

# The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ March 13, 2018.

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## Jazz Brunch and Holy Week Schedule

### JAZZ BRUNCH

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Palm / Passion Sunday

Join us for this special event. We will be celebrating this Holy Event and sharing food with one another. Celebrate God in our life and let us come together to enjoy special music.

### Holy Week Schedule

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Jazz Brunch

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday – 6 p.m. (join us for a simple supper and special service)

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – an ecumenical service “Procession of the Cross” will begin at Cedar Falls Overman Park at noon. If the weather is bad we will be meeting at St Patricks Catholic Church.

Easter Service 10:15 a.m.

### Sad News

We are saddened by the death of Roger Heise. We hold Alice and their family in prayer. May their memories of times shared bring comfort.

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC

Last Sunday I spoke about the passage in Ephesians that says we are God’s handiwork or as some versions of the Bible states that we are God’s work of art. How is this church God’s handiwork or God’s work of art? Zig Ziglar once said, “You cannot consistently perform in a manner which is inconsistent with the way you see yourself.”

Though the passage in Ephesians refers to followers of Christ, I think we can apply this to the church community. Can you image this church as a work of art? Can you see yourself as part of this handiwork of God?

As a church community we are invited to accept ourselves and believe in ourselves as a work in progress. God is working on us. This means we will make mistakes and need to be forgiven. It means we will share God’s love and continue God’s work as long as God gives us breath and life.

Proverbs 23:7 says something like: “As a person thinks in one’s heart, so one is...”. Our self-image impacts what we do. Our hearts may need healing in order to be more loving. Our minds may need to remain open to share with one another when we differ in opinions. God’s grace is at work within us and within our church community.

Virginia Mollenkott, a professor of English and a theologian, would address her freshman English class with a typical speech. She would tell them when she handed back their first papers that the grade was for a piece of work they turned in and then she would invite them to ask her what she thought of them if they wanted to know. Those who asked her said, “I think you’re made in the image of God and of

inestimable worth...". She said, "For me, the meaning of life is to share with people the wonderful news that we are the daughters and sons of God."

With God's help we can work together to create a congregation that follows Jesus and makes a difference in Cedar Falls. God bless this congregation as we seek to follow Jesus.

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!**



### **Upcoming Workshop**

April 7, 2018                      9:30am---3:00pm  
Reframing Illness and Wellness: A Broader  
Perspective

You are invited to join us as we consider, through the lens of faith, counter-cultural concepts of illness and wellness. We'll explore issues like these:

What are some of the world's different medical models, and the perspective of health and healing that forms the basis of each?

How can we be served but not limited by the medical model of our culture?

Disease care and health care are not the same. How can we access both?

How can we reframe our spiritual practices to support us in time of illness?

Your body believes every word you say: what does that mean?

How do we relate to our bodies in sickness and in health?

How can we be healthy in a fear-based culture that is obsessed with disease?

How can our words impact our health and the health of others?

How can we pray when we struggle with illness?

We will try to model some of the ideas we discuss, so we will **not** share the gory details of our last operation or our nasty illness; we will **not** trash the medical personnel that serve us; we will **not** wallow in negativity and fear!



### **THANK YOU NOTES**

Thank you Janice Springer for your poetry workshop. Those gathered appreciated your leadership. They want to share again about poetry and invite anyone else to join them on April 28<sup>th</sup> for a morning of reading and sharing poetry. More information coming.

### **United Fellowship**

United Fellowship will be having lunch on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Creek Grill 1850 W Ridgeway Ave. We will depart from the church at 11:30 a.m. If it is closer to drive there from your home, meet us there. Please feel free to share with us. This group is open to all who like food and fellowship.

## Morning Circle

March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Morning Circle will discuss the book, "Aging as a Spiritual Practice" by Lewis Richmond.

Morning Circle meets at 9:30 a.m. on the Third Thursday of the month

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

Our closet continues to be used each week, some weeks more than others. I receive many comments of appreciation for this ministry.

## Community Events

Kimball Ave United Methodist Church invites us to a fund raiser, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lasagna Dinner: Lasagna, salad, breadstick, dessert, and drink Adults \$10 and children under 10 \$6. If you have any question call: 232-4103

## UCC Beyond our Local Church

One Great Hour of Sharing – Ephesians 3:20-2  
This special Lenten offering supports disaster, refugee, and development activities that help people around the world. Where people are hungry, thirst, or lack adequate clothing and shelter we try and help. We have offering envelopes available in the office or if you want to just send a check to the church please put in the memo line that it is for the OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing offering). Thank You.

## West Central R/Y/E Regional Youth Event 2018

When: June 19-22, 2018

Where: Grinnell College

Learn more by going to: [rye2018.org](http://rye2018.org)

We celebrate the many joys in the life of our church family. These major events are precious and give us new life. If you have an event you want to share with the rest of our church family, please send it to:

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