

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ October 10, 2017.

Celebrate

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Last Saturday we had the first of what we hope to be an annual event. It was called Live Out Loud. The organizer got sponsors and gifts, held a raffle and a give away to help educate and provide awareness activities for children about bullying, suicide prevention, and other affirming activities and resources. People gave their time to be a resource and available to the community. Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center, Inc. provided some handouts on what to do if your child is bullied, or witnesses bullying, or is a bully. Riverview Center (Sexual Assault Services) sent representatives and handouts. Surviving a Suicide loss: A Resource and Healing Guide was provided by: Central Iowa Out of the Darkness Community Walk. The suicide prevention group of volunteers also provided one of the speakers for the event. There were many others there too. Someone else provided food, journals, collected stories, painted rocks. The whole event had many community volunteers and helpers. Aloha got me involved and connected to the event. They hadn't even thought of involving the churches. I will be on the committee for the next committee and I will be seeing what I can do to get other churches represented and doing something.

Good News

Eileen Daley's son, Colin Ashwood and Maria Wagenhofer were married on September 30, 2017 at the Kimball Avenue United Methodist Church in Waterloo Iowa. The couple reside in Arlington, VA where Colin is employed with the Governmental Accountability Office and Maria is employed with Grant Thornton Consulting, LLC. Congratulations Collin and Maria!



In the last Voice I mentioned that the NE Iowa UCC Clergy Cluster is reading a book called Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World by John Dorhauer. I invited you to read this book and discuss it with me. I am discussing it with the clergy cluster but would be open to discussing it with others.

Dick Douglas is sharing his faith story on Sunday October 15th. Join us for worship and encourage Dick as he shares with us a bit of his faith journey. Later on that Sunday at 6:30 p.m. will be a service of remembrance and candlelight vigil brought to us by Share the Hope Ministries. Rev Robyn J. Plocher will lead this service.

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. On October 8th, Rev Janice Springer shared a message with our congregation that was inspiring. Thank you for giving us a word of hope.

THANK YOU!

We extend a big note of thanks to all of you who have donated to our roof repair. The roof has been repaired. 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 November 2nd, 2017

If you want to join us, then meet at the church to join us for our outing. We will depart at 10:30 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. we will go to Matchstick Marvels in Gladbrook. There is a five dollar admission charge for this museum where master craftsman, Patrick Acton, turns ordinary wooden matchsticks into incredible works of art. Millions of matchsticks have been painstakingly glued together to represent models of planes, trains, ships, buildings. Patrick is a lifelong resident of Iowa who has lived in Gladbrook for over 25 years. Many of his pieces have been featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not museums.

Our trip to Strawberry Point was really nice and our trip to Back Bone State Park made it a nice outing.



A Volunteer is 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)

Summer's done, Winter is coming. I need people to help me reorganize Kaden's Kloset. We are going to put away the summer clothes and bring out the winter wear. If you would like to help, come on by the church Sunday, October 22nd at 2 p.m. Thanks, Colleen

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

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

A special service is being offered.

October 15, 6:30 p.m. Rev. Robyn J. Plocher, Share the Hope Ministries is honoring Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day with a service of remembrance and candlelight vigil.

Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival, November 7th, 4 – 7:30 p.m. at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo. (70+ free and fun activities at this hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics event.)

Waterloo Writing Project

The Waterloo Writing Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting student writing skills and communication. It is a place for students to write, publish, and perform. To come together to create new bonds and friendships. Youth from all around and from all ages K – 12 gather to collaborate and grow as writers and communicators. They meet on Sundays from 4 – 6 p.m. at 800 Broadway, Waterloo, IA. Visit their website to check their schedule:

<http://www.waterloowritingproject.com>

Peace Camp

November 11, 2017

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

We will be playing cooperative games, sharing stories, helping one another, and develop some problem solving skills. All are welcome.

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.

On-going and 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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