



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

July 2014



Friends in Christ:

Change is part of the quality of life of our congregation. We see it throughout the year and especially in the summer months. Students who have worshipped with us graduate and members accept new opportunities and challenges in other places. People arriving in town visit us for worship in order to see what kind of people we are. And in the coming months new students walk through our doors looking for a church home while they are here to study. We don't stay the same for long.

In recent years we've also known a lot of changes in our staff. New personnel have brought new gifts, new insights, and, well, change. In the spring we hired Patrick Zubiato as our new choir director, following John Hughes after three years, who followed Richard Bloesch after forty. I'm looking forward to working with Patrick as we all discover his musical talent. The Board of Christian Education is currently interviewing candidates for our Director of Christian Education position. We hope that the new director will start in August as we prepare for an active and exciting year of education and nurture for people of all ages.

The word "staff" comes from a Sanskrit word that means "support." I'm constantly aware of how much both our congregation and I rely on the support of our staff. Through all the changes they consistently provide high quality work that reflects both their skills and their commitment to this place. It is a great gift to have such colleagues and I'm looking forward to the new people who will be joining our staff soon.

Peace,

Bill

YOU WILL BE MISSED

Mandy, Ellie, and I would like to thank everyone for making the past three years so special. You've welcomed us and made us feel at home in Iowa City. It's been an honor to have served the Congregational Church, and we hope to visit soon. The celebration on June 8 was spectacular. Thank you all for your kind words and best wishes. We'd also like to thank you for the exceedingly generous cash gift and the mementoes of Iowa City. We'll look at them fondly and remember our wonderful time together. Please stay in touch and take care.

Sincerely,
John, Mandy, and Ellie Hughes

????Who's Turning 90????

Fern Weir is turning 90– Please join us in celebrating this milestone, Saturday, July 26, 2014, 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Hotel 1220 First Ave, Coralville.

We would love to have you join us and help Fern celebrate her 90th birthday. Please RSVP to Alberta Aldahl as soon as possible. If you can't be with us at the party, we will miss you, but Fern would love to hear from you. Birthday cards can be mailed to Fern at 119 Wylde Green Road, Iowa City, IA 52246 or emailed to chrclady@mchsi.com. RSVP to Alberta at: aweir @aldahl.net or 507-645-7345.

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

The Rummage and Bake Sale is coming soon. We will begin accepting items on July 16th and they can be placed in the downstairs room off the kitchen. We will also accept items in the Fellowship Hall starting on Monday, August 11 through Wednesday, August 13 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Baked goods will be accepted all day on Thursday August 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you need help in bringing items to the church please call Edie Roberts (338-8886) or Hermine McLeran(338-4681). Donation slips will be available for tax deductions. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Mission Board for local community outreach. Some suggested items for donation include: kitchen items, dishes, glassware, bedding, linens, 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. We welcome your donations and your help. Even two to three hours a day will be helpful. Sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall beginning July 1st.

NEW MEMBERS

During worship on June 8, we welcomed four new members into our congregation. They are:

Daniel and Tracey Morgan-Harris, who come most recently from Charleston, SC, where Tracey attended the Medical School of South Carolina and Daniel was an adjunct professor of English at the College of Charleston. Tracey is originally from Aiken, SC and Daniel for Cedar Hill, TN. They met while attending Wheaton College in Illinois. Tracey moved to Iowa City in 2012 to pursue a pediatrics residency at UIHS and plans to continue her medical career with a fellowship in pediatric oncology. She enjoys gardening literature, and cooking. Daniel arrived in Iowa City in 2013 after spending a year studying at Texas A& M. Daniel's interests include reading and writing.

Keith and Leslie Brautigam, who have two sons, Nolan and Colin. Keith was born in California and moved to Iowa City as a child. He was confirmed at Congregational UCC. He works for UI in Information Technology and enjoys bike riding and rock climbing. Leslie is a registered nurse at UIHC who volunteers at the Free Medical Clinic. She enjoys reading, cooking, biking, yoga, running and is T-ball coach.

MILESTONES

Tomas Brookfield graduated from Tate High School on May 29.

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!

CHURCH SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC

Please join us on Sunday, July 20, for our annual all church potluck picnic. We will meet in Lower City Park at Shelter #12 by the tennis courts. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. The Membership Committee will provide meat and lemonade, tea and water. Games and fellowship from 4-5 and dinner at 5:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair and lawn and/or table games to play. Some bug repellent might be needed also. All members and friends of the church are invited.

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



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.

July	GREETERS	USHERS	HOSPITALITY
6	Jason & Jeanna Beerends	Jo Ann Benda & Charley Platz David & Elizabeth Deifell	Ann Ghabel Barbara Sisley
13	Mary Bryant Marnie Campbell	John Fuller & Kathy Fait James & Diane Jetter	Doug & Connie Parsons
20	Glenna Cobb Paula Forest	Kevin & Tina Koepnick Dick & Mary Lea Kruse	Carol Searls Cynthia Kemp
27	Jane Kinney Marge Hoppin	Diane Olson & Darin Wells Thomas Mittman & Laura Stunz	Derek & Pamela Willard

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

Please call the assigned

Deacon of the Month—Kathi Koegle (319)337-3818



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
July 19, 2014
8 a.m.
West Side Mid-Town**

There will be no
Women's Lunch the month
of July



JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
						
6 Worship/ Communion 9:15 a.m. Equal Exchange Coffee Sales Music by Jeanne Bonde	7 Narcotics Anonymous	8	9	10	11	12
13 Worship 9:15 a.m. Music by Kevin Koepnick	14 Narcotics Anonymous	15 Trustees 7 p.m.	16 Drop off for Rummage Sale Starts	17	18	19 Men's Breakfast West Side Mid-Town 8 a.m.
20 Worship 9:15 a.m. Music by Brian Umlah Church Picnic @ City Park	21 Narcotics Anonymous	22 Foreign Relations	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 9:15 a.m. Music by Sarah Fairfield & Anna Mothershed	28 Narcotics Anonymous	29	30	31		

"Friendfluence, the Surprising Ways Friends Make Us Who We Are"

by Carlin Flora.

Quote from the back cover: "Just as the role of friends is expanding in our culture, "Friendfluence" explores their powerful and often underappreciated influence on our personalities, habits, physical health, and even our chances of success in life. In this fascinating book, packed with the latest research findings, Carlin Flora traces friendship from its evolutionary roots to its starring role in childhood and adolescence to its subtle (and sometimes not-so-subtle) impact on adults--both positive and negative."

Friendship is a key to happiness and "Friendfluence" explores that crucial element of our lives. The book is a charming and informative examination of the impact of friendship. It is a delightful book on the power of friendship, combining the latest research with enjoyable stories. It examines friendship across a lifespan, from playground pals to adolescent and adult relationships. The key to understanding yourself may well lie in your friendships, past and present.

Carlin Flora was on the staff of "Psychology Today" for 8 years and graduated from the Univ. of Michigan and Columbia Univ. School of Journalism. She has written for various magazines and has appeared on various TV shows. She lives in Queens, NY.

Judy Doorenbos, Library Committee



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- 1 Dean Woodhouse
3 Bob Hanson
Katie Murph
4 Vicki Thomae
Brian Umlah
5 Shana Minton
8 Bill Lovin
9 Eli Shepherd
Benjamin Hoefler
10 Kathy Fait
Colin Beerends
11 Pamela Willard
Josephine Guither
13 Thomas Henson
15 Hermine McLeran
Ella Lewis
18 Jo Ann Benda
19 Pete Knapp
Claire Ashman
20 Holli Nusser
Nicole Day
22 Ruth Kuntz
23 Joan Parsons
Kyle Thomae
24 Steve Wolken
David Wilder
25 Jackie Searls
26 John Bayless
Marie Von Behren
Schuyler Bryn
27 Candace Noble
Elsie VanWieren
28 Mititke Schumm
30 Jane Kinney
Ann Romanowski
Kathleen Wilder
31 Christine Taylor
John Henson
Gayle Jensen
Stuart Cobb
Rachel Ford



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.

As some of you may know, the Mission Board has a list of over twenty projects that we support each year. These range from One Great Hour of Sharing to hosting our local Free Lunch. Each project is overseen by a Coordinator and a Backup. These roles are not always filled by members of the Board—nor should they be. If you have an interest in one of the projects you see on our calendar—or wish us to consider adding a project—please don't hesitate to mention it to one of our members.

There is no end to the list of worthy causes. Your participation will help to broaden our reach.

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 7th and 8th

ToGather Together (TGTg) provides free school supplies for over 3,700 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.

This year, supplies will be sorted on Thursday, August 7, beginning at 8 AM. Distribution to the schools will be on Friday, August 8, AM until Noon. Volunteers are welcome anytime, both days, at 2415 Heinz Road.

A Rummage and Bake Sale—August 15th and 16th

It is not too early to begin sorting items you wish to donate. Please call one of the co-chairs—Sharyn Reitz 354-3138 or Hermine McLeran 338-4681 if you have questions. Sign-up sheets will be posted in Rockwood Hall for volunteers to bake and staff the sale. Proceeds will go to local charities.



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.

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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.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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
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Custodian: Eddy Ghumm

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