

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ March 27, 2018.

Celebrating EASTER!

Holy Week Schedule

March 28th Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.
discussion group on the search for meaning
March 29th – Maundy Thursday – 6 p.m. (join us
for a simple supper and special service)
March 30th – 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. here at UCC with
Easter Egg Hunt following worship

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

We are in the first part of the week known as Holy Week. In the church we walk the last days of Jesus’ life on earth as recorded in the Gospels. On Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. we will discuss our search for meaning in life (generally) and specifically about the meaning of the cross for us. What does it mean to you?

On Thursday, we will have a special service after we share a light supper. I am preparing a no bean chili soup and chicken noodle soup for supper. At this service we will share communion. On Friday known as Good Friday, we are sharing in an ecumenical service called the Procession of the Cross. We will meet at noon at Overman Park in downtown Cedar Falls for this service.

Join us Sunday morning for Easter! It is on April 1st, but it won’t be an April Fool’s Joke. If you have any small items to donate for Easter eggs we would appreciate your gift. We are putting the eggs together to be hidden after church on Sunday. We will have different spaces for the children to look and find eggs. So the items donated for the eggs will be separated also so they are age appropriate. Thanks in advance for your donation.

What gives you new life? Our church is seeking new life! You can help give this congregation new life by remembering us in your prayers, come when you can, and share with others what is happening here. Easter is a story about Jesus’ resurrection, new life from death. Easter is happening here and now! Join us, won’t you?

Starting April 2nd, Monday, getting to the church will be a challenge. It is our turn to have road construction out front. University Ave from Hudson Road to the round about will be under construction the next few months. They are starting east of our driveway and then when they complete that they will close west of our driveway. Green Hill Road will be open from Hudson to University Ave.

I have been initiating a listening ministry. I go to different restaurants and place a sign that labels my table as a listen table. Some

people curious have stopped by to ask about it. After Easter, I hope to have a schedule that can be publicized in the paper for community outreach. With the construction on University by the church, I think it would be a good opportunity for me to be in the community more.

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 to Chris Merz and band for playing for our Jazz Brunch! It was an empowering and inspiring worship experience. Thank you! And a special note of thanks is extended to all who brought food. It was delicious.



President's Message

Spring has sprung, slowly. Like most people I am tired of winter and am ready for spring and summer.

Although we have talked about outreach and growth we have not followed up on it. This spring and summer we need to move ahead. Last year the Council encouraged Pastor Sue to work with a consultant, Church Fuel, to empower us to grow as a church. We so far have not followed up on their recommendations and training. We have been given numerous suggestions for small churches in which the council will be considering the next few months. Stay tuned for more information in the Voice and possibly some Fireside chats after church.

Pastor Janice does excellent workshops. Her workshop on April 7th, "Reframing Illness and Wellness", is one that addresses issues that all of us deal with especially as we get older and will provide us with a little different perspective. Call the church and sign up for this workshop.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Buchholz

United Fellowship

United Fellowship will be having lunch on April 5th 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

April 19^h 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

Waterloo Mother's Chorus presents Sentimental Journey Celebrating 80 years. Sunday, April 8, 2018, 2 p.m. here at UCC. Free Will offering with reception following the concert.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NE Iowa is inviting our church to participate in their fund raising drive. One of the ways to help out is to participate in a Bowl-a-thon. They are encouraging each member of the team to raise \$100 each. Big challenge. Are you interested? Contact Pastor Sue. The dates are: April 24th, 25th, 26th at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo.

Confirmation

Lexi Oudekerk is in confirmation. We also are working with Lacy and Ava for pre-confirmation. Lexi's mentor is Eileen Daley. Thank you Eileen for walking with Lexi on her faith journey. Every year of pre-confirmation the students will be working with a different mentor. This allows them to experience others' faith story before working with one mentor during confirmation. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they explore their faith.

Prayer Retreat – May 4th and 5th

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.



Obituary for Roger Heise

Roger Ernest Heise, 82, of Cedar Falls, formerly of Clarksville, died Thursday, March 8, 2018, at his home. He was born February 11, 1936 in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Arthur and Lillie (Nordmeyer) Heise. Roger married Alice Harken on September 2, 1956 at Pleasant Valley Church in Clarksville. He was a 1954 graduate of Clarksville High School and attended [Iowa](#) State University. Roger was a farmer and worked at the John Deere Product Engineering Center for over 40 years. He was a volunteer Boy Scout leader for 30 years, as a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, and Wrangler President for Camp Ingawanis, and was recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He loved

tractors and tractorcading and was a member of the Antique Collectors Club. He also loved flying RC model airplanes and was an active member of the Blackhawk R/C Pilots Club. Roger also was a member of the Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Society.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Heise; his daughter, Susan Burgstrum; two sons James (Kim) Heise and John (Beth) Heise; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Norma Heise.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, with private burial at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Clarksville. Visitation will be one hour before service at the church. Memorials may be directed to the Boy Scouts Camp Ingawanis Adventure Base or First United Methodist Church.

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. This offering is taken all of March.

West Central R/Y/E Regional Youth Event 2018

When: June 19-22, 2018
Where: Grinnell College
Learn more by going to: 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: cedarfallsucc@gmail.com

Congratulations Lacy

Lacy qualified at State competition to go to Regionals in gymnastics. Keep her in your prayers, she competes April 20 – 22nd.

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