



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
SEPTEMBER 2017



Friends in Christ—

We had a joy-filled time of worship on the last Sunday in August when eight youth were confirmed and received as full members of our congregation.

In preparation for that worship service I turned to an unlikely place for inspiration—our church constitution. Much of that document deals with church boards and officers. But the first page gives voice to our mission, our covenant, and our faith. Central to who we are is the respect we have for each person's search for an understanding of the Christian faith and its meaning for our lives and for the issues of today. With strong words we state that we are an Open and Affirming congregation, welcoming all people into full membership and participation.

And we also affirm the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make the faith of the historic church its own.

In the year ahead we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of this beloved old building. We will publish a church history that looks at our last fifty years. These are not exercises in nostalgia but rather a part of discovering the kind of congregation we want to be in the future. We have a past, but we don't live in it.

A place like this doesn't just happen. I heard the Iowa entrepreneur Adam Pollock say something amazing recently: "People who show up and are willing to give their time will shape what the future's going to look like. If you want it to look a certain way, you should probably show up and give your energy to it." If this is true for a business, it's certainly true for a church like this.

These are the days to give shape to our future, to make faith our own.

Peace,

Bill



MILESTONES

ORDINATION: Raven Rowe was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the United Church of Christ during a worship service at Congregational UCC on Saturday, August 12. As part of our worship, we received an offering for the William R. Johnson Scholarship Fund for LGBTQ UCC seminarians. Raven was the recipient of this scholarship for two years when she was a student at Chicago Theological Seminary. Those present gave \$474 for the Fund.

CONFIRMATION: Eight youth were confirmed and welcomed into full membership in The Congregational UCC during worship on Sunday, August 27. They are: Hayden Beerends, Ethan Buck, Ellis Chen, Nicole Day, Katie Hoefer, Thomazin Jury, Temesgen Schumm, and Jacob Wells.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES—SAVE THE DATE!

- **TIME TO JOIN THE CHOIR:** A Choir “Roundup”: Come one, come all, choristers! Our volunteer choir begins its season with a “round-up” rehearsal on **Wednesday, 9/6 from 7-9 p.m.** From there we meet each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. sharp for a one-hour rehearsal before the service. We officially begin our melodious choral season on Sunday, 9/10. Whether you're a long time member or the new kid on the block, **WE WANT YOU!** The UCC choir is a wonderful group of people who work hard at making great music; you'll be sure to enjoy this experience. Questions? Please get in touch with choral director Chris Nakielski at christopher-nakielski@uiowa.edu.
- **Church School** for all ages begins **Sunday, September 10 at 9:15 am.**
- ♦ **TEE OFFERING:** Our annual offering for the South African Theological Education by Extension program (TEE Offering) will be received during worship on Sunday, September 17. For several decades, our congregation has been a strong supporter of this multi-racial program to educate ministers. It was initially started when the brother of our then minister, the Rev. Ed Heininger, worked for TEE in South Africa. For more information about this amazing program, please visit their website at www.tee.co.za. Please plan to give generously—our support makes a difference.
- **SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 6 FOR HOMECOMING!** Potluck, Big Grill, and Parade! We have the Best Seats in Town at the corner of Clinton and Jefferson! Gather to eat between 4 and 5, stay to watch the Parade at 5:45

The Membership Board will provide water, milk, and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs, brats, and hamburgers may be purchased from the Big Grill on the Corner. The Mission Board will have drinks for sale. Please contact Rick Ruppert to help with the Big Grill from 4/4:30 until parade time. We welcome both experienced and first timers to participate with the brat sale. As always, we'll need set up, cooks, wrappers, servers, cashiers and tear down. A sign-up sheet will appear on the wall in Rockwood Hall in early to mid-September.



- Please mark your calendar for our **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** on Saturday, October 21, 2017. As in the past, we will all meet at one home for appetizers. Then, in small groups of 8 to 12, we will go to other homes for the catered dinner. After dinner, we will gather at a different home for dessert. This is always a special event for fellowship. Please don't miss it. You are sure to learn at least one fascinating fact about another member of our congregation that evening, reinforcing your experience that we are a uniquely interesting group! There is a sign up sheet on the last page of this bulletin.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING THE CHURCH

Every year in January a slate of new members for the various church boards is presented to the congregation for approval. Work to prepare this slate occurs throughout the fall and is managed by the two Council Members At Large, Donna Hirst and Joyce Myer.

This work is now underway, and **we would like to invite all members of the congregation to consider serving on a Board.** Serving on a board is an excellent way to develop close working relations with other members of the church. Many of my dearest friendships developed while serving on church boards together.

What is involved in serving on a Board?

Each of the six church Boards meet monthly, often on a weekday evening. Each of the boards has different responsibilities, and thus the tasks undertaken by each board are different. For example, the Membership Board plans the church picnic and other fellowship events; the Trustees provide oversight of the church budget and the building.

As of January, we anticipate openings on:

Trustees (chair Rick Ruppert)
Christian Education (chair Amy Lewis)
Stewardship, (chair Cynthia Kemp)
Diaconate (chair, Tarin Weipert)

In addition to positions on church boards, there are also a number of positions representing the church to particular agencies or organizations. Members of the church serve as representatives to the Eastern Iowa Association, the Community Pastoral Counseling Service Board, the Common Fund and a number of others. As an alternative to serving on a church board, you might serve as a special church representative.

I encourage you to consider offering your name for consideration to serve on a Board. Several positions as church representatives will also be open as of January. If you would like to discuss any of these options, please contact Donna Hirst (donna-hirst@uiowa.edu; 351-5253) or Joyce Myer (mike_and_joyce@msn.com; 354-0961). If you would like specific information on a given church board, please contact the chair indicated above.

Sincerely, Donna Hirst

HONORING HERMINE McLERAN

Losing a person from our church family is always difficult, but more so when that person has been one of the people that forms our “foundation”. We’ve had to say goodbye to several of these people during the past few years and we seem lesser because they’re gone. Choosing something to honor a person’s memory is not always easy. Thinking of Hermine McLeran, whose giving, caring nature was evident not only among us but also in her professional life, we knew that something with others in mind would be most appropriate. In our lower narthex, please notice the bench placed for our comfort and think of Hermine.

REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS FROM THE CONGREGATION

We are updating the church’s preschool room (not to be confused with the Nursery) and would like to have “dress-up” items donated by the congregation. These would include hats of all kinds, scarves, shoes and non-prescription glasses. There is a box in Rockwood Hall for donations. Thank you!



SEWING MATERIALS NEEDED

For a Women’s Refugee Sewing group being started by IC Compassion. Materials requested include: needles, thread, measuring and marking tools, fabric, simple children’s and women’s dress patterns, knitting needles and yarn. A complete list is posted on the box marked for donations in Rockwood Hall. They are also looking for one or two more sewing machines in working order. See Pat Goeldner if you have questions.



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MEMBER GATHERINGS

The Men's Breakfast will be on September 16th at the Midtown Restaurant, 200 Scott Blvd beginning at 8:00 am. The Women's Lunch will be held on September 21 at Monica's in Coralville.

MAILE-GENE SAGAN MEMORIAL PODIUM

A beautiful cherrywood podium now graces Rockwood Hall. This gift was funded by the Sagen Family, in memory of Maile-Gene Sagen, a longtime member of our church. Maile's clear vision and articulate guidance helped shape church policies for many years. Maile passed away in June of 2015. The podium was designed and built by David Naso, the owner of David Naso Designs, here in Iowa City. The new church seal and a memorial plaque grace the front of the podium. Reverend Lovin announced the arrival of the podium at the beginning of the August 20, 2017 church service.

2017 WINTER OUTERWEAR CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

WHERE: The Kingdom Center/The Dream Center
611 Southgate Ave (corner of Southgate and Keokuk)

WHEN: **Set up: Thursday, October 12: 10AM-5PM** – Transport all bags of coats and other items from UCC to the The Kingdom Center and sort items. Set up continues on **Friday, October 13: 9:30 AM** until all items sorted.
Distribution: Saturday, October 14: 8:30 AM -12 noon.

Please consider checking your closets and donating the following items: coats, snowsuits, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, boots, heavy sweaters, hooded sweatshirts. We are also accepting winter blankets and Halloween costumes. Note: We always need clothing items for adult men.

- All items should be clean and in good condition.
- Clothes should be appropriate for school wear.
- Adult size clothing should be appropriate for high school students.

If you have questions or need items picked up, contact **Paula Forest 319-541-2083**.
Thank you in advance.

UPCOMING CRISIS CENTER EVENT

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 19 for a special screening of *The S Word*. The S Word is an important, thought-provoking documentary that tells the story of survivors of suicide. The Crisis Center is hosting a documentary screening and panel discussion in recognition of Suicide Prevention Month.

The screening will take place at The Englert Theatre at a time to be announced. This event is free and open to the public. The documentary will be followed by a unique opportunity to experience a live panel discussion featuring director Lisa Klein and local experts in the field.

Learn more about the S Word at https://www.jccrisiscenter.org/s-word-screening/?blm_aid=24027.

RSVP online for updates regarding this event.

CRISIS CENTER LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Crisis Center in Iowa City is seeking new Crisis Intervention and Food Bank volunteers. Volunteering is an excellent way to meet new people while making a difference. After the interview process, volunteers are asked to commit to **work at least one 3 hour-long shift each week**. Food Bank positions require one evening of training. Crisis Intervention positions require about 60 hours. Find the opportunity that's right for you. Apply online at jccrisiscenter.org/volunteer-now - **Deadline Sept. 20**. No previous experience necessary.

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SUPPORT NAMI ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFERS ENCHILADA DINNER-TO-GO

When: September 14th 3pm-6:30pm **Where:** Zion Lutheran, 310 N Johnson St

Enjoy a delicious enchilada dinner while supporting people who are experiencing mental illness in Johnson County! The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Johnson County will be providing homemade enchilada dinners to members of Iowa City/Coralville community. Dinner includes the following: Two Enchiladas (Beef or Vegetarian), Rice and Beans, Salad (with ranch on the side) and a homemade dessert bar. Meals will be packaged for pickup or delivery at Zion Lutheran, 310 N Johnson St. (Meals are packaged for pick-up or delivery) Cost: \$15.00 per meal.

Reserve your order today! ****Orders are limited**** To order, please visit our website at namijc.org or call our office at (319) 337-5400. Meals are \$15.00 and will support educational programs and support groups for NAMI. Let's end the stigma surrounding mental illness by supporting our community!

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS

Enrollment is still open for an upcoming **Mental Health First Aid Class** on Monday, October 2nd and Wednesday, October 4th from 12:30-5:30pm at the Coralville Public Library. Please sign up soon if interested. The class is offered at no cost thanks to the Mental Health & Disability Services of the East Central Region. **Registration is required, to sign up email the instructor Peggy Loveless at mhedspecialists@gmail.com.** Continuing Education Credits are available through Kirkwood upon request, please let Peggy know in advance if you would like to receive CEUs.

Adult Mental Health First Aid Class
Monday, October 2nd and Wednesday, October 4th
12:30 pm -- 5:30 pm
Coralville Public Library: 1401 5th St, Coralville, IA 52241

Classes are offered at no cost and are sponsored by Mental Health & Disability Services of the East Central Region

What is Mental Health First Aid?

The Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) program is an interactive 8-hour certification class that introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact, and overviews common treatments.

Specifically, participants learn:

- The potential risk factors and warning signs for a range of mental health problems, including: depression, anxiety/trauma, psychosis and psychotic disorders, eating disorders, substance use disorders, and self-injury,
- An understanding of the prevalence of various mental health disorders in the U.S. and the need for reduced stigma in their communities,
- A 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources and knowledge to assess the situation, to select and implement appropriate interventions, and to help the individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional care,
- The appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help resources available to help someone with a mental health problem.
- Similar to CPR, you will become certified as a Mental Health First Aider.



Dear Friends;

It's time to make plans to attend Sunday School beginning on September 10th! Children ages 4 years to 4th grade are encouraged to be a part of an exciting program every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. By "exciting" I mean that there will be interesting, creative and learning opportunities every week!

The 10th will kick off with a continental breakfast for the children in the upstairs Yellow Room. Then we will think about Moses' Creation Story from the book of Genesis with each child using a "beach ball" globe to add God's daily creative forms. During the month, we will also be making a "Creation Mix" snack and playing a game called "Hoots and Roars," all-the-while taking a fresh look at Moses' metaphor for how our world was created.

The following months will find us excitedly experiencing the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Daniel in the Lion's Den, and Jesus having breakfast on the beach with his disciples following His resurrection. We will find out about Jesus' relationship with children and end next May exploring how to pray.

In the midst of these studies, we will learn about and rehearse TWO musical productions to present to the congregation: the first is the Nativity Pageant (December 17) and the second an Easter presentation (April 8). We are blessed to have our wonderful Children's Choir Director, Colette Nakielski, to lead us in the preparation of these programs.

I'm so hoping that the young children of our congregation will participate in the Christian learning fun planned for the coming months! If parents have questions, please contact me (Patte) at any time.

In the name of Christ our Savior,

Patte

Patte Henderson
Director of Children's Programs



Beginning 9:15 on September 10!

Our Adult Library

"The Promise; the True Story of a Family in the Holocaust"

By Eva Schloss and Barbara Powers

"Eva was a little Jewish girl during the Second World War. She lived happily with her mother and father and older brother, Heinz, in the beautiful city of Vienna. But when the Nazis came everything changed."

"Eva's family fled to Amsterdam. Eventually they had no choice but to go into hiding. Despite the increasing terror, they cherished their precious moments together."

This is the unforgettable story of how Eva and Heinz lived each day to the full while struggling to survive in a world turned upside down.

Eva Geiringer and her mother were separated from Heinz and her father in Holland. Heinz and his father Erich did not survive the Holocaust but Eva and her mother did. Heinz enjoyed painting and some of his art work that he hid during the Holocaust was later retrieved. Eva's mother later met and married Otto Frank, father of Anne Frank. Eva Schloss is the step-daughter of Otto Frank.

Judy Doorenbos, Library Committee



Serving Our Church

In the Congregational 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 the service, which begins at 10:15 am.

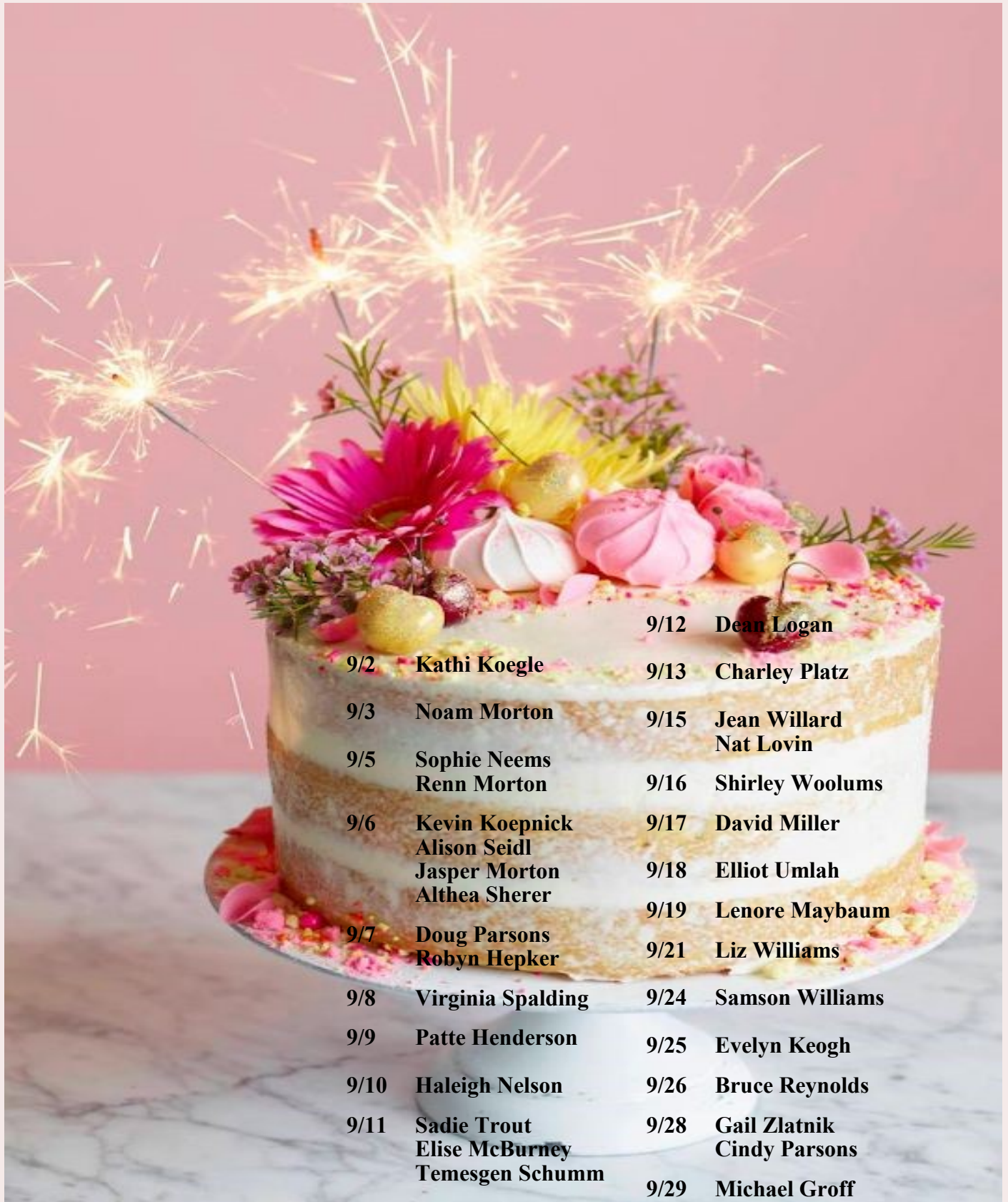
If you cannot serve on the assigned date, please call someone else on the list to arrange a trade with them.
Please let the Deacon of the Month, TARIN WEIPERT, know of any changes.
She can be reached at tarinjbelle@gmail.com or 319-310-2813.

SEPTEMBER	GREETERS	USHERS	HOSPITALITY
3	Mark and Carrie Whittaker	Andrea Rauer Kai and Amanda Bouma Lee Wood	Jeff Schabillion Dean Logan
10	Joan Jehle Donna Hirst	Ray and Linda Muston Dale and Patty Roberts	Scott and Patricia Hansche
17	Margaret Beck Ruth Kuntz	Nicole Pearson Diana Baculis Carroll Hanson John Johnson	Becky and Bill Hoefer
24	Heather and Ed Leighton-Dick	Mary Shepherd Eugene Buck Elizabeth Oakes Connie Schumm	Bryan and Ginny Clemons

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 - Worship Service @ 10:15 - Communion - Solo: Sarah Gilbert	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 - Meditation 9:30 am - Diaconate 6:30 pm - CE Board 6:30 pm - Mission Board 7:00 pm	6	7 - FRC Luncheon Noon	8	9
10 - Choir resumes 9:00 am - Church School resumes 9:15 am - Worship Service 10:15 am	11	12 - Meditation 9:30 am	13 - FRC Luncheon Noon	14	15	16 - Men's Breakfast @ the Midtown Restaurant.
17 - Choir 9:00 am - Church School 9:15 am - Worship Service 10:15 am - TEE College Offering	18	19 -- Meditation 9:30 am - Membership 5:30 pm - Trustees 7:00 pm - Stewardship 7:00 pm	20 - FRC Luncheon Noon	21 - Women's Lunch @ Monica's in Coralville	22	23
24 - Choir 9:00 am - Church School 9:15 am - Worship Service 10:15 am	25	26 - Meditation 9:30 am - Church Council 7:00 pm	27	28 - FRC Luncheon Noon	29	30

Our Very Best Wishes for a Happy Day!



		9/12	Dean Logan
9/2	Kathi Kogle	9/13	Charley Platz
9/3	Noam Morton	9/15	Jean Willard Nat Lovin
9/5	Sophie Neems Renn Morton	9/16	Shirley Woolums
9/6	Kevin Koepnick Alison Seidl Jasper Morton Althea Sherer	9/17	David Miller
9/7	Doug Parsons Robyn Hepker	9/18	Elliot Umlah
9/8	Virginia Spalding	9/19	Lenore Maybaum
9/9	Patte Henderson	9/21	Liz Williams
9/10	Haleigh Nelson	9/24	Samson Williams
9/11	Sadie Trout Elise McBurney Temesgen Schumm	9/25	Evelyn Keogh
		9/26	Bruce Reynolds
		9/28	Gail Zlatnik Cindy Parsons
		9/29	Michael Groff

Come Join the Fun!

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 21, 2017

5:30 pm - 9 pm

Dinner catered by the Bread Garden Market

Quarter rotisserie chicken meal

\$11/adults; \$5/children

We/I would like to participate by attending:

Names: _____

How you'd prefer to be contacted:

Phone: _____

OR

E-mail: _____

We/I would like to participate by providing the following:

_____ Providing hors d'oeuvres for 8-10 people

_____ Hosting appetizers for all participants

_____ Hosting the main course for 8-10 people

_____ Providing dessert for 8-10 people

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

Please check other options to help us plan:

_____ bringing children

_____ need transportation

_____ need accessible location

_____ vegetarian

Make checks payable to Congregational UCC.

They may be placed in offering plate with this form (in an envelope marked "Progressive Dinner" please to help us keep them straight) or returned with your payment to Nan in the church office by October 3.

For more information contact

Phyllis Ruppert at 354-2622 or rpruppert@aol.com



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SEPTEMBER 2017 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

Church Office is open Monday - Friday 9-3pm

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:	The Rev. William Lovin
Music Director:	Chris Nakielski
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Dir of Children's Programs	The Rev. Patte Henderson
Children's Choir Director	Colette Nakielski
Office Manager:	Nan Martin
Financial Secretary:	Sharyn Huriaux Reitz
Communication Assistant:	Christina Patramanis
Custodians:	Douglas Herrera
	Claudia Landaverde

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