

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ

October 2, 2018.

We are the Church Together!

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,
“We are the Church Together!” Do you know that song?

Each of us, in our own way, lives out God’s call to us to welcome all. You and me are living out God’s love for us through Cedar Falls UCC. 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. Together we are the church.

On September 30th we had 2 new families join us for worship. One family had been invited by someone else attending and knew of us because of Kaden’s Kloset. The other family saw our web page and wanted to visit us to see if we were as open and welcoming as we said we were. Our unique offering of welcoming all and not rejecting those whom Jesus accepted is a beginning.

In October, we will be having two/three Halloween parties. On Friday night the 26th of October will be for our children mainly. **We will open it for children under 7 from 6:30 – 7:00-7:15 p.m.** We will have activities for this age group, candy, and be held in the nursery. The older children will

help host a costume contest and have activities for these children and then after they leave the older children continue with activities and their costume contest. This will go until 9 p.m. and be held in the youth room.

If you want to help by donating prizes (age appropriate), food, candy or decorations, we will appreciate it. We need to know what is coming in though. We will be decorating the youth room early.

Our second/third depending on how you count Friday night, Halloween party is specifically an outreach party for our LGBTQ youth and allies. This will be October 27th, Saturday evening: 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. This too will include a costume party, food, games and opportunities for this community to socialize and experience a welcome that doesn’t judge them, but accepts them where they are. This is an outreach into our community. We will provide some food ideas and specific food requests for this too.

Do you have any pumpkins you are willing to donate to us? We’d appreciate it.

We cannot compete with larger churches to offer the kind of programming that attracts young families. That doesn’t mean we don’t have something to offer. It does mean that

we have a job to do to know what we have to offer and begin offering it with persistence and as effectively as possible. The door hangers was one of many inexpensive ideas that a church growth consultant suggested for churches with limited resources. It needs to have a simple message that will appeal to our strength – “we welcome people wherever they are on life’s journey.”

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

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



Congregational Meeting is to be held October 14th after church. We will be discussing the sale of the property west of the church, our budget, and restricted funds.

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.

Sharing Life Together

Our prayers are with the family of John Pritchard Higby (November 13, 1947- September 19, 2018.) His service of remembrance was Friday September 28th at Riverview Conference Center.

His obituary was in the Waterloo Courier on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

John P. Higby



John Pritchard Higby, 70, died at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, on September 19, 2018. John will be especially remembered for his hard work, generosity, and sense of humor. Born on November 13th, 1947, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Pritchard and Henrietta (Tjebkes) Higby, he attended Cedar Falls High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics from the University of Northern Iowa in 1974. John served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from 1969 until 1972 as a cartographic drafter, stationed in Pearl Harbor. He received the National Defense Service Medal.

On October 27, 1973 he married Patricia Anne Henderson in Union, Iowa. They returned to Cedar Falls and John worked at The Higby Company with his father. John and Pat purchased the business in 1997. He was a certified Master Mechanic, and was able to solve any small engine problem. His honesty and integrity were highly valued by his loyal customers. He used his skill and creativity to create many one-of-a-kind objects such as custom floating docks, a spiral staircase, and deer-proof garden fencing. He loved listening to Iowa Public Radio and National Public Radio podcasts.

Survivors include his wife, his children, Victoria (Daniel) Maloy of Amana, IA, John (Caitlin Bogdan) Higby of Maine, two grandsons, John Daniel and William Griffin Maloy. Three sisters, Elsie (Robert) Hoy of Grimes, IA, Shirley (Paul) Nielsen of Dike, IA, Mary Rector of Cedar Falls, IA, one brother Kenneth (Nancy) of Waterloo, IA, and several nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by both parents and brother-in-law Charles Rector.

Services will be held at 10 am on Friday, September 28, at Riverview Conference Center, 439 N Division St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613. All friends and family are welcome to come share their stories.

Thanks to all our friends and family for their help and support. In lieu of flowers, please consider becoming a member of Iowa Public Radio, or make a donation to the Salvation Army in John's memory.

Pat Higby asked that the UCC serve the luncheon. Barb Kuhlman, Mike Gorton, Carol Smith, Larry Buchholz, and Pastor Sue helped.

Pat wrote a note: "Pastor Sue and UCC friends, Thank you so much for serving at John's funeral. His Mom would have been as pleased as I am." Pat Higby

Prayers

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

Ana Kaznia – a struggling teen-ager
Aloha and Larry, Lexi and Lacy Oudekerk
Lathon and Linda Jernigan

Cris Vallecillo – better but prayers are appreciated

Dale and Janeen Danielsen

Wilbur and Lorna Heronimus

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

Good News

We continue to have visitors come and join us for activities and worship. Join us in welcoming all! Sunday is world-wide communion Sunday – October 7th!

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.

Theological Forums

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- 3- Depression
- 10- Suicide Prevention
- 17- Understanding Addictions
- 24- Co-Dependency
- 31- Masks

United Fellowship

October 4th is the next outing for United Fellowship. Anyone interested in joining the group, sign-up or let Barb Kuhlman know. We are meeting at the church at 9:45 a.m. and heading to Decorah.

Christianity in an Inter-spiritual World Workshop led by Rev Janice Springer

*Zen. Yoga. Sufi. Ahimsa. Tikkun.
Loving-kindness meditation. Qur'an.
Mantras.* In our time, we are exposed to bits and pieces of many world faith traditions. How does Christianity fit into the mix? What can we learn from other spiritual paths? What do we as Christians have to offer the world faith community? Who or what is God?

How can our spiritual journeys be expansive and still faithful to our own tradition?

Movie Night

October 19th 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

Cedar Falls Clergy meet on Thursday the 18th at 1:30 p.m. I have been hosting this meeting to give it some stability. I also have been sending e-mails to remind clergy we are meeting.

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.

The Canterbury Forum, Sunday, October 28th, Exploring Personhood: What Is It to Be Human? Presented by Dr. Francis Degrin Department of Philosophy and Religion UNI. This starts at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church 2410 Melrose Drive Cedar Falls IA.

Upcoming Dates to Save

October 13 Workshop 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Christianity in an Inter-spiritual World
@Cedar Falls UCC led by Rev. Janice Springer

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 Each church can send their pastor and 2 delegates.

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be at Cedar Falls United Church of Christ on Tuesday, **October 23, 2018** offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Appointments are limited, so please sign up now by calling **1-800-640-6307** and receive a \$10 discount off the package or **text** the word **circle** to **797979** or visit Life Line Screening's website at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Complete Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening for \$149 (\$139 with the special Facebook discount). Speak with the LLSA representative for more package options. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There is no time like the present to take action!

There is fliers at church to give to

family, friends and to take around town.

Thanks,
Colleen

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Welcoming all with open arms."
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