

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ April 10, 2018.

EASTER Continues!

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Today as I prepare to send the Voice, I am hearing the workers haul away the construction garbage. We have access to our church through Erickson's driveway (our old driveway years ago I am told). We will be under siege for a while as they try and make University Ave three lanes. Please be patient with this process.

We have had wonderful music on Palm Sunday and Easter. Easter we had a real boost with around 50 people attending. We had 5 UNI students who played special music and gathering music. They brought many people with them. It was a morning full of energy and celebration in worship. We had fun with the egg hunt after worship as well. I didn't get any pictures but if any of you did, please send them to me so I can put them on the web site. Thanks.

Are you involved with civic organizations? I am interested. How are we as UCC members being seen in the community?

For our discussions on Wednesdays starting April 11th – May 30th, we will be showing excerpts of movies, T.V. series, or shows that show a specific issue we will then talk about. We are starting with an episode of West Wing that deals with forgiveness. Join us for you will be welcomed and it is a highlight of many of our weeks. ☺

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!



**Our Workshops are done until fall.
Thank you Janice for your leadership.**



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.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Buchholz

United Fellowship

United Fellowship will be having lunch on May 3rd at Peppercorn Pantry. Please let me know if you plan to attend by April 15th so that I can make our reservation. Location is 911 Parrot St. in Aplington. – Barb Kuhlman

Morning Circle

April 19^h at 9:30 a.m. Morning Circle will be making visits.

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 presented Sentimental Journey Celebrating 80 years. Sunday, April 8th, 2018, 2 p.m. the Mother's Chorus performed here at UCC. They sang many tunes and I am sure our April Snow Shower affected their attendance. Those of us who were here, were blessed.



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

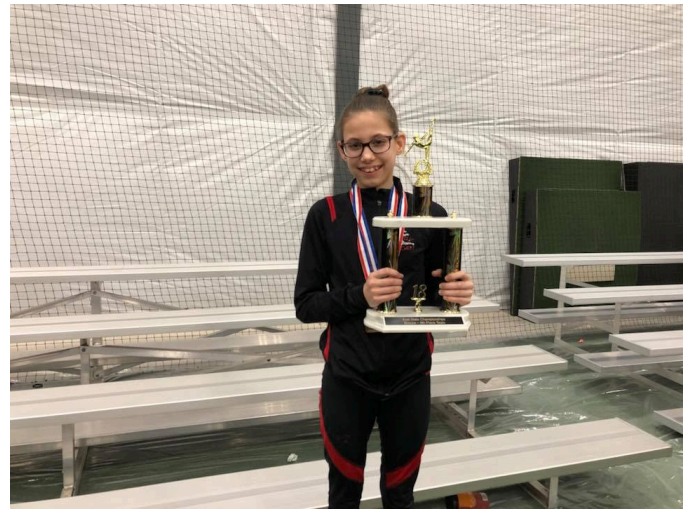
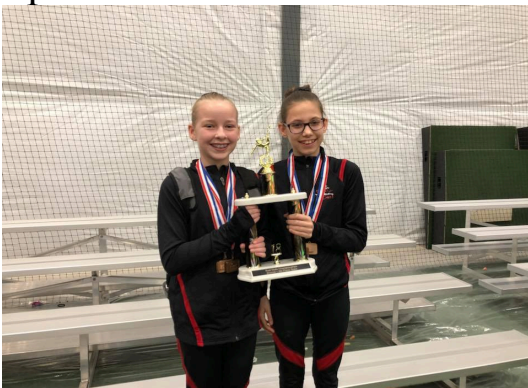
Lexi Oudekerk is in confirmation. We also are working with Lacy and Ava for pre-confirmation. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they explore their faith.

Prayer Retreat – May 4th and 5th

On May 4th at 6:30 p.m. adults and children will meet together to have a shared time together. We will be doing a couple of activities together related to prayer and explore prayer in our life. Please join us.

Congratulations Lacy

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



Congratulations Lexi!

In the first trapshooting meet of the season, Lexi got third place in singles with a 45/50 score. She also got third place in doubles!



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

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:

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