

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Our Prayers: Marie Bradfield; Bob Brown, father of Amy Robbins; Jim & Marilyn Butler; Grace & Wilbert Foelske; Rod Hennings; Joyce Kelly, Brett John's mother-in-law; Gary Konarske, brother of Nancy Schneider; Marlyn Meyer; Frank Phillis; Sarah Quigley, niece of Jess & Kathy Meyer, and her family; Greg Robbins; Doretta Seegers; Sue Steinberg; Leah Stumme, daughter of Larry & Eleanor Stumme; Joanne Walters, Marilyn Butler's sister-in-law; Laura Weber, relative of Henry & Lynette Doepke; Sally Wilson; Roger Zekoff; and others in need of healing and wholeness.

Retirement of UCC President

The Rev. Geoffrey A. Black, the general minister and president of the United Church of Christ, has announced he plans to retire early at the end of General Synod 2015 – two years before the conclusion of his second term. “Terms of office do not always fit the ever-evolving needs of an organization,” Black said. “The national setting of the United Church of Christ has moved through a major transition and we are steadily moving forward as a leaner, more focused and agile organization. I hope we can continue along this trajectory and maintain our momentum. I believe that a change in leadership next year, bringing new energy and vision, will help to ensure that we do.”

Ecumenical Bible Study

We meet at Denver Community Center on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM (that's the opening time, so don't expect to arrive too early.) We have great dialogue and good fun! Try us out, once or often.

Tues. Sept. 2 7:30 AM Matt 18:15-20

Tues. Sept. 9 7:30 AM Matt 18:21-35

Call for Health and Hygiene Items, Aug. 1 thru Sept. 15

Bremer County Community Partners (BCCP) is assisting students with limited resources meet health and hygiene needs. Our member, Lindsay Stack, is challenging us to bring many of the items (listed below) and deposit them in the “materials” collection box (just inside the front door of the church narthex) on any Sunday before Sept. 15. These will be collected and distributed to those communities in Bremer County which may not have the orchestrated effort and giving participation rates that our students in Denver receive throughout the year. Please help as you and your families are able:

Shampoo/Body Wash/Soap/Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Deodorant/Combs/
Brushes/Nail Clippers/Band-Aids/Wash Cloths/Towels/Cleansing Wipes/Cotton
Swabs/Lotion/Chapstick/Feminine Hygiene products/Head lice treatment kits

Cedar Valley Hospice – Release and Remember Event

The annual fund-raising event for Cedar Valley Hospice is much more than that. The purpose of the event is to remember and honor loved ones as well as celebrate life! On September 7, 2014 from 1-3 PM, all are invited to the Waterloo RiverLoop Amphitheatre, 225 Commercial St. in Waterloo for a picnic lunch, children's activities, musical entertainment by Bill Shepherd & the Red Hots Dixieland Jazz Band and a short program prior to the mass butterfly release. For each honorarium or memorial gift of \$25, a butterfly will be released. Visit www.cvhospice.org or call the Hospice (319) 272-2002 for details.

Labor Day Weekend Fellowship –Today, between 4-5PM, the congregation of Saint Paul UCC is invited to gather for a Grilling/Potluck and Fellowship opportunity in the woods west of Denver. Dale and Barb Schnathorst are again offering their lovely property at 1858 250th Street, as a gathering place for our community on the holiday weekend. Please bring something to grill, a dish to share, table settings, your beverage choice, cards or games, extra lawn chairs. All are welcome!

Music Ministry at Saint Paul UCC

Our choir and bell choir seasons are being planned and prepared by directors, Janece M. Downs and Diane Wikner, respectively. What a joy and blessing our choirs are to our community and spiritual life Saint Paul UCC!

Adult Choir rehearsals are open to all singers (including teens/pre-teens), members or nonmembers. A love of singing is the requirement (and attending most rehearsals and taking direction from Janece generally helps us sound better!). We welcome new voices to join us! We typically plan to meet on most Wednesdays in the fall and spring seasons, usually at 6:30-7:15PM. Janece plans our first rehearsal for Wed. Sept. 3, and we will first offer an anthem on Sun. Sept. 21. Please consider joining us and bring a friend!

Missions Team – Revisiting a Good Idea

In lieu of the pie/dessert auction for OCWM this year, the Council opted back in March to revisit the idea of a Fall Silent Auction and Dinner. Beginning Sun., Oct. 19, for three Sundays, members and friends can offer an item for the silent auction (may be displayed at the church). Examples may include homemade items such as woodwork, material crafts, art work, or, alternatively, theme baskets, donated items or services, or offers of special events (e.g., a homemade meal and game of cards at one's home) – really, your imagination sets the limit. On **Wed., Nov. 5**, we will hold a dinner in Fellowship Hall, supplemented by potluck. We'll permit bids on the items until the bell rings. We'll hope to

follow the meal with special music – perhaps a Wartburg group – Joanna Dunleavy hopes to join up with a few in the months ahead! -- or a Gospel group – in the sanctuary. Just good community fun! Funds and special offering will advance our UCC mission. Hold the date for your family’s participation! If you’d like to help plan, please see Kathie Novy or Barb Schnathorst.

Calendar-at-a-Glance

Sun. Aug. 31	(Today)		
	Arrive 4-5PM		Grill & Potluck Fellowship
			-- hosted by Dale & Barb Schnathorst,
			1858 250th Street (West of Denver).
Mon. Sept. 1			Labor Day (Note: no bingo at Sunset Home)
Tues. Sept. 2	7:30 AM		Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Wed. Sept. 3	6:30 PM		Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Sept. 4	1:00 PM		N.E. Association, Advisory Council meets
Fri. Sept. 5	10:00 AM		Community Coffee @ Sunset Home
Sun. Sept. 7	9:00 AM		Children’s Hour, Pre-K-5th grade (resumes)
	10:15 AM		Worship/Communion/Piano
Tues. Sept. 9	7:30 AM		Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Wed. Sept. 10	6:30 PM		Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Sept. 14	9:00 AM		Children’s Hour, Pre-K-5th grade
	10:15 AM		Worship/Organ
	3:30 PM		Ordination of Arik Borstad, held at Faith
			United Church of Christ, 400 S. Main St.,
			Tripoli, IA. Open Invitation.
Tues. Sept. 16	7:30 AM		Bible Study @ Denver Community Center
Wed. Sept. 17	6:30 PM		Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Sept. 21	9:00 AM		Children’s Hour, Pre-K-5th grade
	10:15AM		Worship/Choir
	3:30 PM		Ordination of Erik Breddin, St. Paul’s UCC,
			8919 Burton Ave., Cedar Falls, IA.