

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ

JUNE 4, 2018.

Children's Song Gospel Brunch June 17th

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

There is a lot going on in the community this June, including ministerial changes. There are clergy retiring and changing calls. Please keep these congregations in your prayers: First UMC as Steve is retiring. Unitarian Universalists as Eva has received a call out east, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church as Gary is retiring. First Christian Church in Cedar Falls has an interim. First Congregational UCC in Waterloo has been in the search process since Tim announced he was retiring. They have a candidate that will be meeting people and preaching over Father's Day Weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thursday, June 7th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. First UMC 614 Randolph St. Waterloo, IA is sponsoring a Summer Family Resource Fair at their Community Resource Center. Join us for a free meal and to learn about the many resources available through community agencies to keep your kids safe this summer!

June 10th, Celeste Bembry will be leading our worship service. I will be on vacation. Greg is also on vacation so we will have a guest pianist. Thank you Celeste for your willingness to lead our worship service!

Our Gospel Brunch on June 17th will be based on children's songs. The songs we learn as children are carried in our hearts through out our lives. Do you have a favorite one? Let me (Pastor Sue) know. Ice Cream Sundaes will be provided.

June 24th I will be gone again. Mike Gorton will be providing worship that Sunday.

I am planning an event for the congregation to go to a couple of ball games. The Waterloo Bucks schedule will provide variety of opportunities. If you are interested, let me know what times work best for you. I will get them on the schedule when I publish the July calendar. I am looking at July 6th and July 22nd.

Peace Camp is July 23rd – 27th. More later. If you can help with it or donate snacks, we'd appreciate it. Thanks.

I continue to take classes on pastoral care at the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. June's topic is on being companions with those who are dying and their families. When I have finished my coursework, I hope to do a series covering the topics not only in a class but as a sermon series as well. In the last Voice I commented about the issue of Mental Health. The Cedar

Valley Interfaith Council is addressing this issue as well. Every church hopefully will be doing what it can as we advocate for those who have a mental illness. Talking about it without shame, struggling to do what we can as a congregation, and providing needed healing resources is crucial. Our church has an opportunity to be a loving and accepting community to whoever comes our way.

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!



Thank you Note

We received a Thank You note from Lorna and Wilbur Heronimus. They said: "We had a great celebration here for our 70th. More than we ever expected. Many thanks for the cards and concerns! And especially to those who attended our party. We are so grateful to all. God Bless, Wilbur and Lorna Heronimus.

Wilbur made a sign for their anniversary that was hanging on their garage.



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.



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 Kloset)**

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.

Summer Family Resource Fair

Thursday, June 7, 2018, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Community Resource Center 614 Randolph St. Waterloo, IA 50702. Free meal and may learn about the many resources available through community agencies to keep children safe this summer. Free family activities.

UCC Beyond our Local Church

We took a special offering called: Strengthen the Church

These gifts supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations.

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

Correspondence

I received a letter from Bruce Novak with a hand-painted ornament of our church. His wife Marlene (30 years ago) had served as an intern here while she was in seminary.

She stayed with John and Freddie Tarr.
Marlene died in 1996 and this ornament had
just been packed away. He sent it back to
me (as pastor) because he was down sizing.
It is beautiful. Does this remind any of our
long time members of stories? The date on
the ornament is 1991 (signed by Maria
White).

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