

# The Voice

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## Love in Action- Moms

### Food for Thought

Ideally “moms” are love in action. Realistically I know there aren’t “perfect” moms that are always loving or who we want them to be all the time. With that said, I want to lift up all those “moms” who are doing their best to be love in action.

On this Sunday, whether your mother is living or not, remember with love this special woman who gave you life or who raised you. If you have memories that pop into your mind that are troublesome, release them into God’s care. If you have memories that bring a tear or two, let them fall with gratitude. If you have memories that make you laugh, share them and give God thanks.

### **A Mother's Love By Helen Steiner Rice**

A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters

even though the heart is breaking . . .  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation . . .  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.

To all the moms, have a blessed Mother’s Day and join us for worship!

### A Spring Work Day Thank you

A special thank you goes out to Bill Kelly, Mike Gorton, and Janice Springer for helping May 5<sup>th</sup> beautify our grounds.

-Colleen Kelly.

On behalf of the church, we say a special note of thanks to Colleen for organizing and working alongside these volunteers. Thank you Colleen.

## Happy Anniversary Lorna and Wilbur Heronimus



You are invited to Wilbur and Lorna's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30 p.m. at their house at 3865 Wagner Road in Waterloo.

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

There is so much in life to celebrate. Please share your love and thoughts with Wilbur and Lorna as they celebrate 70 years of marriage. Though this couple struggles with health issues they are "faith solid". They are a blessing to spend time with and enjoy.

We still have the road construction on University in front of our church. And we still are using Erickson's drive to reach our parking lot. We are easily reached. Check it out.

For our discussions on Wednesdays, we are seeing a couple of M\*A\*S\*H episodes and sharing our thoughts about them. Join us for you will be welcomed and it is a highlight for many of us in our week. ☺

On the second Thursday, I go to Des Moines for a class on various topics in pastoral care. This week it is dealing with abuse. They have been helpful to remind us that people in our church's and community are dealing with a variety of issues. Sometimes we get into specifically how the church can help families that are struggling with certain issues and sometimes it is more specific to those doing pastoral care.

We had our prayer faith retreat last Friday night. We learned about prayer, labyrinths, drums, chants, and prayer beads. Our focus with communion last Sunday was on prayer. Prayer has power and you may be the answer to someone's prayer.

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. And please remember to keep this church in your prayers.

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!**



**POETRY AS PRAYER.....PART 2 was a success. The group of around 15 or so met and want to meet again in the fall so watch for the next meeting date! You will be welcome whether you have attended one before or not.**

### **United Fellowship**

United Fellowship will resume in the fall. We went to Peppercorn Pantry in Aplington Iowa for lunch Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 9 of us who went. It was very tasty.

### **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.

We are open Wednesdays from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. We will be moving to summer hours in June which right now looks like by appointment only. If you want to be here to help with this ministry, then contact Colleen or Pastor Sue.

### **Community Events**

**The Songbook Trio** (Steph, Tom and Al) will be presenting music by Harold Arlen on Thursday May 10 at 7:00 pm at the Hearst Center (304 W Seerly Blvd. Cedar Falls) The event is free and vocalist is our former choir director, Stephanie A. This is the last concert these season each featuring a different jazz artist.

### **Sad News**

### **Florence Mae (Buls) Buchholz Sassmann Obituary (1927-2018)**



Florence Mae Sassmann, 90, of Denver, Iowa, and formerly of Cedar Falls, passed away on April 25, 2018, at Unity Point Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

Florence was born on October 2, 1927, near Frederika, Iowa, the daughter of Alfred and Irene (Homan) Buls. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's United Church of Christ, Siegel.

She attended country school at Douglas #5 and then attended high school in Frederika. Florence was united in marriage to Dean Buchholz on June 1, 1947, at St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Tripoli. Together the couple farmed near Frederika on her original family farm. Dean passed away on October 26, 1975. They had one son, Larry.

Florence was united in marriage to Mervin Sassmann on September 12, 1981, in Denver, Iowa. They were blessed to have 37 years together.

Florence was very active throughout her life, enjoying golf, playing cards, dancing, camping, blue grass festivals and other travel.

Florence is survived by her husband, Mervin Sassmann of Denver; her son, Larry Buchholz of Cedar Falls; two granddaughters, Brittany (Cameron) Argotsinger of Atlanta, Georgia and Heather (Jason) Graf of Wheaton, Illinois; three great grandchildren, Claire Argotsinger, Carson Graf and Aubrey Graf.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dean Buchholz, a daughter-in-law, Mary Buchholz, a brother, Arlon Buls and a sister-in-law, Malita Buls.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018, at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Denver with Rev. Dr. Susan K. Weier officiating. Burial will be held in Faith U.C.C. Cemetery, Tripoli. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver and also for one hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation.

### **Joys and Concerns**

Keep Larry Buccholz and family in your prayers at the death of his mom, Florence Sassmann.

Prayers for the Jernigan family as they continue to struggle with health issues. Lathon is not able to walk very well so we would appreciate your prayers for him.

We hold in prayer Dale and Janeen Danielsen. Nothing new to report.

### **UCC Beyond our Local Church 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:

[cedarfallsucc@gmail.com](mailto:cedarfallsucc@gmail.com)

### **Community Meal**

We will be serving the community meal on May 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help, please come at 4:00 p.m. to First United Methodist Church Cedar Falls. The jobs vary, but if you can serve the food or clean up or help with whatever is needed, join us in this ministry.

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