



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH United Church of Christ SEPTEMBER 2018



Friends in Christ—

We've been hearing for some time now that ethics are evaporating, morality is moribund, virtue is vanishing. But as our nation seems to lurch toward an expanding crisis, such concerns take on a new importance. Democracy dies and tyranny gains a foothold not in one fell swoop but through the gradual erosion of norms and basic human decency.

So virtue as—the basic goodness, decency, and integrity that seem in such short supply these days—has begun to take on a new significance for our lives, our congregation and community, and for our nation.

The philosopher Alain de Botton got at the problem when he wrote: “Once we’re over about 12 years old, we’re seldom encouraged to be nice. We’re expected to make efforts in all kinds of areas (chiefly around work), but the idea of expending energy thinking about, and then practicing the art of kindness sounds bizarre, even eerie. The notion of trying to be a ‘good person’ conjures up all sorts of negative associations...Announce that you are working on your body and you will attract envy and respect. Declare that you are working on your character, and you will be thought insane.”

He adds, however, that “The main exception to this lack of interest in applied ethics comes in religion. Whatever disagreements one might have with their definitions of goodness or the practical implementations of their own creeds, religions do not stop trying to encourage their followers to be good.”

He's right, isn't he? One of my jobs is to keep encouraging you to be good. And sometimes I even succeed!

These times bring new challenges and now is the time to talk about virtue for vicissitudes—for all the changes and variations, the shifting circumstances of life.

You know that we often speak of seven virtues: prudence, justice, temperance, and courage, as well as faith, hope, and love. Those are helpful and merit our attention.

Alain de Botton suggested ten virtues for our time: resilience, empathy, patience, sacrifice, politeness, humor, self-awareness, forgiveness, hope, and confidence. On the upcoming Sundays please join me in worship as consider these and how they might help us at a time when, well, when moral rot is spreading, when truth isn't truth, when the death of Senator McCain leads people to look around and ask: “What have we become as a nation?”

Peace,

Bill

MILESTONES

- Baptism:** Audrey Hazel Duffy, daughter of Jennifer Duffy and grand niece of Betsy and John Henson.
- Wedding:** Derek Lehman and Kate Edwards on September 1, 2018
- Moved:** Leah DeGrazia moved to Minnesota, where she is in law school at the University of Minnesota. Her address is 3310 Fremont Avenue South, Apt. 301, Minneapolis MN 55408

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Church School for All Ages begins on Sunday, September 9 at 9:15 am.
- The Choir returns on September 9 at 9:00 am.
- Our fall Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 29. (See info in the Newsletter)
- The UI Homecoming Parade—and our annual curbside cookout—will be held on Friday, October 19.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9TH - COME JOIN US!!

Our weekly Sunday School program begins again on September 9th with classes for children age 4 through adults. The children's program will include three classes meeting in three classrooms beginning with different study topics:

Yellow Classroom (upstairs) - Ages 4-6 years old
Teachers: Ed Keogh and Patty Roberts

[The Story of Esther](#)

White Classroom (downstairs central) - Ages 7- 9
Teachers: Patte Henderson and Bea Hicks

[Learning to Use My Bible](#)

Melon Classroom (downstairs from kitchen) - Grades 5-7
Teachers: James McNeil and Margaret MacInnis

[God's Blessing and Care](#)



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, 9/5 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, Sept. 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 Kristin Ramseyer at kristin-ramseyer@uiowa.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

LET US GATHER TOGETHER AND EAT!

Please mark your calendar for our **PROGRESSIVE DINNER** on **Saturday, September 29, 2018 beginning at 5:00 pm..** 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 Newsletter.

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.

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, 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.

We encourage you to consider offering your name for consideration to serve on a Board. 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](mailto:mike_and_joyce@msn.com); 354-0961).

OUR *STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH* OFFERING 2018

We received over \$1050 for our Strengthen the Church offering in August. Your generous giving led to an increase of over \$480 from last year's offering. The "Strengthen the Church" offering grows the United Church of Christ's future by supporting new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership development—especially among women and people of color. It also funds the "Stillspeaking" Ministry, spreading the message of God's extravagant welcome, reaching out especially to those who have felt there is no room for them within Christianity and the church. Your gifts will help the UCC create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

For the past two years, our Sunday morning adult education class has sponsored a book study series that has focused on issues of social justice. This fall we plan to read America's Original Sin - Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis. Wallis is a bestselling author, activist, preacher, teacher and pastor. He has written more than ten books. He teaches at Georgetown University and has taught at Harvard University.

The Oaknoll study Group will begin their sessions on the Third Thursday of the month; September 20th, October 18th and November 15th at 2:00 pm. We will meet at the Oaknoll retirement center.

If we have people who would like to meet on Sunday following the church service as we have done in the past, please put your name and email or phone number on the sign up sheet that is found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall downstairs. Please indicate your preference.

If you have questions, you may contact sallystrang@mchsi.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

9:15 SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 9

Our always popular and often challenging adult education group gathers for a new year on September 9. Join us in Rockwood Hall any Sunday or every Sunday for timely, intelligent, and insightful conversation about a variety of topics.

We'll begin this season with some updates.

On September 9, Nicole Novak and Isabella Reyes from the Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project will talk about the work they have been doing since last spring. At its May meeting, our Church Council approved providing \$5,000 from our Engagement Fund to the Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project. The Engagement Fund was the result of a significant gift a few years ago that was given so that our church should feel free to use for any initiatives that will enhance our presence in the community through our service to it, both 'community' and 'service' broadly defined." To this money, we were able to add \$2,000 from the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ. Last December our Mission Board asked the Conference for a grant from their Thank Offering Fund, also to be used for the Bond Project.

On September 16, Tammy Shull from Iowa WINs (Iowa Welcomes Its Neighbors) will discuss their work with families affected by the Mt. Pleasant ICE raid. During worship on Sunday, May 20, Congregational UCC received a special offering to provide funds to help provide basic human needs for families affected by this raid. Members and friends gave \$2,000 to support this effort.

On September 23, Kaily Hoard from Shelter House will talk about the new and continuing programs they offer. We've had a long relationship with Shelter House, but it has been awhile since we've heard from them. This will be a great opportunity to get up to date.

And to conclude the month, on September 30 we will begin a five session Bible study, *Faith vs. Fear: A Faith Response to Gun Violence*. The authors of this UCC study include the Rev. Matthew Crebbin, Senior Minister of the Newtown Congregational Church in Newtown, CT. The study is being led by Michelle Birt-Leeds.

TEE OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 16

Our annual offering to support the Theological Education by Extension College in South Africa (TEE Offering) will be received on Sunday, September 16. 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. TEE is a private, nonprofit, distance learning institution serving five south African countries. The mission of the college is to equip men and women for Christian ministry. Students come from 28 denominations across southern Africa including the UCC of South Africa. For more information about this amazing program, please visit their website [at www.tee.co.za](http://www.tee.co.za). Please plan to give generously—our support makes a difference.

MEMBER GATHERINGS

The Men's Breakfast will resume in September and will meet on the 22nd at the Midtown Restaurant, 200 Scott Ct. in Iowa City. The Women's Lunch will be held on September 20 at Banditos Restaurant on Market Street.

SAVE THE LABOR CENTER

There will be a Public Hearing on Monday, September 10, at 7pm at Old Brick. The University has announced plans to close the Labor Center without warning or discussion. Please consider attending to show support and learn of the good work the Labor Center has done since being a part of the University of Iowa since 1951. The Mission of the University of Iowa Labor Center is to provide educational programs and research support to Iowa's working people and their organizations. Since 1951, the Labor Center has acted as a bridge between the University and Iowa's labor community. The Center offers a wide range of courses designed for labor union members and leaders on topics including: stewardship education, contract administration, collective bargaining, labor and employment law and many others.

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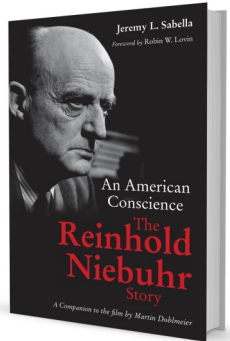
SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 19 FOR HOMECOMING!

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 Chris Knapp 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.



UPCOMING FILM AND DISCUSSION



REINHOLD NIEBUHR: AN AMERICAN CONSCIENCE is an award-winning documentary that was shown on the PBS series “American Experience” last year. The film details the life of Reinhold Niebuhr, a theologian whose ideas influenced American religious life from the Great Depression through the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. Niebuhr’s story raises important questions about changes in American society and challenges us to rethink the public role of religion in American life today. The 55 minute film will be shown at Congregational UCC on **Wednesday, October 3**. Time will be forthcoming. Bill’s brother, Robin W. Lovin, who served as a consultant to filmmaker Martin Doblmeier, will lead a discussion of the film.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

- **SHELTER HOUSE BBQ BASH: Saturday, September 21, from 6—9:30 pm** at the **Johnson County Fairgrounds, Bldg B & C**. Tickets online at www.shelterhouseiowa.org. Adults \$35; Children 3-5yrs \$5; Children 6-12 yrs \$10. *Join us for a night of fun and games, delicious food, and lively music for the entire family, featuring the Cedar County Cobras and Barry Phipps!*
- **THE INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT:** You are invited to participate in 2 upcoming events. **Tuesday, September 18 from 7—8:30 pm** at the **UU Society, 2355 Oakdale Road, Coralville** to brainstorm how this organization can improve the quality of life in our communities by working for climate solutions AND,
- **THE GOOD LIFE REFINED** on **Sunday, October 28 from 2-4:00 pm** at the **UI Student Center, 120 Dubuque Street in Iowa City**. Learn how our “stuff” contributes to climate change and how our faith traditions call us to reconnect with what is meaningful.

Register for either or both events at www.iowaip.org

Please register so we know how large a room to meet in. Contact Sarah Paulos at programs@iowaip.org for more information.

- **CENTER FOR WORKER JUSTICE: Saturday, October 13, at 6:00 pm.** Sixth Anniversary Celebration and Third Annual Fundraiser at **UU Society, 2355 Oakdale Road, Coralville**. Tickets available online at www.cwjia.org. \$50 singles; \$90 couples; Table for 8 \$350. Support from Congregational UCC was instrumental in establishing the Center for Worker Justice in 2012. Now it’s time to celebrate. Mark your calendars. Call your friends.

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2018 WINTER OUTERWEAR CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

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

WHEN: **Set up: Thursday, October 11: 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 12: 9:30 AM** until all items sorted.
Distribution: Saturday, October 13: 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.

A collection box will be placed in Rockwood Hall for your convenience. If you have questions or need items picked up, contact **Paula Forest 319-541-2083 or any member of the Mission Board.**



COLLECTING FOR THE CRISIS CENTER FOOD BANK AND SHELTER HOUSE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2018

We will be collecting items for the Food Bank and Shelter House in October and November. The Mission Board would like to have all of us consider contributing generously to these two local missions which have been long standing projects of the Congregational Church. The needs, as always, continue to be great. Your donations may be placed in the collection box in Rockwood Hall where you will also find take-away lists of the most needed items. For more information contact Edie Roberts.

SHELTER HOUSE

Deodorant, Toothpaste, Razors
Men's Underwear
Over-the-counter Medications: Antihistamine, Sinus Medication, Acetaminophen, DayQuil
Hotel/sample sizes of Shampoo, Conditioner, & Lotion,
Foot Powder, Ear Plugs, Facial Tissues
Laundry Detergent (high efficiency & regular)
Grocery Store Gift Cards
Iowa City/Coralville bus passes or strip tickets
Men & Women's Work Clothes (particularly white shirts & black pants)

Please note: they do not accept chlorine bleach

FOOD BANK

Toilet Paper
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned Fruit & 100% Fruit Juice
Pasta & Rice
Canned Vegetables
Hearty Soups & Stews
Baby Diapers (all sizes)
Baby Formula & Food
Laundry Detergent

CRISIS CENTER SEEKS 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 7.** No previous experience necessary. Please call the Crisis Center if you have any questions.

Carly Matthew, Communication Director

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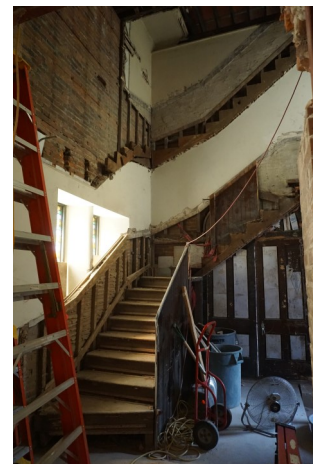
GOING UP!!!!

There is still time to get your pledge/donation into the elevator campaign. Since all our costs need to be paid upfront, it is important that we know how much money we will have from your generous giving and how much we will need to either borrow or shift from other funds .

We want to be responsible stewards and make the best use of our financial resources. It will help us make some important decisions about paying the bills for this costly but necessary improvement to our accessibility.

You may contact the office directly by email or phone and let Nan know what you wish to contribute. You may have up to 4 years to pay your pledge.

Thank you very much.



REFLECTIONS FROM A PASTORAL COUNSELOR....

If one saw a neighbor in their garage using an electric drill on their tooth with a cavity or if a colleague came to work on a Monday morning with 2x4s held together by duct tape around a broken arm after fall off a ladder, one might think why didn't you go to a dentist or a physician? Seeking an outside intervention under those circumstances would be seen as a sign of wisdom to assist healing, not an indication of inadequacy.

Yet, when it comes to a "decayed thought" or a "broken feeling," we are often expected to solve them on our own. This double standard frequently leaves people suffering emotionally--needlessly and in isolation. Just as a dentist or doctor has knowledge/skills/training/facilitative angle for a beneficial intervention, so, too, a mental health professional can offer expertise along with an objective perspective. The relief that can come from such an intervention is life-enhancing, not a reflection of deficiency.

Expecting ourselves to be totally self-sufficient is not only unrealistic but also can be detrimental.

Bruce

(The Rev. Bruce D. Williams is a pastoral counselor at the Community Pastoral Counseling Service (CPCS), which is comprised of six churches in the Iowa City area including this one. CPCS is at 30 N. Clinton St., Iowa City, IA, 52245, 319-337-2519.)



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MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES DISCUSSION GROUP—EVERYONE WELCOME!

WHEN: September 11, 2018
TIME: 1PM TO 2PM
WHERE: IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING ROOM B LOWER LEVEL: OFF LOBBY

Mental Health Initiatives (MHI) is an outreach ministry of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City. This is a monthly support and discussion group for anyone of any faith tradition or no faith traditions, who has experienced mental illness or who is a loved one or friend of someone with a mental illness. Free of charge. Refreshments provided. No need to attend all sessions. Drop-in any time.

LIVE THROUGH THIS

A collection of portraits and true stories of suicide attempt survivors across the United States.

This Suicide Prevention Month, join The Crisis Center for an artist talk by Dese'Rae L. Stage, creator of the project. This event is generously sponsored by **University of Iowa Health Care, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service.**

Dese'Rae L Stage: Live Through This
7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20
At the Coralville Center for the Arts
This event is free and open to the public.

Live Through This reminds us that suicide is a human issue by elevating and amplifying survivors' voices through raw, honest stories of survival, and pairing them with portraits—putting faces and names to the statistics that have been the only representation of attempt survivors in the past.

Dese'Rae has received several awards for her work, including the SAMHSA Voice Award, the SXSW Community Service Award, Investigation Discovery's Inspire a Difference Everyday Hero Award, and the American Association of Suicidology's inaugural Transforming Lived Experience Award.

DR. IRA BYOCK, PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR, WILL PRESENT AT OCTOBER 7 AND 8 EVENTS

Renowned physician and author Ira Byock, MD, FAAHPM, will present "Saying 'The Four Things that Matter Most'" at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The presentation, part of the UNESCO City of Literature Iowa City Book Festival, is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Prairie Lights bookstore will provide books for purchase, and Dr. Byock will be available to sign copies following his presentation. **Pre-registration is recommended at <http://bit.ly/SayingTheFourThings>.** Dr. Byock will also be the keynote speaker the following morning, Monday, Oct. 8 at the professional conference "The Best Care Possible" from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts. His keynote presentation is entitled "The Best Care Possible: Clinical and Cultural Leadership in the 21st Century." Fees: Physicians \$60; Students \$20; all other attendees \$30. For additional information or to register, please go to www.medicine.uiowa.edu/cme and click on Upcoming Programs, or go directly to <http://bit.ly/BestCareConference>. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 5, 2018.

As one of the foremost palliative-care physicians in the country, Dr. Byock argues that how we die is among the biggest national crises facing us today. Byock's first book, *Dying Well*, (1997) has become a standard in the field of hospice and palliative care. *The Four Things That Matter Most*, (2004) is used as a counseling tool widely by palliative care and hospice programs, as well as within pastoral care. His most recent book, *The Best Care Possible* (March 2012) tackles the crisis that surrounds serious illness and dying in America and his quest to transform care through the end of life. It has been praised by the Wall Street Journal, the Economist and other major publications, and won the annual Books for a Better Life Award in the category of Wellness.

Our Adult Library

"Church of the Small Things: The Million Pieces That Make Up a Life"

By Melanie Shankle

Quoted from the book cover:

"It's usually not the big moments that make up a life as much as it is the small ones"--Melanie Shankle

"God uses the smallest acts of faithfulness to love and influence the people around us--and sometimes that looks a lot like packing sandwiches for lunch, working in a cubicle, or playing tea party one more time even though you feel like gnawing your arm off."

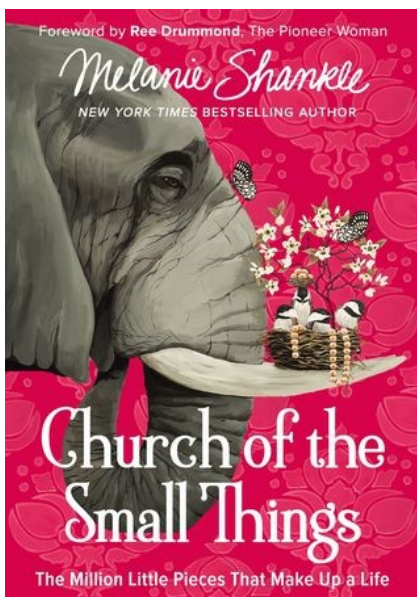
"Melanie Shankle knows what it's like to get so caught up in wanting something to take our breath away that we lose our amazement at every breath we take. In 'Church of the Small Things', she invites us to view our daily tasks as the holy and precious callings they are. As we see how real life meets eternity every day, we can let go of the pressure to experience big moments and delight in the small ones instead--even those peanut butter sandwiches."

"In 'Church of the Small Things', Melanie Shankle reminds us that God does extraordinary things in our most mundane moments of faithfulness."

Melanie Shankle is a graduate of Texas A&M and loves writing.

She is New York Times bestselling author of 3 previous books. She, her husband, and daughter live in San Antonio, Texas.

Judy Doorenbos, Library Committee



Our Children's Library

Book lovers and artists will enjoy these two books:

***Library Lily* by Gillian Shields. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2011. Ages 4-8.**

Lily loves reading books. She goes through life ignoring much that is around her because she is constantly reading. Milly does not like to read at all. The two girls meet and become friends. Milly takes Lily exploring in their neighborhood and Lily takes Milly exploring via books.

Gillian Shields lives in England. She has written several picture books and novels for young adults. Francesca Chessa studied architecture before becoming an illustrator. She lives in Canada, and has published over thirty books.

***Ben Draws Trouble* by Matt Davies. NY: Roaring Book Press, 2015. Ages 4-7.**

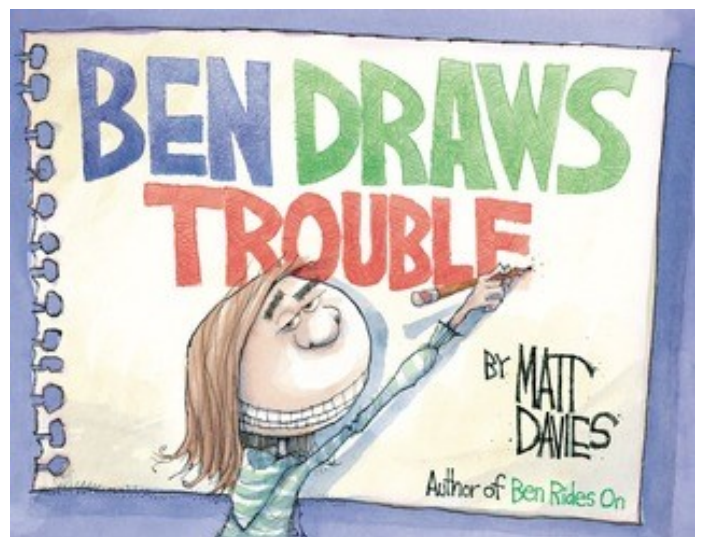
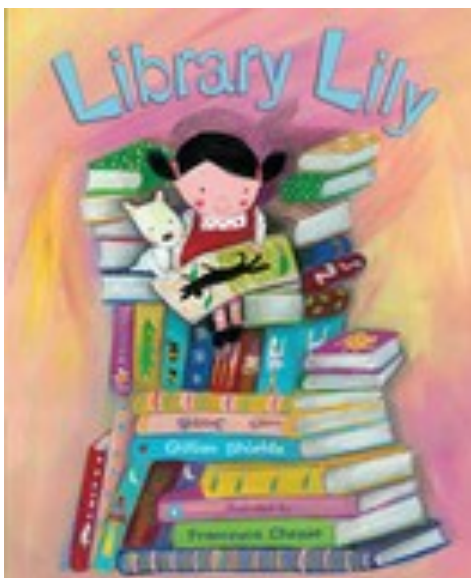
Ben Lukin loves drawing. He also likes to ride his bicycle, but most of the time he is drawing. Ben spends some of his time at school drawing his classmates and teachers. A problem arose when Ben lost his sketchbook and it was found by some of his subjects, and they were not flattered.

Matt Davies was the recipient of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartoons, and other prizes. His first book, *Ben Rides On*, is also about Ben Lukin. Matt Davies lives in Connecticut.

Some books in our church library with school themes:

- ***Nerdy Birdy*** Friendship, Fitting in, Nerd vs. Cool – Ages 4-8
- ***Garman's Street*** Friendship, Bullies, Peer Pressure – Ages 6-10.
- ***Honest Ashley*** Honesty, Homework, Name-Calling – Ages 5-8.
- ***Thomas the Toadilly Terrible Bully*** Bullying, Friendship – Ages 4-8

Ruth Kuntz, Library Committee



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 -Lehman/ Edwards Wed- ding 5:00 pm
2 - Worship Service @ 10:15 - Communion - Solo: Robert Kemp	3 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	4 - Diaconate 6:00 pm - CE Board 6:30 pm - Mission Board 7:00 pm	5 - FRC Lunch- eon Noon - Knitting Group 3:00 pm - Bible Study Group 7:30 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship Service @ 10:15 - Choir resumes 9:00 am - Sunday School re- sumes 9:15 am	10	11	12 - FRC Lunch- eon Noon - Bible Study Group 7:30 pm	13	14	15 - Men's Breakfast @ the Midtown Restaurant 8:00 am
16 Worship Service @ 10:15 - Choir 9:00 am - Sunday School 9:15 am - TEE College Of- fering	17	18 - FRC Lunch- eon Noon - Membership 5:30 pm - Trustees 7:00 pm - Stewardship 7:00 pm	19 - Knitting Group 3:00 pm - Bible Study Group 7:30 pm	20 - Women's Lunch @ Banditos in Iowa City. - Adult Edu- cation at Oaknoll 2:00 pm	21	22
23 - Worship Service 10:15 am - Choir 9:00 am - Sunday School 9:15 am	24	25 - FRC Lunch- eon Noon - Church Council 7:00 pm	26 - Bible Study Group 7:30 pm	27	28	29 - Progressive Dinner 5:00 pm
30 - Worship Service 10:15 am - Choir 9:00 am - Sunday School 9:15 am						

ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!



9/2 Kathi Koegle

9/3 Noam Morton

9/5 Sophie Neems
Renn Morton

9/6 Kevin Koepnick
Alison Seidl
Jasper Morton
Josie Warren

9/7 Doug Parsons
Robyn Hepker
Liliana Lewis

9/8 Virginia Spalding

9/9 Patte Henderson

9/10 Haliiegh Nelson

9/11 Temesgen Schumm

9/12 Dean Logan

9/13 Charley Platz

9/15 Jean Willard
Nat Lovin

9/16 Shirley Woolums
Michelle Birt-Leeds
Declan Warren

9/18 Elliott Umlah

9/19 Lenore Maybaum

9/21 Matt Spragg

9/25 Evelyn Keogh

9/26 Bruce Reynolds

9/28 Gail Zlatnik
Cynthia Parsons

9/29 Michael Groff
Cormac Warren

Don't Miss The Social Event....

Progressive Dinner 2018

Saturday, September 29

5:00 pm - 9:15 pm

Dinner catered by the Olive Garden Restaurant

Lasagna with salad and breadsticks

\$13/adults; \$6.50/children

We/I would like to participate by attending:

Names: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

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

_____ **Providing hors d'oeuvres for 8-10 people**

_____ **Providing dessert for 8-10 people**

_____ **Hosting the main course for 8-10 people**

We start together as a group for drinks/appetizers from 5 to 6, then move in small groups to host homes for the main course from 6:15 to 7:45, and then regroup for dessert from 8 to 9:15.

Please check other options to help us plan:

_____ **bringing children**

_____ **need transportation**

_____ **need accessible location**

_____ **vegetarian**

Make checks payable to Congregational UCC.

Checks may be placed in offering plate with this form (in an envelope marked "Progressive Dinner" to help us keep them straight) or returned with your payment to Nan in the church office by September 13.

For more information contact

Diane Jetter @ (319) 325-2866 or dojetter@gmail.com



... of the Season!

*good food
good friends
good company*

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SEPTEMBER 2018 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:	Kristin Ramseyer
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Director of Church School:	The Rev. Patte Henderson
Office Manager:	Nan Martin
Financial Secretary:	Sharyn Huriaux Reitz
Communication Assistant:	Christina Patramanis
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