Volunteer Wanted for the Office

Would you be willing to be an office volunteer? Put items on the calendar that is going on. If you have some mornings free, would you be willing to come to the church and sit in the office? It is so much nicer if a real person rather than a machine answers our phone. We are more welcoming. Let Pastor Sue know if you are willing.

Community Meal

Our church is helping serve again the community meal on **October 31st** at the First United Methodist Church Cedar Falls. We try and be there at 4 p.m.

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

Our love is extended to foster families. We will have donations and shoppers by appointment in October. We are also open on Wednesday afternoons for anyone to drop by from 2 – 5 p.m. On October 21st we will be open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Church Community News

CROP WALK for Hunger Relief

Sunday, October 1, 2017 1:30 p.m.
Registration Walk begins at 2 p.m. If you have interest in walking or donating toward CROP Walk let Pastor Sue know. 25% of the total donations will fight hunger locally through the NE IA Food Bank. The

remaining 75% of the donations will be used for world hunger relief by Church World Service. Donors may also designate their gift to one of 19 hunger relief agencies. The walk begins and ends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

A new support group for transgender/ gender nonconforming has meetings in the Waterloo and Charles City areas. For more information go to: www.transcend.lgbt or e-mail someone at: contact@transcend.lgbt or phone: 319-359-7774

Kimball Ave UMC invites us to their **Garage Sale!** 10.6.17 – 4:00 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, 10.7.17 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Heights Schedule

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.

Official Notice

Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference United Church of Christ on Saturday, October 7, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday – Group Discussion – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 11 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fresh and Faithful Resources for Advent and Christmas Worship

This workshop, a resource for those who plan or lead worship, will look at liturgy (prayer, litanies, poetry, story, reader's theatre), sermons and children's messages for use during Advent and Christmas, and we will learn how to use them effectively. The resources presented work well in either traditional or contemporary worship settings. People of all ages and theological positions respond powerfully to them. You will go home with a packet of tools and resources ready to use this year in your church.

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October 29 – Discussion after church during fellowship time

October 31 – next Community Meal we serve

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