

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ

October 16, 2018.

Halloween Parties

October 26th for children under 7 and over 7 later
October 27th for our LGBTQ High school and young adults and allies

Halloween Parties

Friday, October 26th – 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (7:15) Halloween Party for children 7 and under in the nursery at CF UCC. Please let us know if you can join us.

Friday, October 26th – 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Halloween Party for children 8 – 14 in the youth room at CF UCC. Please let us know if you can join us.

Saturday, October 27th – 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Halloween Costume Party for the LGBTQ youth and allies. This will be for those youth in high school and young adulthood. Please let us know if you can join us.

An Invitation from Celeste

Dear Friends in Christ,
Kenya Mission Trip 2018 - God's amazing gift to Celeste Bemby

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! You are cordially invited to the Kenya Mission Trip presentation this

Saturday, October 20th @ 1:00pm

The mission team is excited to share our experiences and present pictures of the beautiful children, the Masai and Kukuyu people, their culture, country and wildlife. ***Absolutely stunning!***

Thank you for your prayers and financial support to fund my opportunity to join the Antioch Baptist Church mission team to serve nearly 80 motherless and fatherless Kenyan children this past August. The experience was life-changing.

**Event: Kenyan Mission Trip
Presentation with Antioch Baptist
Church**

Date: Saturday, October 20th

Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Location: Antioch Baptist Church

**Address: 426 Sumner Street,
Waterloo, IA.**

Directions: drive north on 4th Street to Sumner Street make right turn. (Sumner is just passed railroad tracks)

See you there!!!

**Peace,
Celeste**

NEXT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 4, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m.

Agenda – The Sell of the Property West of the Church

President's Message

At the September 16th Special Congregational Meeting we discussed the following:

*Reviewed the Endowment Fund and available restricted and unrestricted funds. The unrestricted funds will be down to \$24000 at the end of December.

*Our farm ground develop ability and potential sale was reviewed and discussed. Larry Buchholz will meet with a Realtor to discuss the develop ability and potential market value. Larry will also meet with an attorney to discuss the Endowment restrictions.

*Pastor Sue discussed pastoral options which could include sharing her with another congregation, lending her to another church as an interim pastor, or continuing with her as our full time pastor. She also asked if the church wanted to disband and no longer be a church. The consensus at the meeting was to continue as a congregation.

At the October 14th Special Congregational Meeting the following took place:

*A quorum of 20% of the membership was not present.

*The minutes of the September meeting were handed out but no official action could be taken.

*Larry met with Gale Bonsall, Oakridge Realty. Mr. Bonsall's market analysis indicates that the field value could be approximately \$25,000 per acre. With almost 10 acres we could expect in the range of \$200,000 - \$300,000. Larry will follow

up and develop a listing contract with Mr. Bonsall for Church Council consideration. * Mr. Bonsall also analyzed our building and site. Our facility could be sold as a church or possibly redeveloped as a commercial facility. There is a limited market for existing churches. Gale's analysis indicates approximately \$250,000 for the building. This is good information, but I anticipate no immediate action on the building.

*Also, Larry noted at this meeting that Mary Ann Hesse will resign as treasurer effective in January. We want to thank her for her years of faithful service in doing this job. Colleen Kelly commented she is also done as Building and Grounds Chair and therefore as member at large on council at the end of the year. We want to thank her also for all the work she has done keeping our facilities in shape. This means we will need new members on the Council for 2019. Please consider stepping up. The Church Council is responsible for conducting the business of the Church. We need a representative core of the church membership to accomplish this important task.

- Larry Buchholz, CFUCC President

Dear Family and Friends of Cedar Falls UCC,

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 are in need for some small ones for the little ones and bigger ones for the older children. **We still need some pumpkins.**

Recipes are available for the Saturday night party. We only want for 10 – 15 of the different recipes so we have variety. Our hope is that we will get 25-30 attendees at the party that night. We will set them out and if you could sign-up for what you are willing to bring. Thanks.

We are getting great response for the 6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. party. We were thinking that besides candy we could have Jell-o and pudding treats. Let me know what you could donate and bring.

I know there is a lot going on in many of your personal lives. Know I hold you in prayer and will make myself available if you just need to talk.

We have been getting comments by our visitors that they have felt welcomed and cared about. God's love through this congregation is shining into the community.

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

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



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 NOW \$6500 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. Please consider a special donation to help us cover this cost.

Pastor Sue has placed a container in the sanctuary for loose change.

Consider saving up your loose change and drop it into the container. We will count it each time the container is full and let you know how much we were able to help.

(Thanks to Wilbur Heronimus who has been doing this. We have a good start.)

October 23 Life Line Screenings at CF UCC.

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 are fliers at church to give to family, friends and to take around town.

Thanks,
Colleen

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 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 were held at 10 am on Friday, September 28, at Riverview Conference Center, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

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 to 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
Georgia and Randy's son and family- a struggling time
Aloha and Larry, Lexi and Lacy Oudekerk – moving
Lathon and Linda Jernigan
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.
Jonna Jensen's, our Associate Conference Minister, mother died. Our prayers are with her and her family.

Good News

We continue to have visitors come and join us for activities and worship. Join us in welcoming all! In October we had 2 young couples with a child under 5 visit us and 2 individuals who came on their own. And Lacy brought a friend too.

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

October 2018

- 17- Understanding Addictions
- 24- Co-Dependency
- 31- Masks

United Fellowship

If the roads and weather are good we will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday November 1 to go to the 1901 Chop Haus, Traer, for lunch. It is by the winding stairs. If it isn't a nice traveling day, we will stay in Cedar Falls for lunch, close to the church, but still meeting at 11:00 a.m. If you can go please let Barb Kuhlman know.

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.

St Patrick has a food pantry that is open Monday's from 9 a.m. to Noon and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact Jackie, our community outreach coordinator for assistance at 319-266-3523. No food boxes will be given out without prior authorization.

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

First United Methodist Church hosts the Community Meal every Tuesday.

St. Timothy's United Methodist Church helps with Food on the 3rd Friday, 1-4 p.m. by appointment.

The Mennonites give out Hy-Vee Gift cards at the beginning of the month, 1st come 1st served.

Event sponsored by Cedar Valley Interfaith Council:

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR --

Sunday, Nov. 4. 5:30 p.m. Queen of Peace Church, Waterloo. This program is one in a series sponsored by the Cedar Valley Interfaith Council to promote knowledge and understanding among religious traditions in the Cedar Valley. Learn how Hispanic Catholics celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and why the appearance of Our Lady to a humble peasant is reenacted year after year in the

Hispanic community. The origin of the celebration as well as its significance today will be explained. The evening will conclude with a typical "feast" of Mexican breads and hot chocolate. The program is free and open to the public.

In the Christian year, the season of Advent celebrates the expectation of people for the coming of the Messiah, a Messiah who would establish peace and justice not just for the privileged and powerful but for the the vulnerable and the oppressed. Our Lady of Guadalupe became a symbol of how that liberation and salvation, promised by Jesus Christ, was extended to the poor and displaced indigenous people of the Americas.

The Catholic scripture scholar Raymond Brown wrote: "when Mary appears in the ancient garb of the mother of the Indian gods, she promises to show forth love and compassion, defense and help to all the inhabitants of the land.... She hears their lamentations and remedies their miseries, their pains and their sufferings.... She gave the hope of the Gospel to a whole people who had no other reason to see good news in what came from Spain. In their lives the devotion to Our Lady constituted an authentic development of the Gospel of discipleship." (Raymond Brown, "Mary in the New Testament and in Catholic Life." America magazine. May 15, 1982)

Special Offering

October 7th launched our special offering for Neighbors in Need, one of the 4 special offerings we take each year. **Neighbors in**

Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM).

Two-thirds of this offering is used by the U.C.C.'s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Upcoming Dates to Save

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.

Registration begins at 2:30 p.m.
Worship and meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Meal following is \$8.

We will be sharing about Kaden's Kloset at this event.

Nov. 10th Workshop Waiting 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. led by Rev Janice Springer
Waiting is a big challenge for most of us; we hate to wait; we are impatient. But if we welcome waiting, it can bring us many gifts.

We will explore those gifts, and look at how to handle the waiting times—the trivial, like waiting in traffic, to the heart-rending waits like waiting for news from the doctor.

We will be serving at the **Community Meal**, October 30th @ First United Methodist downtown Cedar Falls.

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