

The Open Door

October 2019



CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

God is still speaking,

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Who We Are

We are a community of God's beloved dedicated to **following** the teachings of Jesus as we live our faith by **loving** and **serving** all of God's creation and **striving** for justice and peace throughout our community, our nation, and the world.

Inside This Issue

Pastor Petersen's Perspective	1-2
Worship	2
Education	3-4
Service & Outreach	5-6
Worship Attendance	7
Birthdays and Anniversaries	7
Take Note	7
Communications	8
2020 Proposed Provisional Budget	9
Calendar	10
Worship Schedule	11
Homebound Members	11

Pastor Petersen's Perspective: Finding Purpose at Congregational UCC

On Sunday, September 8th, a good many of us gathered in the Church Parlor to consider what our purpose is as this particular community of faith. We responded to three questions: 1) What is the purpose of our church? 2) How do we want others to view our church? 3) What would our wider community lose if Congregational UCC no longer existed? Your responses to these questions revealed evermore clearly your passion to be the church together and how important you understand this calling to be. I invite you to listen for the voice of God still-speaking to us today through the collective wisdom of this congregation.

The purpose of our church is to...

- ◊ talk about and worship God
- ◊ help others
- ◊ support one another
- ◊ bring people together with all of our diversity
- ◊ build and be community
- ◊ provide the wider community with an alternative vision of the gospel
- ◊ offer complete acceptance
- ◊ help folks to live and love like Jesus
- ◊ sustain hope

When others view our church, we want them to see...

- ◊ God is still speaking, and we are still listening
- ◊ we accept ALL (really) as did Jesus
- ◊ inclusiveness
- ◊ us present and accounted for in the community
- ◊ social justice—we are living the faith (following Jesus's "why")
- ◊ hope and positivity
- ◊ nonjudgmental preaching and philosophy
- ◊ we are progressive and we think for ourselves
- ◊ beliefs and philosophy based on love and justice; not using scripture as a weapon to judge and condemn
- ◊ a lived commitment to ALL forms of justice

If Congregational UCC didn't exist, our wider community would lose...

- ◊ a community of open-minded people
- ◊ our voices on world issues (offered through public events such as the vigil and call to action against gun violence and white supremacy)
- ◊ our community outreach to JCARL, food pantry, Progress Industries, the Body Shop
- ◊ a conscience (maybe?)
- ◊ a beacon of hope
- ◊ love
- ◊ support for members as we are like a family
- ◊ a community of faith in which to grow in faith
- ◊ enriched/inspired community members
- ◊ a place to integrate faith with political worldviews that make an impact on the world

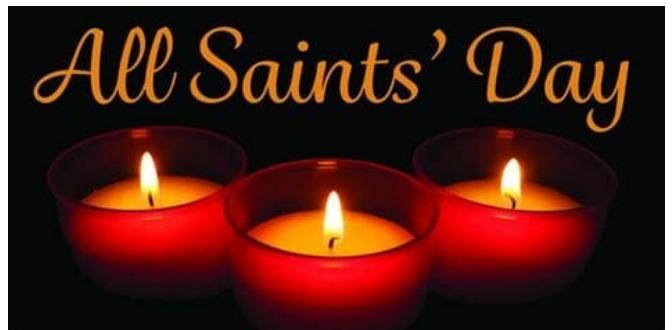
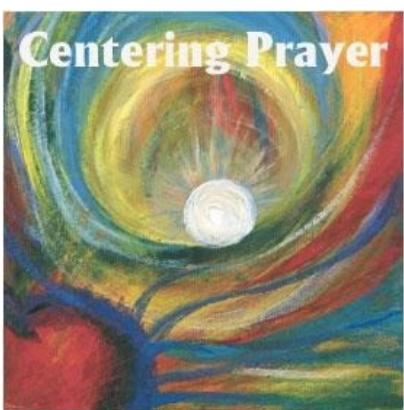
As we continue to face financial difficulties and membership decline, it is essential that we remind ourselves what being and living as the church is all about. I invite you and encourage you to sit with these reflections shared by the faithful family that gathers as Congregational UCC in Newton, Iowa and to add additional responses (I'd love if you'd share these with me as well!). May this "why" continue to guide us as together we face the trials at hand and those yet to come head on. May this purpose continue to offer us inspiration and hope as we seek to live more fully, faithfully, and authentically as the people of God.

Worship

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is being offered weekly during "Harvestide" (October 16th—November 20th). Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. It is simply a wordless, trusting opening of

one's self to the divine presence. The group will meet in the **Chapel**, just off of the Sanctuary, on **Wednesdays, 5:15pm-5:45pm**, with the final gathering of the season on November 20th. Please contact April Faidley with any questions.



All Saints' Sunday

On **Sunday, November 3rd**, we will be observing All Saints' Day during our 10:00am worship service. As part of the service, we will remember and give thanks for the departed saints who have touched the lives of the members and friends of Congregational United Church of Christ, especially those who have died within the past year. Please plan to join us for this celebration of life even as we mourn the loss of these dearly departed ones.

UCC General Synod Resolutions



The General Synod of the United Church of Christ is the national decision-making body for the denomination, responsible for giving general direction to the evangelistic, missionary, and justice programs of the UCC. Because the UCC holds to a covenantal polity, any decisions made by the Synod are not binding upon the UCC's congregations (or its associations or conferences) in any way, though the national offices and the UCC's *Constitution and Bylaws* expect serious consideration to be given them.

The United Church of Christ's Thirty-Second General Synod was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21st-25th, 2019. The theme for the 32nd General Synod was based on the scripture Matthew 5:16: "In the same way let your light shine before others . . ." Twenty resolutions were approved by the delegates to the 32nd General Synod. You are encouraged to read each of these resolutions and listen to how God is speaking to our local congregation through this witness of the wider UCC.

Two binders, each including all 20 resolutions, are available in the church library. The resolutions may also be accessed online at ucceverywhere.org/synod. Additionally, throughout the upcoming months, we will explore one resolution during worship on the first Sunday of each month.

Exploring Native Spirituality



On Tuesday, October 8th, 6:00pm-7:30pm, we will continue our series of monthly educational opportunities to learn more about a diversity of religious traditions that we might better understand our neighbors (both near and far) and be empowered to love them more fully.

During this session, Nikira Hernandez-Evans will share from her experience of Native American spirituality. She will speak about the history; central tenets, beliefs, and practices; and common misunderstandings of Native spirituality. Additionally, she will share how Native spirituality addresses the need to care for creation.

Hernandez-Evans is a queer, mixed-race minister, activist, and healer. She draws on her Native Paiute ancestry, her studies in Environmental Justice, and United Church of Christ traditions to inform her preaching and teaching. Hernandez-Evans is currently serving as Associate Minister at Plymouth UCC in Des Moines; she is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and received her Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion in California.

Members of United Church of Christ—Congregational in Grinnell will be joining us for this presentation. You are invited to remain for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the presentation that we might get to know these local UCC siblings better.

What Happens to Our Trash?

On Sunday, October 27th, 10:30am-11:30am, we will continue our series of monthly educational opportunities to address the great moral challenge of the ecological crisis.

During this session, Liz Dodd, co-owner of Dodd's Trash Hauling and Recycling, will speak about what happens to our trash once it is picked up at the curb. She will also address what is and is not recyclable and share what happens to these items once they have left our possession.

A brief worship service will take place at 10:00am prior to the presentation.

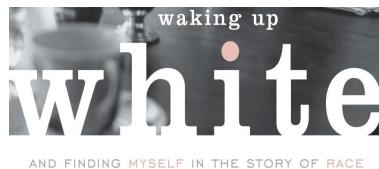
Our November presenter will be Matt Russell of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light (November 17th). Contact Rev. Petersen with any questions.



Education cont.

Racial Harmony & Justice Book Club

Those interested in promoting racial harmony and justice in our community are encouraged to gather for the Racial Harmony and Justice Book Club at **6:00pm-7:00pm** on the first Tuesday of each month at **The Cellar Peanut Pub** (403 W 4th St. N, Newton). Over the course of five monthly meetings (September-January), participants will read and discuss "Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debbie Irving. Participants should read and come prepared to discuss the Sections 2 and 3 (Midlife Wake-Up Calls and Why Didn't I Wake Up Sooner) for the **October 1st** meeting and Sections 4 and 5 (Rethinking Key Concepts and Twenty-Five Years of Tossing and Turning) for the **November 5th** gathering. Please contact Rev. Petersen with any questions.



osophical perspectives, and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way.

We are offering this ministry in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own beverages and encouraged to drink responsibly. No purchase is required. Contact Rev. Petersen with any questions. Hope to see you there!



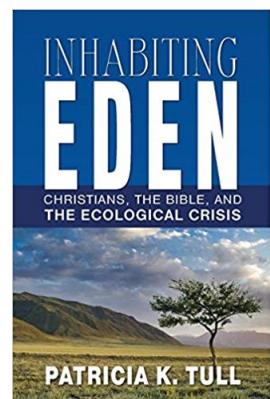
The next meeting of *Morning Circle* will be **Wednesday, October 23rd** at **9:30am**. Dorothy Raymond will serve as the host for the group, and Judy Brody will offer devotions. The group is studying "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Participants should read pages 62-97 for the October gathering.

All are welcome to join us as we come together for fellowship, devotions, and study seeking to follow more closely in the way of Jesus.

"Inhabiting Eden" Study

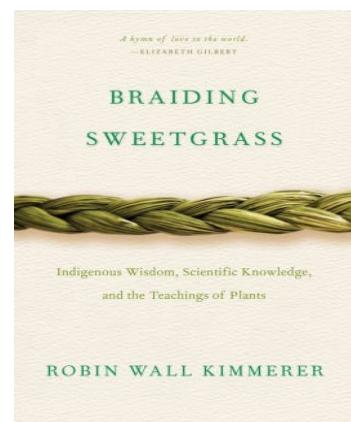
All are invited to gather in the **Parish House** on **Thursday evenings, 5:00pm-6:00pm**, as we engage in study and discussion of the book "Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis" by Patricia K. Tull. In this thoughtful study, respected Old Testament scholar Patricia K. Tull explores the Scriptures for guidance on today's ecological crisis. Tull looks to the Bible for what it can tell us about our relationships, not just to the earth itself, but also to plant and animal life, to each other, to descendants who will inherit the planet from us, and to our Creator. She offers candid discussions on many current ecological problems that humans contribute to, such as the overuse of energy resources like gas and electricity, consumerism, food production systems--including land use and factory farming--and toxic waste." (from amazon.com)

Participants should come prepared to discuss any thoughts, questions, and curiosities spurred by the weekly reading. The group has made some adjustments to our meeting and reading schedule, which is as follows: October 17th—Chapters 7 & 8, and October 24th—Chapter 9 (final meeting).



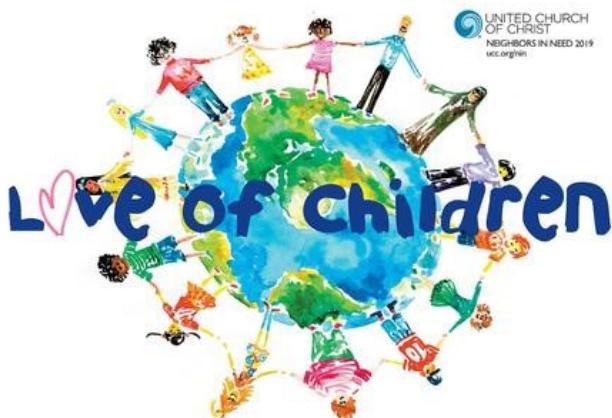
Pub Theology

Pub Theology meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from **6:00pm-7:00pm** at **The Cellar Peanut Pub**. The next meeting of the group will take place on **Tuesday, October 22nd**. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come bring your questions, your curiosity, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way.



Service and Outreach

Neighbors In Need



advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates). Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIMI). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

CROP Hunger Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

The Newton CROP Hunger Walk is on **Sunday, October 6th**. You can register at **1:30pm** at the Courthouse lawn. The walk starts at **2:00pm**. It is a three-mile walk that ends at St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church for refreshments. If you would like to walk or donate, please contact Stormy. Donation envelopes are available in the Parlor.



Meals On Wheels

Our congregation is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels on weekends in October. The week before each delivery, please go to the Jasper County Community Center (2401 1st Ave E., Newton) and pick up the list of who needs meals. The hospital makes the meals, and you will pick them up at the hospital cafeteria at 11:00am on the days of delivery. For more information contact Stormy Storms.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with this ministry! Jenni & Jim Pryke—October 5th & 6th; Heidi Grandstaff-Fresh and Katy Fresh—October 12th & 13th and October 19th and 20th; and Carolyn Hobbs and Stormy—October 26th & 27th.

Service and Outreach cont.

Prayers and Concerns

Please hold in prayer

- Steve Holdsworth • Hilary Montalvo
- Barbara Vasquez, following the death of her step-brother

 If you know someone in need of support – a visit, a call, a note, or prayer – please contact Rev. Jessica Petersen.



"Doggone Good Treats" Project

The church kitchen serves as the center for the making and baking of dog treats on the second and fourth Mondays at 1:30pm (see calendar for dates). Progress Industries (PI) participants and church members Stormy Storms, Marti Barker, and Suzanne Van Zandt work together to mix ingredients, roll out the dough, use cookie cutters to make bone-shaped treats, and bake them with assistance from a PI staff person.

The dog treats are then transported to JCARL where donations will be accepted for the bagged treats. The funds received will go to JCARL. Obviously, this combined PI and CUCC project has resulted in many happy dogs and dog owners and will surely do the same into the future!

Please let Stormy or Rev. Petersen know if you'd like to participate. This project will meet through October and then be on hiatus for the cooler months; it will begin again in the spring.

Blood Pressure



Monitoring

Carolyn Hobbs will offer blood pressure monitoring any Sunday during Fellowship Time. If you are curious about your blood pressure reading, please let Carolyn know.



Opportunities to Serve

All volunteers/workers in the church are very much appreciated. Many of you are seen carrying on the work of the church and many things are done unseen, but just as appreciated. It takes many hands and minds to get everything done. Thank you so much for your willingness!

There are many different ways in the church to serve God and others. The more who help, the less work there is for each one. Signup sheets to provide flowers, greet, usher, serve as a lay reader, host fellowship time, mow the church lawn are located in the vestibule. Please help if you can.

Additionally, there are a few members who need transportation to worship and church activities. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

Donation Wish Lists

We take up regular monthly collections for the Salvation Army food pantry (first Sundays) and the Jasper County Animal Rescue League (third Sundays). Here are their wish lists:

Food Pantry: tuna helper (not hamburger), pasta sauce, canned soups, cereal, and boxed macaroni & cheese (of course, other canned or packaged foods are always accepted)

JCARL: paper towels, garbage bags, raw hides (for big dogs and small), peanut butter, bleach, dish soap, Fabuloso (the purple kind), laundry soap, liquid hand soap, rubber gloves, kitty litter, canned shredded and filet cat food, canned dog food (Purina), dry dog food (Purina), and dry cat food (Indoor Purina).



Worship Attendance

<u>August Attendance</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
First Sunday	17	##
Second Sunday	28	##
Third Sunday	24	##
Fourth Sunday	34	not recorded
Fifth Sunday	28	N/A



Birthdays to Celebrate in October

- 2-Kathryn "Kate" Stonehocker
- 4-Jill Sawin, Craynes McGinley
- 5-Josephine Turk
- 6-Donna McCoy
- 7-Marilyn Jagau
- 17-Judy Brody, Steven Joy
- 28-Aurora Schlichte



Anniversaries to Celebrate in October

- 6-Bruce & Shirley Nuzum
- 21-Mark & Diane Babcock
- 23-Todd & Kylee Planer
- 25-David & Dorothy Raymond

Take note...

Congregational Conversation

Last month, we responded to the questions: What is the purpose of our church? Why do we exist? It is now time to ask: how? How will we live out our purpose?

Join together with members and friends of Congregational UCC for a Congregational Conversation regarding how we are called to our purpose and as the congregation God is calling us to be. After an abbreviated worship service on **Sunday, October 13th**, we will gather in the Parlor to listen for God still speaking to us that we might live more fully, faithfully, and authentically as the community of faith God is calling us to be.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00pm in the Parish House**. Please contact Jane Ann Cotton, our Moderator, with any matters you wish for the Council to consider as they meet. The Council meets regularly at 6:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Communicating Church Building Needs

As you move about our church building and grounds, you may discover a matter in need of maintenance, cleaning, or other form of attention. Should you find yourself in this position, please contact Rev. Petersen so that she may notify the proper person(s) to address the matter. You may contact Rev. Petersen via email, cell phone (call or text), or by calling the church office. All of her contact information is located on the last page (outside cover) of this newsletter and in the church directory.



Communications

Church Council Catch Up

In an effort to keep our congregation more informed regarding the various matters that impact our life together, notes from Church Council meetings are shared with our friends and members via this newsletter. Complete minutes of each Council meeting are available in the church office. Below please find highlights from the September 11th Council meeting submitted by Jamie Sawin, Secretary.

- **Treasurer's Report:** We have withdrawn \$10,000 from the endowment to date. Income from pledges and non-pledges are behind what was expected for this time of year.
- **Building and Grounds:** A written report provided via email; there were no unusual items needing to be discussed.
- **Council Member-at-Large:** Lin Chapé will be on leave from Council for November and December.
- **Active Shooter Training:** Council and a few additional church members will participate in a lecture-only training.
- **Church sharing:** Melbourne UCC has a parsonage, which may be an obstacle to sharing. The Iowa Conference reported that one Baxter UCC church may sever from the UCC and that the other Baxter UCC church is pleased with their interim. The scouting committee will convene and research sharing options.
- **Transportation:** HIRTA will no longer transport on weekends. Concern for Martha Ellsworth getting to church was expressed. Various members have volunteered to help.
- **Annual Meeting** will take place after worship on October 20 and will have a potluck (hosts needed) to follow: The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate:
 - ◆ Moderator: Samantha Sledge
 - ◆ Assistant Moderator: April Faidley
 - ◆ Secretary: Jenni Pryke
 - ◆ Treasurer: Larry Leitner; Assistant Treasurer: Sonia Sledge
 - ◆ Council Member At-Large: Heidi Grandstaff-Fresh
 - ◆ Financial Review: Bev Edge (joins Tom Turk & Brent Parker)
- **Nominating Committee** (nominated by Council): Names were proposed, and they will be asked to serve.
- **Budget:** Larry provided draft documents for discussion of a 2020 proposed budget. He reduced all areas of giving projections; we are behind \$7,000 now. Some people have exceeded their pledge. Details were discussed extensively. Rev. Petersen is eligible for a sabbatical. How much longer are we willing and able to fund a full-time pastor? We should review our letter of call annually and maintain our commitment to Conference guidelines (required 3 months notice to changing our contract with Rev. Petersen). We will re-evaluate our financial situation by March 2020. Lack of church growth is a factor. All church membership is in decline. Inflation is at 1.7%. There was extensive discussion on costs of the copy machine. Further research will be done.
- Council will meet again after worship on Sept. 22 to continue discussing the budget.

Congregational Annual Meeting

The annual Congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on **Sunday, October 20th**. By attending you will receive reports regarding various church ministries and the 2019 financial report through the third quarter (the full year report will be provided in January 2020). You will also be able to take action on the 2020 proposed provisional church budget (see page 10). There will be a church potluck following the meeting. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share along with your own table service. Contact Rev. Petersen if you are willing to serve as potluck host.

Note: In order to be included in the 2019 Annual Report that will be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 20th, reports are to be submitted to the church office by October 9th. Please contact Barbara Vasquez with any questions.

2019 Proposed Provisional Budget

Note: Although this proposed provisional budget is written to cover all 12 months of 2020, it will be reviewed by Council and brought back before the Congregation for revision and approval by March 2020.

2019 Budget Items

Minister's Salary & Benefits	\$83,275.32	
Organist's Salary	\$4,170.50	
Custodian's Salary	\$8,899.40	
Administrative Assistant's Salary	\$6,609.20	
FICA (Employer's Share)	\$1,505.37	
Total Salaries	\$104,459.79	
Percent of the Budget (\$139,627.79)		74.8%
 Building Maintenance, Insurance & Utilities	 \$25,900.00	
(Does not include major capital improvements)		
Percent of the Budget (\$139,627.79)		18.5%
 Total Salaries & Building Expenses	 \$130,359.79	
Percent of the Budget (\$139,627.79)		93.4%
 Other Budget Items	 \$8,968.00	
Office Supplies, Postage, Website, Organ/piano Maintenance, Christian Education, Worship & Music, Service & Outreach, Association, Our Church's Wider Mission, Miscellaneous Items		
Percent of Budget (\$139,627.79)		6.6%
 Total 2020 Budget Expenses	 \$139,627.79	
		100%

2020 Projection for Receipts

Pledges	\$85,500.00	
Non-Pledge Identified Giving	\$11,300.00	
Loose Collections	\$2,000.00	
Interest from Edward Jones Passport Account	\$200.00	
Dividends from UC Funds	\$3,500.00	
Other	\$200.00	
Total Income	\$102,700.00	

Summary

2020 Budget Expenditures	\$139,627.79	
2020 Projected Income	\$102,700.00	
Deficit Projected	(\$36,927.79)	

A fully itemized 2020 proposed provisional budget is available in the church office.

Sundays

10:00am Worship

11:15am Refreshments

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00pm Racial Justice Book Club	2	3	4	5 10:00am Central Assoc. Gathering @ Urbandale UCC
6 Communion 2:00pm CROP Walk @ Courthouse (Reg. @ 1:30pm) Food Pantry Donations	7	8 10:00am PI Cleaning 6:00pm “Exploring Native Spirituality” presentation	9 6:00pm Church Council	10	11	12
13 Neighbors in Need Offering 10:45am Congregational Conversation	14 1:30pm PI Baking Indigenous People’s Day	15	16 5:15pm Centering Prayer	17 5:00pm Ecojustice Bible Study	18	19
20 11:00am Annual Meeting & Potluck JCARL Collection	21	22 10:00am PI Cleaning 6:00pm Pub Theology	23 9:30am Morning Circle 5:15pm Centering Prayer	24 5:00pm Ecojustice Bible Study	25	26
27 10:30am “What Happens to Our Trash?” presentation	28 1:30pm PI Baking	29	30 5:15pm Centering Prayer	31 Halloween		
			10			

		1 6:00pm Racial Justice Book Club	2	3	4	5 10:00am Central Assoc. Gathering @ Urbandale UCC
6 Communion 2:00pm CROP Walk @ Courthouse (Reg. @ 1:30pm) Food Pantry Donations	7	8 10:00am PI Cleaning 6:00pm “Exploring Native Spirituality” presentation	9 6:00pm Church Council	10	11	12
13 Neighbors in Need Offering 10:45am Congregational Conversation	14 1:30pm PI Baking Indigenous People’s Day	15	16 5:15pm Centering Prayer	17 5:00pm Ecojustice Bible Study	18	19
20 11:00am Annual Meeting & Potluck JCARL Collection	21	22 10:00am PI Cleaning 6:00pm Pub Theology	23 9:30am Morning Circle 5:15pm Centering Prayer	24 5:00pm Ecojustice Bible Study	25	26
27 10:30am “What Happens to Our Trash?” presentation	28 1:30pm PI Baking	29	30 5:15pm Centering Prayer	31 Halloween		
			10			

Worship Schedule for September

Date	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Christian Calendar Date	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Special Events	Communion	Congregational Conversation	Annual Meeting & Potluck	"What Happens to Our Trash?" Presentation
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations	Neighbors in Need Offering	JCARL Collection	
Scriptures	Genesis 1:9-10, 20-22, 31; Numbers 35:33-34	Luke 17:11-19	Psalm 147	Isaiah 2:6-21
Worship Color	White	Green	Green	Green

White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence.

Green is the color of growth. It symbolizes the renewal of vegetation and the promise of new life.



We continue to remember our homebound members.

You are missed and continue to be cared for and held in our heartfelt prayers.

Marilyn Currant
Park Centre #1
500 1st St. N.
Newton, IA 50208

Betty Hotchkin
Park Centre #40
500 1st St. N.
Newton, IA 50208

Ann Raridon
St. Frances Manor
2021 4th Ave.
Grinnell, IA 50112

Congregational United Church of Christ
308 E. 2nd St. N.
Newton, IA 50208

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

xxx

The Open Door is a newsletter for the members and friends of Congregational United Church of Christ. Suggestions and submissions are welcome. Deadline for submission is the date indicated on the Calendar.

Pastor	Rev. Jessica Petersen	792-3773 (Office) 641-840-2672 (Cell)	revjessicapetersen@gmail.com
Administrative Assistant	Barbara Vasquez	792-3773 (Office)	uccnewton@windstream.net
Organist	Bev Thomas	792-6465	thomasb@iowatelecom.net
Custodian	Jim Christenson	792-3773 (Office) 641-781-0596 (Cell)	uccnewton@windstream.net
Health Ministry	Carolyn Hobbs	792-2687	cdhobbs@iowatelecom.net

Office hours: 10:00am to 3:00pm Tuesday and Thursday



Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/NewtonUCC](https://www.facebook.com/NewtonUCC)

United Church of Christ: www.ucc.org — Iowa Conference: www.ucciaconf.org

Newton Congregational UCC: www.uccnewton.org