

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

August 2014



Friends in Christ—

The end of the summer is bringing new people and new opportunities to Congregational UCC.

Our Board of Christian Education has chosen a new full time Director of Christian Education. Kristi Ladage was selected after interviewing several very qualified candidates. For two years she has served as the director of children's ministries at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. She has a Certificate in Youth Ministry from United Theological Seminary, the UCC seminary in the Twin Cities. Kristi was also active in the Christian education program in the church she grew up in, Faith UCC in Tripoli, IA. She will be moving to Iowa City and beginning her work here at the beginning of August.

Kristi will be joined by another new staff member, Patrick Zubiate as our new choir director. Patrick is coming to Iowa City from Los Angeles to begin studies toward a Doctor of Music degree at UI. He has a Bachelor degree from Chapman University Conservatory of Music in Orange, CA, and a Masters degree in conducting from California State University in Fullerton. He brings a wealth of conducting experience to this position.

I want to say thanks once more to the members of the Music Committee and the CE Board who gave time and energy, thought and prayer to the search for our new staff. Patrick and Kristi bring exceptional talent and experience to our congregation that will be put to good use in the coming years. I'm looking forward to working with them and I know that you will be ready to welcome them this month.

Peace,

Bill

I want to thank everyone for all of your prayers, kind thoughts, and expressions of sympathy after the death of my father in July. The flowers that the congregation sent for the funeral were beautiful and were greatly appreciated by my extended family. My father was 97. I often say that even after a long life, well lived there is a sense of sorrow and loss. Our congregation is supporting me during this time and I am grateful.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE August 15th and 16th, 2014

Rummage and Bake Sale: Friday, August 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Now is a good time to think about simplifying your life and reducing your unwanted possessions. Set aside those items you no longer need or items you know your children will not want such as: linens, kitchen items, dishes, glassware, bedding, towels, toys, jewelry, collectibles, luggage, sports equipment seasonal décor, art, pottery, books, records, DVD's, CD's, small appliances, lamps furniture and tools. We will not be able to accept clothes shoes, waterbeds, computers or TV's. Things you can no longer use can become someone else's treasure.

Donations may be brought to the church any time after July 14th and placed in the lower level Sunday school rooms. They may also be brought the week of the rummage sale starting on Monday, August 11th through Wednesday August 13th from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 14th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. No items will be received on August 14th after 1:00 p.m. except baked goods. Donation slips will be available for tax deductions.

This is our biggest fundraiser and proceeds will go to the Mission Board for local community outreach.

We will need lots of help in setting up beginning the week of August 11th and on the days of the sale. MEN we need your help too. Please think about volunteering a few hours. There are sign-up sheets in Rockwood Hall. If you have questions or have items to be picked up please call Edie Roberts (338-8886) or Hermine McLeran (338-4681).

MEMBER NEWS

Our church is always changing as new members join and old members move away. (That's one reason why it's a good idea to produce a member photo directory about every five years.) The cold and snow this past winter kept Jim Dunsmore and Greg Zarnoch away from worship and they have now moved away from the Iowa City area. Members have asked about them and we wish Jim and Greg well.

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS

Our church served 180 lunches at the new location, 1105 Gilbert Court on Monday, June 30. It was Director Mary Palmberg's last official day after 25 years' involvement in the program, so it was a very special day for the patrons and volunteers. Mary has truly been an outstanding leader all these years and will be greatly missed by all.

A very BIG thank you to the following who helped in food preparation, serving and/or clean up on this day: Edie Roberts, Bill Dickinson, Bryan Clemons, Kai Clemons, Hermine McLeran, Joan Jehle, Vernetta Knapp, Joyce Myer, John Fuller, Connie Parsons, Ruth Kuntz, Claire Ashman, Barb Hanson, Cynthia Kemp, Fern Weir, Ginny Clemons, Betsy Henson, Betty Stein, Donna Hirst, Glenna Cobb, Mary & Ava Palmberg & Kat. I couldn't begin to manage this without all of you!

Our next serving date is Monday, September 29. A sign up sheet will be posted in Rockwood Hall by the end of August. All volunteers are always so appreciated!

Vicki Thomae

Thoughtful Consideration

The Stewardship pledge campaign results will show the commitment of the congregation members **to the work of this church**. We give to the stewardship campaign to allow the various boards to achieve their vision of commitment to the spiritual growth of our members, to help the less fortunate, and in thanks to God for the blessings we each have received.

Discipleship and effective stewardship should go hand in hand.

Stewardship is giving as a means to ministry and service, not just to pay the bills. In giving to our church we strengthen our spiritual growth and deepen our relationship with God as we help the less fortunate.

In the weeks to come each church committee will describe what they have achieved this year and what your monetary contributions have helped to accomplish. Each committee will describe their visions of how much better they might serve our spiritual growth and be of benefit for our community in the year to come.

In determining your pledge for next year consider what this church offers that is of significant value to you. What do you find here that you cannot find in secular life? How is it that we set a value on what we receive from God? How much of that value do we return to God through our church's efforts to serve? Our church annual budget is about \$ 275,000. If we each could increase our giving by 5% think of how much more could be accomplished with that additional \$13,750. What would an increase of 10% do?

We hope you will focus on the mission of our ministry here as you thoughtfully consider your stewardship gift for 2014. Consider not just what was accomplished this year, but what do we want to achieve in 2015.

Stewardship Board,

Bryan Clemons

Charles Connerly

David Deifell

Cynthia Kemp

Chris Knapp

Bill Lovin

Tom Mittman

Cindy Parsons

Rick Ruppert

Derek Willard

Welcome Back To Students

On August 22nd & 23rd our congregation will again welcome students to Iowa City and the new school year with cookies and lemonade.

So many students walk by our front door that first weekend before classes begin that we want them to know they are welcome here in our church. It is hard to pass up a free cookie so we have a chance to speak with many students.

The Membership Committee needs volunteers for two shifts, from 11:00am to 1:00 pm and from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm both Friday and Saturday. We will also need cookies. It seems that the same people windup baking for these events. If you have not provided cookies or bars recently this would be a great time to help with the baking. Baked goods should be brought to the church kitchen by 10:30 am on Friday, August 22.

Please contact Bryan Clemons (319-338-6674) if you are able to help in person or with cookies.

Membership Board Activities and Vision for 2015

The Membership Board focuses on activities which support our mission statement including developing ways to genuinely welcome others into our community of faith and to provide members and visitors with an opportunity to participate in fellowship activities and events.

Projects and events during 2014:

- Distributed an updated membership list.

- Planned a summer picnic in City Park.

- Planning for a color picture directory of members.

- We will welcome University of Iowa students back to school with cookies and lemonade.

- Developed advertising for special church services and events.

- Sponsored the 2014 progressive dinner.

- Participated in welcoming new members to our church family.

- Sponsored the Advent Lunch on Dec 8th following worship.

- Sponsored a lunch for new members.

We look forward to 2015 and a year filled with fellowship events.

Photographs Needed

The Membership Committee is beginning to design the new photo directory. We are gathering pictures of church events that happened in the past year or two. Events about Worship, Christian Education – children and adult, Mission outreach, Summer Work Camp, Capital Campaign work projects, and fellowship events – luncheons, progressive dinners, summer picnics, homecoming parade, Pride Festival, welcoming students back to campus with cookies and lemonade, Sundays at Four, and Science and Religion events and speakers.

If you have any such pictures would you please contact Bryan Clemons 319-338-6674?

THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE?

Members of UCC congregations are eligible to receive scholarships worth one-third of tuition at Elmhurst College. Apply for admission at www.elmhurst.edu/admission or call (630) 617-3400 for more information

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 a.m., August 16, at the Hamburg Inn on Linn St.

Women's Lunch will not meet in August

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Please remember! We are worshipping at 9:15 a.m. through July and August.

Last summer the Council approved the Diaconate's request to change the summer worship time. Because our neighbors across Jefferson St. change their time of worship to 10:00, many people have had trouble finding a place to park. Join us for worship an hour earlier—at 9:15—and rejoice in parking and in the day that God has made!

NEW MEMBERS PHONE DIRECTORY

The Membership Board has begun plans for a new picture directory of all members. This year we will be working with the Lifetouch company. They have over 50 years' experience of producing church directories.

Portrait sessions are set for August 6-9. Each household will receive information directly from Lifetouch with instructions on how to schedule online for your portrait setting. There will also be an opportunity to schedule your setting after worship on the Sundays preceding August 6.

Each household will receive three phone call from Lifetouch:

- 1.) Portrait appointment sign-up "Kick- Off" call.
- 2.) "Don't Miss Out" follow-up call.
- 3.) "Portrait appointment Reminder" call.

You will receive:

A complimentary 8x10 photo

A free directory for each household

Senior (60+) discount of 20% on all pictures purchased

Receive a \$5 Portrait coupon if you bring one non-perishable food item to your portrait session.

The Church will receive:

All of the food will be left for the church to distribute as we wish.

Lifetouch will donate the cash equivalent of 4 meals per family photographed to the church for mission work.

A Portrait Montage of the members.

PLEASE MARK AUGUST 6-9 ON YOUR CALENDARS

If you will not be able to attend any of the appointment times, Lifetouch will schedule you into a portrait session with another church in our area.

Lifetouch "Outreach Program" allows our church to reach out to our community by inviting family, friends and neighbors to participate in this photography event. Each non-member family will receive:

A fee professional portrait session

A free 8x10 portrait.

A Portrait coupon for setting an online appointment via our website

They will not be placed in our directory or receive a free picture directory.

Look for information from Lifetouch soon.



SERVING THE CHURCH IN 2014



AUGUST BACK TO SCHOOL

In The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ we all share in performing duties for the worship service. A list is provided each month for the assignments of Greeters, Ushers, and Hospitality.

Please arrive one-half hour before services, which begin at 9:15 a.m.

If you cannot serve on the assigned date please call someone else on the list to arrange a swap with them.

August	GREETERS	USHERS	HOSPITALITY
3	Ann Aschoff Diane Baculis	Charles Connerly, Martha Crawford	Bryan & Ginny Clemons
10	Michael Groff & Robyn Wood-Groff	The Hoefler Family-William, Becky, Catherine & Benjamin	
17	Joan Jehle Marcia Kuechenmeister	Michael & Joyce Myer John & Andrea Rauer	Robert & Betty Stein
24	Betty Mather Annette Michaels	Courtney & Raven Rowe Rick & Phyllis Ruppert	James & Karen Smith

If you have any questions, or have made changes with anyone,

Please call the assigned

Deacon of the Month—Hermine Mclearn (319)338-4681



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
August 16, 2014
8 a.m.
Hamburg Inn**

**THERE WILL BE
NO WOMEN'S
LUNCH IN
AUGUST**



AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Worship 9:15 a.m. Music by Robby Kemp Equal Exchange Coffee Sales	4 Narcotics Anonymous	5 Mission Board 7 p.m. Diaconate 7 p.m.	6 Directory Pictures Start 2-8:30 p.m. Rockwood Hall Closed CE Board 7 p.m. Library	7 Rockwood Hall Closed for Directory Pictures 2-8:30 p.m.	8 Rockweed Hall Closed for Directory Pictures 2-8:30 p.m.	9 Rockwood Hall Closed for Directory Pictures 10-2 p.m.
10 Worship / Communion 9:15 a.m. Music by Andrew Knapp	11 Narcotics Anonymous Rockwood Hall Closed this week for Rummage sale prep.	12 Rockwood Hall Closed	13 Rockwood Hall Closed	14 Rockwood Hall Closed	15 Rockwood Hall Closed Rummage Sale Begins	16 Rockwood Hall Closed Rummage Sale In Progress
17 Worship 9:15 a.m. Music by Betty Mather and Laura Kastens	18 Narcotics Anonymous	19 Stewardship 4 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m.	20 Public Schools Start	21	22 U of I Student Welcome Cookies and Lemonade Front of Church 11-3 p.m.	23 U of I Student Welcome Cookies and Lemonade Front of Church 11-3p.m.
24 Worship 9:15 a.m. Music by Mary Bryant	25 U of I Fall Semester Begins Narcotics Anonymous	26 Church Council 7 p.m.	27	28 Foreign Relations Noon Membership 7 p.m.	29	30
31 Worship 9:15 a.m. Music by Jo Benda						



"March Book One" by John Lewis with Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell (illustrator).

Congressman John Lewis (Democrat Georgia) is one of the key figures of the civil rights movement. "March" is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights.

"March" tells Lewis' personal story but also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

Book One of "March" covers John Lewis' youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King, the birth of the Nashville Student Movement, and their battle to tear down segregation through nonviolent lunch counter sit-ins.

"March Book One" is the first part of a graphic trilogy. The story of the civil rights movement of the 60's is told in comic book style.

Congressman John Lewis has been a major voice in the quest for equality for more than 50 years. He recently received the Medal of Freedom from the first African American President.

Judy Doorenbos, Library Committee



2	Lexine Schumm	H	
3	Georgia Marie Hill		
5	Bob Stein		
6	Elizabeth Fuller		
7	Betty Mather		
9	Scott Mittman Phyllis Ruppert		
10	Leo Burchett Kathleen Day		A
11	Ryan Downing Shirley Wyrich		
13	Denny Dudley Thomas Kempf		
14	Joseph Romanowski	P	
15	Margaret MacInnis Annie Parysz Fern Weir Amy Woodhouse		
16	Kathryn Klinefelter Emily Koepnick Todd Morrow		
17	Whit Jury	B	
19	William Nusser Christopher O'Neil Miranda Sisley		
20	Steven Guither		
21	Maxwell Parsons	R	
22	Meg Bayless Jacqueline Sangster		
23	Lindsay McFarland		
24	Bill Dickinson Tina Koepnick Mary Anne Morris	T	
25	Todd Nelson		
29	Margery Hoppin		
30	Lisa Thomae	H	
31	Aaron Amon Betsy Boyd Donna Hirst		



Our Mission Board

Action makes our faith come alive.

Pray, be a friend, offer words of support or comfort, give goods-time-talent-resources.

We are one conduit through which you, our church members, help others.

- We continue to receive letters of appreciation for the monthly contributions we make to the Crisis Center.
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Most of us have accumulated things that we no longer need or want. However, disposing of these things often poses problems: not enough for our own sale, family is not interested, deciding what charity will accept them, how and when to get them there, etc. Just as often, they find their way into our attics, basements or closets.

This year our church is hosting a Rummage Sale on August 15th and 16th. It gives us the opportunity to pass on these good, but no longer used items, with very little effort on our part and to have the proceeds go to local charities. We are collecting items in the downstairs classrooms at church. Please consider either dropping off your contributions or calling Hermine McLeran at 338-4681 or Edie Roberts at 338-8886 to arrange for pick up.

On Our Calendar

Share the Harvest – Summer

Excess produce, plants, and seeds, etc. will be brought to church to be sold to donate to charity.

ToGather Together – August 11th and 12th (Note date changes.)

ToGather Together (an outreach of the Consultation of Religious Communities) provides free school supplies for over 3,200 children and youth in need in Johnson County. TGTg is seeking funds to purchase school supplies to support children and youth in Johnson County. If you are interested in providing monetary donations, please send a check to “ToGather Together”, P.O. Box 2025, Iowa City, IA 52244.

Help is needed to sort supplies on Monday, August 11th, 8 AM to noon and to deliver to the schools on Tuesday, August 12th, 8 AM to noon. The warehouse is located at 2415 Heinz Road, IC.

For more information/questions, contact: Karrie Craig, thecraigfamily@mchsi.com or Marsha Lowe, marshalowe@gmail.com, co-directors.

A Rummage and Bake Sale - August 15th and 16th (Proceeds will go to local charities.)

It is not too early to begin bringing items you wish to donate to the downstairs classrooms at the church. Please call one of the co-chairs—Sharyn Reitz 354-3138 or Hermine McLeran 338-4681—if you have questions or need help in bringing in your donation.

Sign-up sheets are posted in Rockwood Hall for volunteers to bake, set up, and staff the sale.



INTERFAITH MOMS

MISSIONS CORNER Now in its second year, Interfaithful Moms Gathering is a fellowship of mothers representing diverse faith and religious backgrounds. Mothers of many ages are listening, learning, and reflecting on topics relevant to issues of faith and motherhood while establishing transformative relationships. Gatherings incorporate speakers, stories, discussions, and activities that weave together themes of motherhood and faith. Gatherings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:30-11 am at First Presbyterian Church. Current participants include women from several of CRC's member organizations and attendance includes about ten participants at each gathering. For more information, please contact Amanda Edwards at 319-930-0742. <http://interfaithfulmoms.com>

www.facebook.com/InterfaithfulMoms

HOST FAMILY

Iowa City AM Rotary will be hosting a girl from Germany at City High for the 2014/2015 school year. We are currently looking for host families for the winter and spring trimesters. These families can live on East or West sides of town as long as there is a regular means of transportation to school for our student every day. Our student is currently 16 years old. In addition to the usual academic courses she has taken drama and modern dance classes this year. She also has created a short novel and some plays. She also is fluent in Japanese and very proficient in English in addition to her native German. She has taken two or three years of Spanish as well. She is a good student. If your family would like to consider hosting Sophie please contact Liz Nichols (331-5923) or Chris Knapp (338-0909) to arrange a time to meet your family and discuss hosting.

ToGATHER TOGETHER

With such great need in the world, we sometimes forget that there are those in need among us. As school budgets are reduced, more falls to our families to supply. All too often these families are already struggling to make ends meet. ToGather Together (TGTg) provides free school supplies for over 3,700 children and youth in need in Johnson County. TGTg is a project started by the Consultation of Religious Communities and involves approximately 30 different faith communities, many businesses, Johnson County social services groups, and many, many individuals. As the need continues to grow in our area we are seeing an increase in requests—what started as an effort to provide supplies for 200 children from the years 2000–2007 has now grown to over 3,700 children and youth. TGTg is seeking funds to purchase school supplies to support children and youth in Johnson County. If you are interested in providing monetary donations, please send a check to “ToGather Together”, P.O. Box 2025, Iowa City, IA 52244.

This year, supplies will be sorted on Monday August 11, beginning at 8 AM. Distribution to the schools will be on Tuesday August 12, from 8 AM until noon. Volunteers are welcome anytime, both days, at 2415 Heinz Road. To learn more about getting involved or for any questions, please contact a co-director: Karrie Craig, thecraigfamily@mchsi.com or Marsha Lowe, marshalowe@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of ToGather Together.

GOOSETOWN OPERATION BACKPACK PROGRAM (GOBP)

There are children “in our backyard” who do not know if their family will have enough to eat. The goal of GOBP is to make sure that children leave school on Friday afternoon with a backpack filled with healthy and kid-friendly foods that are easy to prepare and consume when a parent is unable to prepare a meal, or when there is simply not enough food in the cupboards.

We CAN help!

Horace Mann Elementary School is only a few blocks north of our church. Goosetown Operation Backpack Program started providing weekend food bags last September to 10 children at Horace Mann and soon expanded to serve 24 children. The program will continue through the summer by providing food bags for 12 of the students who are participating in summer school.

For just \$5.50, a backpack can be filled with enough nutritious food to keep a child going until Monday morning. When you fill a backpack with food, you help fill a child's weekend with play, friends, and good memories rather than hunger and uncertainty.

If you would like to make a donation to Goosetown Operation Backpack Program or would like to volunteer, please contact Minda Davison at minda_marie@hotmail.com.

It takes very little from us to make a very big difference in the lives of some of our neighborhood children.

Congregational UCC Time and Talent Survey

Periodically the members of this congregation are asked to complete a time and talent survey. These surveys are used by the various church boards and committees to help them determine the congregational needs and interests as well as the gifts, talents and time each member is willing to share with the church.

I would be interested in volunteering.

Times of the year when I have the most time to help _____

Time of the day/days of the week that are most convenient _____

I'd be interested in working on the following church boards _____

Here is an overview of what our boards do:

Diaconate: Supervise all aspects of the spiritual life of the congregation.

Trustees: Financial and building management of the church.

Mission: With a Christian approach, reflect and act on issues of human dignity, peace, and justice locally and globally.

Christian Education: Establish a program of Christian education for all ages.

Membership: Attract new members, welcome visitors to the life of the church, and facilitate community and fellowship among members.

Some of my gifts/interests include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Contracting Knowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry/woodworking skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting/Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork experience – Art Specialty _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other skills/talents _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching ability: working with <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> Teens | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Grilling ability | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing musical instruments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial management/accounting skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer expertise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event coordination ability | <input type="checkbox"/> Event support interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service project leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Service project support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide rides to church events | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring new members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing ability: <input type="checkbox"/> Creative <input type="checkbox"/> Technical <input type="checkbox"/> Historical | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide flowers for worship: <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Lilies <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Poinsettias <input type="checkbox"/> In Memoriam – date _____ | |

What needs do you have that might prevent more participation?

- I'd like to be more active but parking/transportation is a problem for me.
- I'd like a ride to and from church.
- I'd like to volunteer during the week if I could get a ride.

I am concerned about these issues within the church, the wider community, and the world: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate during worship.

Church office address: **Congregational UCC
30 North Clinton St.
Iowa City, IA 52245**

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Parking Information

Parking is available evenings and all day Sunday at the IMU or North Hall Parking Ramps.

Ask your usher for a voucher (or get one from the church office).

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: **The Rev. William Lovin**

Music Director:
Christian Ed Dir.

Organist: Bill Crouch
Office Manager: Amy Engrav
Financial Sec. Sharyn Huriaux Reitz
Custodian: Eddy Ghumm

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