



# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

### October 2014



Friends in Christ:

The “Stewardship Season” is in full swing at Congregational UCC! And what a great time it is.

I agree with the person who said, “There is only one thing better than raising money for the Realm of God and that is spending money for the Realm of God.” So I’m always glad to announce the good news of the abundant love that God rains down upon us and the fruits that grow from our generous giving. What a joy to be part of that process of gathering the resources that allow us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, house the homeless, and heal the sick. What a humbling privilege to be able to remind you of the new life that your giving brings to other people.

Of course, our congregation makes my work easy. The giving of the members and friends of this congregation is one indication that we are indeed a liberal church. We take to heart Paul’s words: “The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” and so we are always preparing for a record harvest. Together we imagine the possibilities for ministry and mission here when we give abundantly from what we have received in abundance.

Certainly the reasons for giving are almost as diverse as our membership.

Some give because that’s simply a part of life in a congregation. In choosing to be a part of this community we recognize that our covenant with each other includes financially supporting what we do. So you freely give your fair share—and more.

Some give in response to what we have received. Recognizing God as the generous giver of all things, we seek to be generous in turn. Our generosity is a response to the generosity of God. We give so that we might, as Paul wrote, “share abundantly in every good work.”

Some give because we understand giving as a spiritual exercise. That is, we recognize the surprising reality that each of us has a need to give, a need to respond to the free gifts of God by giving ourselves. Offering back to God a portion of what we have been given helps keep in perspective that very human desire for more and more.

And we give because we care about other people: theological students in South Africa, people rebuilding after tornadoes, men, women, and children looking for a meal at the Free Lunch Program or a place to sleep at Shelter House. We look for opportunities to show our compassion by giving.

We are, as this year’s stewardship theme reminds us, “*Blessed to be a blessing.*”

God provides in abundance that we in turn might share in abundance.

Remember the great good that your giving makes possible and continue to give generously through the rest of this year. And when the request comes this month, pledge—commit yourself to giving generously in the year ahead.

Peace,

*Bill*

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

October 5th is World Communion Sunday. 2014 marks the 78th year of celebrating this day. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and after a few years the idea spread. Through our prayers and music on this day we recognize our connection with Christians in every nation.

## **NATHAN WILLARD INSTALLATION AT ANKENY UCC**

Former Congregational UCC member, the Rev. Nathan Willard, will be installed as the pastor at the Ankeny United Church of Christ on Sunday, October 5, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

## **TEE OFFERING UPDATE**

Our annual offering to support the Theological Education by Extension College in South Africa (TEE Offering) was received on Sunday, September 14. This offering has been a tradition in our congregation for several decades. It was initially started when the brother of our then minister, the Rev. Ed Heininger, worked for TEE in South Africa.

This year we received \$960—much more than any time in recent memory. Thanks again—your giving makes a difference in many lives. For more information about this amazing program, please visit their website at [www.tee.co.za](http://www.tee.co.za).

## **UN AIDS OFFERING**

On Sunday, October 12, we will receive our annual special offering to support the UN-AIDS program. We have been dealing with AIDS for over 30 years and UN-AIDS estimates 34 million [30.9 million–36.9 million] people are living with HIV and nearly 30 million [25 million–33 million] people have died of AIDS-related causes since the first case of AIDS was reported in June 1981. Global AIDS response continues to show results as a record number of people access treatment and rates of new HIV infections fall by nearly 25%. Please give generously to support this work.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Bluebird café —Market St. October 18th, 2014 8am

## **WINTER CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION**

The annual winter clothing distribution sponsored by the Consultation of Religious Communities will be held on Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This is a free distribution of winter clothing in infant, children, and adult sizes. Clothing will be available at three locations: The Dream Center (611 Southgate Ave.) in Iowa City, Coralville United Methodist Church, and North Liberty Community Pantry.

While our church already has gathered plenty of clothing, Congregational UCC members can help in several ways:

- Sort clothes on Thursday, October 23,
- Set up for the distribution on Friday, October 24.
- You can help on the day of distribution (October 25)

Volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. For more information or to volunteer to help, please call the church office at 337-4301. Thanks. Your help will make a positive difference in the lives of many people.

# Christian Education

We are off to a great start in Christian Education this fall and we are looking forward to a wonderful year together.

## **Sunday School and Children's Church Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday School and Children's Church. If you are willing to volunteer for a morning please contact Kristi at the church or by email. [Uccicce@uccic.org](mailto:Uccicce@uccic.org)

## **Connect. Grow. Serve. (C.G.S.)**

7th - 9th grade youth will meet at the church on Sunday, October 5th from 6:30 - 8:00pm for an evening of fellowship, snacks, games and planning the year ahead. If you are interested in helping with this group please contact Kristi at the church or by email. [Uccicce@uccic.org](mailto:Uccicce@uccic.org)

**Senior High Gathering (Oasis):** will meet in October at a date and time to be determined.

## **Family Fellowship/Colony Pumpkin Patch**

**Sunday, October 19 2-4pm**

Join us for corn mazes, hay rides, shopping and pumpkin picking! We will gather in the parking lot of Colony Pumpkin Patch.

Please sign-up in Rockwood Hall or by emailing Kristi at [uccicce@uccic.org](mailto:uccicce@uccic.org)

## **Children, Youth and Family**

I feel so blessed to have joined you as your Director of Christian Education and look forward to an exciting year together. If you have not already registered your child(ren) for 2014-15 Christian Education programs via the online registration form you may fill out a registration form found in Rockwood Hall.

## **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNIZED BY YOUTH SALUTE**

Congratulations to Molly Shepherd for her recent recognition by Youth Salute, a program of the National Council on Youth Leadership. Students are nominated for this award based not only on grades, but also on leadership in school activities, religious organizations, or activities in their community. Each student is asked to complete an application and answer three out of four essay questions. Molly was recognized during a program at the Englert Theater in September.

## **CONGREGATIONAL UCC CELEBRATES HOMECOMING**

The UI homecoming parade is Friday, October 10 and that means one thing—party at the Congregational Church! The parade goes down Clinton and turns onto Jefferson right at our building. So once again this year we're setting up the grills and cooking brats and hot dogs. The Mission Board will sell water and soft drinks.

All members and friends are invited to bring some extra food (salad, side dish, dessert, etc.) to share. We'll have that available in Rockwood Hall so that we can eat together as we wait for and watch the parade. If you're new, or if you've been around here forever, plan to join us. Too busy to prepare a dish to share? No problem—please join us anyway.

## **Women's Lunch**

October 16th, 2014 11:45 am at Mekong-5 Sturgis Corner Drive, Iowa City.

# 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 10:15 a.m.

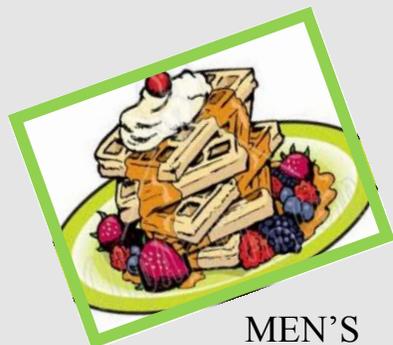
**If you cannot serve on the assigned date please call someone else on the list to arrange a swap with them.**

OCTOBER	GREETERS	USHERS	HOSPITALITY
5	<b>Jason &amp; Jeanna Beerends</b>	<b>Kristin &amp; Amanda Bouma, James &amp; Diane Jetter</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Mary Lea Kruse</b>
12	<b>Ethel Bloesch Glenna Cobb</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Sue Wolken Roger &amp; Melissa Jensen</b>	<b>Derek &amp; Pam Willard</b>
19	<b>Keith &amp; Leslie Brautigam</b>	<b>Kathi Koegle &amp; Kevin Richards, Willis Sisley, John Fuller</b>	<b>James &amp; Karen Smith</b>
26	<b>Diana Coberly Jane Kinney</b>	<b>Edie Roberts, Courtney Rowe, Maile Sagen &amp; Ann Gabel</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Gloria Hanson</b>

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

**Please call the assigned**

**Deacon of the Month—James Robinson 319-333-5550**



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY  
Oct. 18th, 2014  
Bluebird Café  
8 am**

**THE WOMEN'S  
LUNCH  
THURSDAY  
October 16th, 2014  
At Mekong 5 Sturgis  
Corner Drive  
Iowa City**



# OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please call the Church Office to see about Sanctuary use/availability</p>			1	2 Foreign Relations Noon Voices of Soul 6:30-8 pm	3 Foreign Relations 11 am-2 pm	4
<p>5 Choir Toddler/Daycare Children's Church Adult Ed 9:15 Worship 10:15am Communion Sunday School Equal Exchange Coffee Sales Jr. High C.G.S 6:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Narcotics Anonymous  Dalaie Choi Recital 6 pm</p>	<p>7 Foreign Relations Noon  Mission Board 7 pm  Diaconate 7 pm</p>	8	<p>9 CE Board 7 pm  Voices of Soul 6:30-8 pm</p>	10 Homecoming Parade	11
<p>12 Choir First Choir Rehearsal 11:30-12:30 pm Toddler/Daycare Children's Church Adult Ed 9:15 Worship 10:15am Sunday School Confirmation Class UN Aids Offering</p>	<p>13 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	14	15	<p>16 Voices of Soul 6:30-8 pm  Women's Lunch 11:45 At Mekong 5 Sturgis Corner Drive Iowa City</p>	17	18
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"The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak is a novel for the teenage reader, but it will also appeal to the adult reader. "It deserves a place on the same shelf with 'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Ann Frank."

Quoted from the back cover:

"It is 1939. Nazi Germany. By her brother's graveside, Liesel Meminger's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is "The Grave Digger's Handbook, left there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery.

So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her accordion playing foster father, learns to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found. But these are dangerous times.

When Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up and closed down."

Markus Zusak is an award winning author. "The Book Thief" was also recently made into a movie.

Judy Doorenbos, Library Committee



1	Andrea Rauer Margaret Beck James Searls	
3	Willis Searls	
4	Darrell Wyrick Bob Jury	
5	Jason Beerends	
6	Roger Jensen	
7	Robert Ashman Lowell Dendinger James Savage	<b>H</b>
8	Martha Ann Crawford Lisa Beckmann James Robinson	<b>A</b>
11	Dick Kruse	<b>P</b>
12	Ginny Clemons Marc Claggett	<b>Y</b>
13	Joyce Myer Marnie Campbell Vernette Knapp	
14	Glenna Cobb	
18	Becky Hoefler Kimberly Searls	<b>B</b>
19	Elizabeth Oakes	<b>I</b>
21	Brian Whitehead David Carew	<b>R</b>
23	Jen Teusink	
24	Yvette Jury	<b>T</b>
25	Heidi VanWieren	<b>H</b>
26	Vaune Bulgarelli-Beckmann	<b>H</b>
27	Tim Strang Betty Stein Anna Mary Mueller Patricia Hansche Brian Romanowski	<b>D</b>
28	Charles Connerly Jacob Wells	<b>A</b>
30	Thomas Myer	<b>Y</b>
31	Mark Brookfield	

# 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.



- Thanks to everyone who contributed to the TEE College offering. Several weeks ago we collected \$960.50 to send to South Africa. This is an important increase over the amount collected in past years. In 2012 the offering amounted to \$705,25

## On Our Calendar

Ecumenical Winter Wear Distribution - October

This yearly event helps to equip our local children for the winter ahead. Please start collecting the following items in infant, child, and adult sizes: coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and mittens, scarves, boots, shoes, warm socks, sweatpants, sweatshirts, and jeans. You will find a collection box in Rockwood Hall.

The Homecoming Parade Sale - October 10th

At this traditional event, the Mission Board (or other church volunteers) sell beverages to accompany the Men's Fellowship's grilled food. Proceeds from the beverage sale go to local charities.

The AIDS U.N. Offering - October 12th

A new U.N. report warns that 19 million of the 35 million people living with the virus globally do not know their HIV-positive status and therefore, ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 will require a scale-up to close the gap. The first-ever UNAIDS Gap Report, shows that as people find out their HIV-positive status, they seek life-saving treatment. For example, in sub-Saharan Africa, almost 90 percent of people who tested positive for HIV went on to access antiretroviral therapy. "Smarter scale-up is needed to close the gap between people who know their HIV status and people who don't, people who can get services and people who can't, and people who are protected and people who are punished."—Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS. The Aids offering will be October 12th, 2014.

The Mission Board has chosen to participate in the national UCC focus on literacy as a justice issue, The Reading Changes Lives program will be our guide. During the first two Sundays in October we will explore this topic. Join us in reading Rob Shindler's inspirational book "Hotdogs and Hamburgers: Unlock Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy of Any Age." Copies will be available to borrow from the church.

Together we can reverse the cycle!

The ability to read is a basic right that we often don't think about. The reality is that over 30 million people in the United States can't read. Almost 800 million people worldwide are considered illiterate. Reading Changes Lives is our church-wide response to the crippling literacy gap affecting children, youth and adults. Learning to read opens doors and changes lives. It is essential to end the cycle of poverty, close the school-to-prison pipeline, and create inclusive, healthy communities where all can be active and advocate for themselves.

The need has never been greater for faith communities to stand up and take action. The United Church of Christ has accepted the call to action and together we can aggressively invest in the future of the many who silently struggle. The time to address this crisis is now and the need is pressing upon us. Our Christian mandate dictates such.

## **SUNDAYS AT FOUR ANNOUNCES OUR NEW SEASON**

2014-15 marks the seventh season of free community concerts. The series is made possible by special giving from members. Each year more people come to our church to attend these concerts. A freewill offering is received at each concert to support a local program such as the Crisis Center, the Free Lunch Program, or NAMI.

Upcoming concerts will be:

October 5	Hanna Lee, organ
November 2	LIROS, woodwind quintet
February 8	Jim Higdon, organ with UI
March 8	David Campbell, cello
April 19	Ahreum Han, organ

Hanna Lee will be the first guest artist in the 2014-15 Sundays at Four season, performing on October 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Organist Hanna Lee has concertized extensively throughout the US and Korea. She has been a featured recitalist at numerous pipe organ concert series in US including the Glorious Music Series at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel in Chicago, Music at St. Helena's Friday Concerts in Beaufort, South Carolina, Music at Noon at Pasadena Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, California, the Performing Arts Series of Bethel Lutheran Church and Wednesday Noon Organ Recital at Luther Memorial Church in Madison, Wisconsin. She has performed in Sejong Center for Performing Art, Torch Center, Youngsan Art Hall, Myoungdong Cathedral, Kyoungdong Church, Somang Church and Ahndong Church in Seoul, Korea. Her organ chamber music concert (2003) and recitals (2004 and 2005) at the Youngsan Art Hall, which included numerous Korean premieres, were broadcast live on radio nationwide. Dr. Lee has performed Handel Organ Concertos with Camerata Antiqua Seoul and also Saint-Saens Symphony No. 3 "Organ" and Brahms Requiem with Seoul Pihamonia Orchestra under maestro Myung Whun Chung.

Hanna Lee received her Doctor of Musical arts degree in Organ Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa. She completed her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music degrees in Organ Performance at Yonsei University in Seoul and Graduate Certificate in Organ Performance at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She was a Professor of Organ at Sungkyul University and has also taught at Yousei University and Sunwha Art High School in Korea. She has been the organist at various churches in Seoul, Korea, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin including the Congregational United Church of Christ in Iowa City. Currently, Hanna Lee is a visiting scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the organist at the West Middleton Lutheran Church in Middleton, Wisconsin.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN A TIGHT MARKET**

### **A Workshop to Discuss Local Housing Issues and Potential Solutions**

Get an overview of housing problems, gain insight from around the nation of successful affordable housing programs, and formulate goals to address local housing needs. Thursday, October 2, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Sponsors include the City of Iowa City, the Consultation of Religious Communities, and Habitat for Humanity. To register go to [www.iowavalleyhabitat.org](http://www.iowavalleyhabitat.org) and click on the link for the conference. For more information, call 337-8949.

## **Complimentary 8x10 Photos**

We have recently had a Lifetouch photography event. If you elected to have your complimentary photo sent back to our church for pick up, the portraits are now available to be picked up in the church office. Please stop by to receive your portrait. If your portrait is not in the current shipment. it will be coming in a future shipment and we will notify you when that occurs.

**Meg & John Bayless**-We are now at 1310 Woodgrove Way, Sun Prairie, WI. 53590. Phone contact is still 319-351-5947. Emails are also the same.

We hope to hear from any of the Congregational UCC family traveling this way, and we will fondly look forward to returning to Iowa City periodically. We will miss the remarkable Church on the corner in downtown Iowa City, and all of the friends we've made over the last 32 years.

Thanks. Meg & John Bayless

# **Progressive Dinner**

## **October 25, 2014, 5:00 pm-9 pm**

**Dinner catered by The Cottage Bakery**

**Chicken with roasted vegetables,**

**Wild rice casserole**

**Green Salad and assorted rolls**

**\$8 per person**

**I/WE would like to participate by doing one of the following:**

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone & email** \_\_\_\_\_

- ⇒ **Hosting hors d'oeuvres for the entire group**
- ⇒ **Providing hors d'oeuvres for 8-10 people**
- ⇒ **Hosting the main course for 8-10 people**
- ⇒ **Hosting dessert for the entire group**
- ⇒ **Providing dessert for 8-10 people**

**We start together as a group for drinks/appetizers, then move in small groups to host houses for the main course, and then regroup for dessert.**

**Please check other options to help us plan:**

- ⇒ **need transportation**
- ⇒ **vegetarian**
- ⇒ **bringing children**
- ⇒ **adults only**
- ⇒ **need sitter**

**Make checks payable to Congregational UCC. They may be placed in offering plate with this form or returned to the church office by October 17. For more information contact Bryan Clemons, 338-6674 or ginnyand bryan @gmail.com**

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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:	Patrick Zubiate
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