

The Voice

The Newsletter of the Cedar Falls United Church of Christ

January 7, 2019.

Happy New Year

Dear Friends and Family of Cedar Falls United Church of Christ,

Blessings to you in 2019! Do you take time at the beginning of each year or the end of the past year to review the events of that year? Do you make resolutions? What are your hopes for 2019?

Some of my hopes for 2019:

1. God's love and light shines brightly through Cedar Falls UCC. I want for us to grow not to survive as a congregation, but because I think we have a loving and caring community to offer. So my hope is that those who want/need a loving and caring community will discover us and we discover them.
2. All of us live our call from God. We say yes to God in whatever God is asking of us.
3. We are able to make a difference in someone's life here in Cedar Falls. Sometimes we make a difference and don't know it, but I hope we actually know we have made a difference.
4. I pray for healing of those who need healing. I pray for those who are depressed that they may experience the uplifting hand of God and move out of their depression.
5. I pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one that they may find comfort. I pray for those who have been hurt by the different churches (including our own) that a

spiritual home may be found and that they know that even though a church may have disappointed them, there are spiritual communities that share God's love.

These are but a few of my hopes and prayers for 2019. What are yours?

Have you visited or do you visit regularly our website: cedarfallsucc.org ? If you notice anything out-dated or have ideas of how to keep it fresh, I'd appreciate your feedback.

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

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Sue

FULLY RELY ON GOD!



Thank You

Thank you to Barb Kuhlman and crew for putting together our Christmas Cheer boxes.

Thank you to all those who went Christmas Caroling.

Thank you to Rev. Erika Breddin for being our guest preacher on December 30th. Your message and leading worship was appreciated. Thank you.



Sharing Life Together Prayers

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

Dianne Larsen – health issues
Lathon and Linda Jernigan-health issues
Dick Douglas
Dale and Janeen Danielsen
Wilbur and Lorna Heronimus and their family

Lathon Jernigan can be written to or seen at:
Western Home Deery Suites, **Room 313**,
5301 Caraway Lane, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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

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

9th – Power of Story
16th – Stories from Literature
23rd – Stories from Other Cultures
30th - Stories from other Religions

Workshop, January 12th 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. @ church Help. Thanks. Wow.

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United Fellowship

We will meet at church at 11:30 a.m. to go over to Café 1912 for lunch. We will make reservations for 11:45 a.m. so if you want to just meet us there, please do so.

Movie Night

Our January movie night will be on the 18th at 6:30 p.m. Let me know if there is any special movie you would like to see.

Top 100 Best News from 2018
This can be found on You Tube –
Hashem Al-Ghailli

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting has been set for January 20th. They will be available to pick up ahead of time on January 13th.

Update: The sale of the field west of the church is proceeding. If all goes well the closing would be mid-January.

“Thank you”

A special note of thanks to our Christmas elves who deep cleaned the kitchen: Eileen Daley, Colleen Kelly, and Cris Vallecillo

Another big thanks to “The Hands of Time” for our Christmas Jazz Music Concert and especially Chris Merz for making this happen. Thanks to Celeste Bemby for singing with them too.



Community Events

Mission Project –

We are invited to participate with Unity Presbyterian, Greg’s church, in Waterloo, in a rebuilding project in Wilmington, N.C., February 2nd – 9th. This is a mission activity through the local Presbytery. Transportation and lodging could be arranged. If you would like to go or know someone who

would, contact Greg Meyer at 319-233-4575 or you can call the Unity Presbyterian church office at 234-4291 on Monday – Thursday from 9 – 11 a.m.

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.

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.

Upcoming Dates to Save

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January 26th – “I Know all are welcome at the Table, but do I have to sit next to you?” Workshop

Communion Serving Teams for 2019

January, April, July, October – Karen or Joe Newcomb, Larry Buchholz

February, May, August, November – Cynthia Youde, Mike Gorton

March, June, September, December – Georgia Henry, Barb Kuhlman

Please let Pastor Sue or Karen Newcomb know if this doesn't work for you.

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Welcoming all with open arms.”
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