

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ May 22, 2018.

Congratulations Graduates

Happy 70th Anniversary
Lorna and Wilbur Heronimus
May 29, 2018



Happy 50th Anniversary
Gary and Mary Ann Hesse
May 10th, 2018



We congratulate Rachel Connelly Atherton on graduating from medical school. She now will begin her residency. I borrowed this picture from a face book post. Again congratulations Rachel.



Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

Our church is celebrating love stories in May it seems. Lorna and Wilbur were brought together by mutual friends and are still together. They are examples that sometimes blind dates work out. They celebrate all month long their 70th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Wilbur and Lorna. They remind us that marriage may be work but it is work you do every day.

Gary and Mary Ann eloped to Michigan because they knew they wanted to marry but in Iowa you had to be 21 but only 18 in Michigan. These two are still together (you have showed those who thought you were too young that you were right.)

Congratulations Lorna and Wilbur and Gary and Mary Ann on showing us how Love wins. 😊

Our driveway is open again. The road is closed just beyond our drive as they continue to work on University, but **we have our driveway back!**

Our Gospel Brunch will be on Father's Day in June. We are going to be sharing a special service that sings child faith songs (Gospel songs) like Jesus loves me, His Banner Over Me is Love, the B-I-B-L-E Do you have some favorites? Let us know ahead of time. For a special treat, we will be providing ice cream sundaes.

In June I will be in and out and on vacation. June 10th our Music Director Celeste Bremby will be leading worship and Mike Gorton will be leading June 24th's worship service. I will be here for Father's Day. June 17th. If you review the calendar you will see that I will be sending out the Voice but on odd days. I will send it out at the beginning of June and again at the end.

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. We continue to be in conversation with other churches to share this space and / or share me. We know we can't go on forever draining the endowment.

The area of Mental Health is a major concern in our society today. Unfortunately we have a tendency of hiding our diagnosis or that we have medication. Rather than talk about our personal issues we tend to suffer alone. Our culture continues to deny many long term effective care. As a pastor I have been privileged to walk with people as they struggle with different issues. I will continue to advocate for people and offer a listening ear.

We all have issues we have to deal with and being a part of the church community is God's way of reminding us we are not alone.

Cedar Falls United Church of Christ has made a commitment to welcome all wherever they are on life's journey. We aren't perfect, but we work at knowing how to best work with each other. Join us in living this welcoming vision in this community.

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. Come yourself.

God bless you! God is awesome! God loves you!

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



United Fellowship

United Fellowship will resume in the fall.

Community Meal

We will be serving the community meal on May 29th. 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.

Joys and Concerns

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. Lathon loves music and this church, if you are able to help bring Lathon to worship please let Pastor Sue know. Thanks.

We hold in prayer Dale and Janeen Danielsen. Nothing new to report. They continue living one day at a time.

We lift up prayers for Celeste's sister, Mary, who is having health issues.

Prayers for Chris Merz's father and Chris as they struggle with health issues.

We have already mentioned several joys with wedding anniversaries, graduations, and birthdays. We would like to share these special times with each other. Let us know when they are if you want us to mention them. Thanks.

PEACE CAMP

July 23 – 27th will be our annual peace camp. We are inviting other interested churches to participate with us.

We will be going from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Colleen Kelly has agreed to lead a craft time with the children each day. I am looking for someone to help with music and someone else to help with games.

If you are unable to help with your presence, then could you donate different snacks for the week?

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

Summer hours will be by appointment. If you have donations or want to shop, give the church a call and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Community Events

Baseball season is upon us. We will be setting a date to go to a ballgame together in July or August. If you have interest, let Pastor Sue know and then when you would be available.

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.

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The Adese Fellowship program launched its first class of 14 future leaders!

The addition of 24 new faith communities to the UCC!

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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