

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ

September 4, 2018.

Congregational Meeting September 16th

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Cedar Falls United Church of Christ will have a congregational meeting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, **September 16th**. On the agenda is 2019 Budget and options for the future of this congregation.

CFUCC President's Message

We are reaching a very critical time in the life of the church. The Endowment Fund has supplemented our annual budget for many years. In preparation for the 2019 budget it is apparent that the Endowment Fund will not fund the shortfall that pledges do not cover with the current budget carried forward.

We will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday September 16th at 11:30 a.m. to review the status of the Endowment Fund, impact on the 2019 budget, and review of some potential options. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information and seek comments and input from the congregation. If you cannot attend please contact me or another council member to review the situation.

-Larry Buchholz

We are looking into selling the extra 9-10 acres west of our church.

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

In August I have expressed clearly that I want to work with this congregation. It may mean our being creative, but together we can experience God's leading and move ahead being the church.

Some of the options to consider:

- 1) move to a part time pastor
- 2) share me with another congregation who also wants a part time pastor
- 3) close our doors
- 4) lend me out to another church as an interim

Together we give God's love to others.

Together we welcome and invite others to acknowledge that all people have worth and are children of God.

Together we live out God's love for us.

Together we love God, serve Christ, and are empowered by God's Spirit to reach out to others.

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

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



Sharing Life Together

Canoe Trip on September 8th

We are canoeing on the Upper Iowa. Sign up at church or give the church a call. Bring a sack lunch. The cost is estimated at \$10-\$15 a person.

United Fellowship

Due to road construction we are going west for our next United Fellowship and doing breakfast instead of lunch while it is nice out, so meet at the church on **September 6th** and be ready to depart at 8:30 a.m. Destination is Todd's Neighborhood Grill, a family-owned and operated restaurant. Location is 207 3rd St. Parkersburg, Iowa. There is a sign-up sheet at church or let Barb or Greg know you are coming. Love to have you join us.

ALERT

Fireplace Chimney

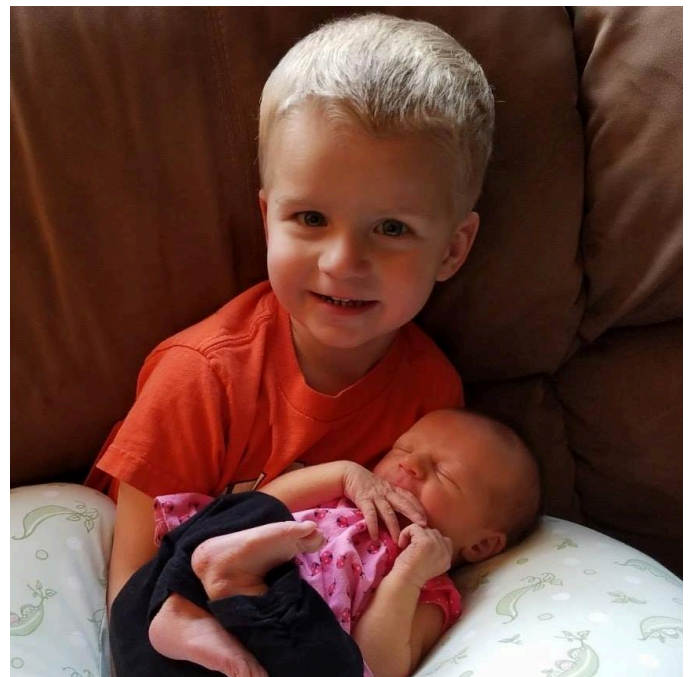
Our fireplace chimney has been deteriorating for the past 20 years and has had no permanent repairs to it. At this time it needs to be reconstructed from the roof line up. The estimate is \$6213 which includes removal and disposal of the existing material, laying new brick to same height as the old, forming and pouring a new chimney cap. This needs to be done this fall or we'll not be able to use the fireplace this winter.

As in the past we are asking for special donations from our members and friends to cover the cost. Please consider giving to this worthwhile feature of our fellowship room.

Here is a fun way to collect and give some extra to this project. Set aside a container and each night take your loose change and drop it in the container. In a month bring it to church and we can see how much we raised collectively just from our loose change.

Baptism on Sunday September 9th

Anna Karen Newcomb will be baptized on September 9th during worship. Join us for this service and welcome her into our community!



Elijah and Anna

We celebrate with Matt and Ashley Adams on the birth of their son on August 4th. Congratulations Matt and Ashley! Welcome to this world Gabriel (Gabe) Gordon Adams!



Prayers

Let's remember to keep each other in our prayers. We all need God's hand upon us. Thanks.

Lathon and Linda Jernigan

Cris Vallecio

Dale and Janeen Danielsen

Wilbur and Lorna Heronimus

Let's pray for Chris Merz and his father as his father transitions from this life to the next.

Good News

Celeste Bembry's mission trip to Kenya was a wonderful experience. The children are orphans who live together. Celeste played and experienced their exuberance. We give blessings to these children and Celeste. She shared with us some pictures to include on our web page and I include one here:



Real Faith for Real Life

Confirmation Retreat for youth

Where: Pilgrim Heights Retreat Center

When: September 28, 5:00 p.m. –

September 29th 3:00 p.m.

We are providing the cost of this retreat from our fund for youth. So Pray for our youth and invite and encourage them to go to this event.

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

We have been getting quite a few families using Kaden's Kloset. Thank you Colleen for staying on top of it.

September – December Kaden's Kloset will be open on Wednesdays 2 – 5 p.m. and on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. We will want volunteers to work our Saturdays. Thanks.

Colleen is organizing a change from spring/summer clothes to fall/winter clothes. If you can help September 13th, please call and let her know. Thanks.

Theological Forums Resume

September 12th – **Transgender Issues** – we have some folk coming to share with us their experience around this issue
September 19th – Living Authentically
September 26th – Loss and Grief

Movie Night

September 14th we will be sharing a movie time. We will have popcorn and other snacks. Movie begins at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. If our youth doesn't like my choice we can have a second movie going in the youth room.

Community Events

Wartburg College (Waverly Iowa) is offering a class: Women and Religion: Three Faith Perspectives, Dema Kazkaz, president of the Masjid-Al-Noor Islamic Center in Waterloo; Erin Maidan Paige, a Jewish lay leader in Waterloo; and Ruth Ratliff, a deacon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cedar Falls, will explore what three faiths say about women, to women,

through women. This class is on Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., September 6, 13, 20, and 27th. Pre-registration is not required. Cost is \$35. If you would like more information contact the Wartburg College Alumni and Parent Relations Office, 319-352-8491 or alumni@wartburg.edu.

First Christian Church has a food pantry 4 -6 p.m. on Thursdays. If you are able to donate food directly to them, then please do so. If you know someone who needs this resource please let people know.

Sons of Jacob Synagogue is inviting the public to observe with them High Holiday Services on September 18th and 19th. Rabbi Ora Simon Schnitzer officiates, she is the daughter of a former Rabbi who served them and this community in the 60's I think.

The Canterbury Forum, Sunday, September 30th is: Anti-Catholic Violence in 19th –

Upcoming Dates to Save

October 13 Workshop 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Christianity in an Inter-spiritual World

The Iowa Conference UCC has annual meeting on October 13th as well.

October 28th: NE Iowa UCC Association business and program meeting 2:30 p.m. at Faith UCC Tripoli

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