

# The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ December 27, 2017.

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

We continue to wish you a Merry Christmas and may you have a Happy New Year. This Voice is to give you business information regarding the church so we will feature a letter from our congregation's president.

May your Christmas continue to be blessed!  
Pastor Sue

### President's Message

The Council met on December 18<sup>th</sup> and finalized our proposed budget for 2018. We were able to reduce our Endowment Fund transfer by \$7000 and the net overall budget has been reduced by \$2000.

The Annual Meeting has been set for January 21, 2018. As usual we will have the Annual Report available on January 14. Individual committee reports are due at the church office by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please attend the Annual meeting. We will have the usual business such as review of committee reports, but will also review the status of the Endowment Fund as well as growth and budget initiatives to sustain us in the future.

Sincerely,  
Larry Buchholz, Council President

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

In November we were able to help around 25 families. In December we have helped approximately 30 families. We extend a "Thank you" to all those who have made this ministry possible and continue to support it.

### United Fellowship

January 4<sup>th</sup>, the first Thursday we will meet at the church at 11:15. We are going to Freshii's. Their address is 4505 Algonquin Drive Cedar Falls. This is a new healthy fast food restaurant which serves salads, wraps, bowls, burritos, soups, and smoothies. See Barbara Kuhlman if you want to see a menu before going.

### Fresh and Faithful Resources for Lent and Easter worship Workshop

January 9, 2018 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Fresh and Faithful Resources for Lent  
and Easter worship

This workshop, a resource for those who plan or lead worship, will offer creative worship services, sermons,

liturgies, and children's messages. We'll learn ways to bring our foundational story to life for the saints and the seekers, the believers and the doubters. These resources have been well received in both traditional and progressive congregations. You will go home with a packet of tools and resources that you can use this year.

*Because we are providing food for these workshops, please pre-register by e-mail or phone for this event. We will be taking a free will offering to help cover our expenses. All workshops are held at the Cedar Falls UCC 9204 University Avenue Cedar Falls, IA 50613.*

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Please register by calling or sending us an e-mail for the workshops at least a week before the event so that food may be prepared accordingly.

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Workshops are Led by Rev. Janice Springer, a pastor in the United Church of Christ, will lead this event. She has served churches for 35 years and is currently the Minister of Spiritual Formation at the UCC in Missoula, Montana. Her articles have been published in several journals including *Christian Century*. Janice is the author of *Spiritual Depth in Christian Worship: Ten Practices*, and is working on her second book. She has led workshops and retreats in the United States and Canada. She serves as a spiritual director and lives in Iowa and Montana.



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