

CARILLON NOTES



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Fall is an exciting time at church. In the summer, the church slows down a little as people go on vacation, enjoy the nice weather, and get involved in summer activities. But in the fall, our friends and neighbors return, we see the familiar faces that we missed, and church programs start up again.

We have a lot going on this fall. Faith in Motion is starting up again, a new confirmation class is beginning, a Bible study is getting underway, and our Extravagant Welcome committee is planning events.

And, of course, it's time to talk about stewardship.

Stewardship season isn't just a time to talk about money. It goes hand in hand with the visioning process we're going through right now. It's a time to imagine who this congregation will be and what we will do. And it's a time for each of us to imagine what we will bring to the table to make the things we imagine a reality.



This fall, you're going to hear stewardship speakers and you'll read stewardship letters. And, of course, you'll be asked about your next pledge to First Congregational United Church of Christ. While that's happening, I want you to pray. Talk to God about what this congregation is called to do, and how you are called to help.

Because together, and with God's grace, we can do amazing things!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris

September



COMMITTEE MINUTES

from August meetings



◆ **Faith Formation:** Met August 19 with 10 present.
 ~ Worship in the Park is Sept. 16 at Westbrook Park in rear pavilion (Lions Shelter). Sharing responsibilities with W&F. **Want this to be a "family day" with activities planned before and after meal.** **Planning:** "Minute to-win-it games, trivia, kickball, field game, washers, bean bags, nature scavenger hunt. Congregation bring dish to share. Meat, dessert and water will be supplied.
 ~ *Faith-in-Motion:* Will Froeschle will lead the Fall 7-week session, dividing into two groups: 2-4th grade @ 5:30-6:30 and 5-7th grade @ 6:30-7:30pm Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 20 at Central Intermediate School. Volunteers include: Will F, Chris Maricle, Cory Huff and Matt Ohnemus. Need more help! Activity will be on Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) curriculum. Asking all members to share, to reach area families.
 ~ *Sunday School- "Young Children's Church Time"* starts Sept. 23rd for PreK-1st grade will be a 30-minute program following "Children's Time" and then return to worship. Teachers include: Kali Bossom, Luanne Smith, Heather Ohnemus and Ellen Waldorf.
 ~ *Christmas program:* Jen Froeschle is working on a new format (talent show) Practice will start Nov. 4 with program during worship on Dec. 16.
 ~ *Confirmation* class starts Sept. 5 @ 6pm with 16 classes.
 ~ *Adult Bible study:* will be led by Pastor Chris following confirmation on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm (starting with the Abraham cycle of Genesis)
 ~ FF will help with Sept. 16 Outdoor worship and activities.
 Next meetings: Sept. 2 at 8:30 am.

◆ **Extravagant Welcome:** 4 members met Aug. 7
 ~ Dottie Burcher resigned from the committee. Jenny Conard will be Council representative.
 ~ We have \$1600 to spend on educational events. Plan on having one event each quarter (workshop, book discussion, movie night, panel, etc.) First event will be a workshop on cultural humility in September or October presented by Dr. Chris Martin from St. Ambrose. TBA
 ~ **Checking on an online course, "Radical Welcome: Help Your church Fully Embrace the Other."**

◆ **Mission Trips:** Met August 19.
 ~ Haiti Team (Carey Arndt and Luanne Smith) left for Haiti August 30-September 17. A fundraiser of cinnamon rolls and fruit was held August 19 for the Haiti Mission.
 ~ Next meeting September 16 at 10:45 am.

◆ **Community Outreach:** 5 members met Aug. 13th.
 ~ A donation of \$500 was given to the Summer Lunchbox program as well as sponsoring the milk vouchers. 80+ bags were given out weekly throughout the summer.
 ~ Postcard campaign will begin after all the directory photos are taken.
 ~ June Brat stand took in \$130.
 ~ Plans are to have an Outreach activity every other month starting in January. We participate in: triathlon, athletic boosters, autumn fest, tunes in town, highway cleanup and national night out. May be able to participate in County fair, Skeffington race, etc.
 ~ Decided to NOT participate in the DeWitt garage sale.
 ~ Mobile meals delivery schedule: Mike Ahrens-Sept., Sheila Busch-Oct., Jean Schmidt-Nov., Jen Claeys-Dec.

◆ **Worship & Fellowship:** Cancelled meeting for August. Will meet again Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm.
 ~ W & F will work with FF for the Worship in the Park on Sept. 16. It will be held at Westbrook park Lions Shelter. The W&F committee will facilitate the worship, take care of any equipment needs and provide the meat for the picnic.

◆ **Trustees:** Met August 13 with 8 attending.
 July: income-\$15,226.41/ expenses-\$11,806.11
 YTD: income-\$72,946.96 / expenses-\$83,954.00
 ~ All-in-one copier was approved and ordered for office.
 ~ Rotting window sill in sanctuary will be replaced by Randy Hall for \$350.
 ~ Parsonage Fund investment, with better return, was presented and approved. Will be under Trustees control.
 ~ Carpet laying is underway and painting done.
 ~ Stewardship subcommittee was formed and created guidelines for a Mission-Driven Budget, focus on spending to accomplish specific things. Develop a system to track accomplishments in relation to budget.

September meeting schedules

Sep 02	8:30 am	Faith Formation
Sep 10?	6:30 pm	Community Outreach
Sep 10	7:00 pm	Trustees
Sep 11	6:30 pm	Worship & Fellowship
Sep 16	10:45 am	Mission Trips
Sep 17	6:30 pm	Church Council

Committee Reports due Sept 13th

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/01 Mark & Brenda Ohnemus	9/22 Craig & Pam Anderson	9/25 Roger & Bev Datisman
9/07 Rodney & Sandy Walker	9/22 Kevin & Jane Jansen	9/30 Mark & Ellen Schau
9/10 Jamie & Tina Lively	9/24 Kevin & Amy Broadfoot	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9/1 Ella Peters	9/15 Brandt Petersen	9/25 Alex Tuttle
9/3 Zina Becker	9/16 Reilly Clark	9/26 Josh Waldorf
9/4 Mark Ohnemus	9/16 Cindy Corson	9/26 Jim Woolard, Sr.
9/6 Lucas Block	9/18 Sheila Busch	9/26 Jena Edwards
9/6 Julie Porter	9/18 Nancy Hughes	9/27 Keeley Jansen
9/7 Tara Irwin	9/21 Marilyn Hair	9/29 Mallory McLaughlin
9/8 Benen Greubel	9/22 Addison Andersen	9/29 Joyce Erling
9/9 Mike Ahrens	9/22 Alexander Andersen	9/30 Gage Fuller
9/10 Roger VanDeWalle	9/23 Kurt Meier	9/30 Cory Huff
9/14 Britt Busch	9/25 Jenny Murrell	9/30 Kasey Rittmer
9/14 Lisa Christoffersen	9/25 Orda Stankee	

Thank You....

We wanted to Thank-You for all of your donations to the Referral Center! We appreciate everything that you do for us and Thank-you for your continued support....

Sincerely, Michelle



Pastor Chris and Congregation, The Journey has been long. I would never have made it this far without all your Thoughts, Prayers, Cards, and Help in other ways. Especially the Hugs and Love shown to me on my return to church services. Thank you to all those who came recently on a Saturday to help with many needed projects. I am so blessed to be a member of such a loving and caring congregation.

Thank you everyone,
Joyce, Christine, and Todd Erling

THOSE WHO COULD USE A WORD OR SMILE

Evelyn Barber

Grand Haven, 201 E Franklin St, Apt. #410
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Grand Haven, 201 E Franklin St, Apt #216
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Jeanne Grimm

West Wing #33, 1118 11th St., DeWitt, Iowa 52742

Lois O'Connor

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316 E Lincolnway, Wheatland, Iowa 52777

Reminder! Lions Ladies... *need help with desserts!*



Sign-up on Sunday mornings, call the office or contact Ruth Wilson. Thank you!!!

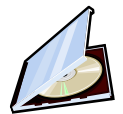
Lions Ladies September/October 2018

Any questions, concerns or comments - contact:
Jean Schmidt at 659-3439 or Ruth Wilson at 659-3940.

Schedule:

Dottie Burrichter - Sep 06	Jean Schmidt - Oct 04
Christi Fulwider - Sep 13	Christi Fulwider - Oct 11
Gaylene Mangan - Sep 20	Gaylene Mangan - Oct 18
Dottie Burrichter - Sep 27	Jean Schmidt - Oct 25

CD delivery in SEPT: Carol Hansen



**REMINDER... News Deadline
for the Oct. Newsletter
is September 20th**



OUTDOOR SERVICE AND PICNIC

“A Family Affair”

Worship in the Park!

Sunday, September 16th

at

Westbrook Park Lions Shelter

Worship at 9:30 am

Including info about Fall Children/Youth programming
Kids' experiences in past years



Church Picnic & Games

Fellowship before and after picnic:



Minute-to-win-it games
“Church trivia”

Kickball / Field games
Nature scavenger hunt

Lawn games (washers, bags, etc.)



Picnic info:

Meat, dessert, water, table service furnished

Members: bring a dish to share and
any other drinks preferred.



Church Picnic



Church Directory

Anyone who was unable to schedule their directory picture but would like to submit a photo for the directory, please contact Becca Schroeder.

The design team will now be working on the layout. We would still like to get as many pictures of our church activities as possible. So take pictures and send to the church office.

Chancel Choir

It is time again to raise our voices in song!
The 1st Choir practice is Sunday, Sept. 9 after church. We sing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and practice those Sundays at 9:00 am and again, following the worship service.

We would love to have you join us!
Open to all ages... high school and older.



everyone is welcome

all voices are needed

no experience

is necessary

to sing!

JOIN THE CHOIR TODAY!

EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

The Committee for Extravagant Welcome will be hosting an educational program:

What: Cultural Humility: A Foundation for Extravagant Welcome

When: Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm

Where: 1st Congregational UCC

Cultural humility involves approaching another person with openness to learn, asking questions instead of making assumptions, and striving to understand rather than inform. It requires a commitment to lifelong learning, comfort in “not knowing,” recognition of power/privilege imbalances, and willingness to reflect on one’s own assumptions and practices.

This event will be open to our congregation, as well as to the community.

Next event: Oct. 24 at church “Mental Health First Aid”

Fall Session of Youth Programs

September is the month to begin our church programs. Confirmation with Pastor Chris starts Sept. 5, followed by Adult Bible Study. Sept. 12 will be the first session of Faith-in-Motion at school: 2nd-4th grade at 5:30 pm and 5th-7th grade at 6:30 pm.

The Pre-K thru 1st grade starts meeting every Sunday morning following Children’s Time on Sept. 23.



USHERS/GREETERS - SEPT / OCT 2018

Head Usher for September NANCY HUGHES

- Sep 2** John & Karey Carlin,
Sep 9 Marty & Moira Murrell, Al & Kelly Perales
Sep 16 **OUTDOOR**- Mike, Jen & Noah Conard, Kathy Donahue
Sep 23 Dave & Carol Frohwein, Joyce Erling, Christi Fulwider
Sep 30 Charlie & Ellen Freese, Jill & Shaela Bresnan

Head Usher for October ANGIE AHRENS

- Oct 7** Bob & Carol Hansen, Marie Hoffmann, Nancy Hughes
Oct 14 Randy Hunt; Chris & Holle Maricle, Martha Mullen
Oct 21 Nancy Aiken, Annette Mohr, Denny & Janelle Schnoor
Oct 28 Buck & Cheri Mills, Mark & Brenda Ohnemus

LITURGISTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2** Amanda Greubel
Sep 9 Jen Froeschle
Sep 16 Becca Schroeder
Sep 23 Chris Maricle
Sep 30 Ellen Waldorf

*Sign up sheet is on office door
or contact Denise Block
at 563-320-1334*

ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2** Beckham Maricle
Sep 9 Kalli Bossom
Sep 23 Max Froeschle
Sep 30 Ushers

PROJECTIONISTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2** Jen Claeyes
Sep 9 Noah Conard
Sep 23 Rory Maricle
Sep 30 Moira Murrell

NURSERY FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2** Ashli Bossom
Sep 9 Jena or Rylan Edwards
Sep 23 Soren Maricle
Sep 30 Parker Petsche

ORGANIST FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2** Cheri Mills
Sep 9 Jody Smicker
Sep 16 **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**
Sep 23 & 30 Jody Smicker

COMMUNION FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2** Nancy Hughes and Steve Thayer

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2 Be Love
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; Song of Sol 2:8-13;
Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 or Deut 4:1-2, 6-9; Ps 15;
James 1:17-27

September 9 Be Opened
Mark 7:24-37; Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;
Ps 125 or Isa 35:4-7a; Ps 146;
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

September 16 Who Are You, Jesus?
Mark 8:27-38; Prov 1:20-33; Ps 19 or
Wis of Sol 7:26-8:1 or Isa 50:4-11a;
Ps 116:1-9; James 3:1-12

September 23 First in Caring
Mark 9:30-37; Prov 31:10-31; Ps 1 or
Wis of Sol 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jer 11:18-20;
Ps 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

September 30 Courage for Community
Mark 9:38-50; Est 7:106, 9-10, 9:20-22;
Ps 124 or Num 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29;
Ps 19:7-14; James 5:13-20

Vocalist / Instrumentalist

Share your special music
1st & 3rd Sundays
for the 9:30 am worship services
If interested, contact:

Becca Schroeder 659-8235 to schedule



ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS

*Sign up to provide Sunday altar flowers
-OR- sponsor the Sunday bulletin for \$15.00
Sign-up sheets are on the office door, or call Pam.*

AUDITORS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2** Jack Wiese and Will Froeschle
Sep 9 Marilyn Ahrens and Laurie Wildes
Sep 16 Heidi Barber and Josh Greubel
Sep 23 Scott Siegel and Laurie Wildes
Sep 30 Kim VanDeWalle and Denny Schnoor



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AND CHERI MILLS**

Childcare Provider

SHANNON EDWARDS

Treasurer

MIKE WILDES

Custodial Staff

KEVIN FOX

Coming in... September



*Worship in the park & picnic
ServeHaiti mission trip
Youth/Children's programs start*

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Sept. 03 Labor Day ~ office closed
- Sep 4 - 7 Pam gone for vacation
- Sept. 05 Confirmation classes start
- Sept. 12 Faith-in-Motion (2nd-4th & 5th-7th) start
- Sept. 16 Outdoor Worship service, picnic, games
- Sept. 23 Young Children's church starts
- Oct. 07 CROP Walk
- Oct. 13 Retired Teachers Luncheon here
- Nov. 04 Practice for Children's Christmas prog.
- Nov. 06 General Election polls here
- Nov. 18 Ecumenical Thanksgiving service here
- Dec. 16 Children's Christmas program

