



**Congregational
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

The Open Door

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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.

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**Pastor Petersen’s Perspective:
On Consensus Decision Making**

When we adopted our current church bylaws in January 2017, we agreed to make decisions through consensus (with an option to revert to Robert’s Rules of Order if and when consensus is not attainable but a decision must still be made). During a recent congregational conversation regarding our church’s structure and bylaws, it became apparent that many of us have had little or no experience with a formal consensus decision-making process and that further education regarding how this process works would be beneficial to all.

I have found the following information on consensus decision making from “Seeds for Change” (<https://www.seedsforchange.org.uk/shortconsensus>) to be very helpful to me as I seek to understand this way of making decisions and thought it served as a good introduction to the process. Having read through it a few times, it seems to me that this way of making decisions is quite natural and likely the way many of us make decisions with others throughout our everyday lives though more informally.

I encourage you to spend some time learning about this way of making decisions especially as we prepare to come together for a special congregational meeting at the end of the month.

Learning a new process for making decisions can be difficult just as any change can be challenging. I believe that if we each take a bit of time to familiarize ourselves with how consensus decision making takes place and grant ourselves the grace needed when learning something new, we will find this new way of making decisions to be both fruitful and faithful as we seek to live together as this community of faith.

What is Consensus Decision Making?

Consensus decision making is a creative and dynamic way of reaching agreement between all members of a group. Instead of simply voting for an item and having the majority of the group getting their way, a consensus group is committed to finding solutions that everyone actively supports—or at least can live

with. This makes sure that all opinions, ideas and concerns are taken into account. By listening closely to each other, the group aims to come up with proposals that work for everyone.

Consensus is neither compromise nor unanimity—it aims to go further by weaving together everyone’s best ideas and most important concerns—a process that often results in surprising and creative solutions, inspiring both the individual and the group as whole.

At the heart of consensus is a respectful dialogue between equals. It’s about everyone working together to meet both the individual’s and the group’s needs—working *with* each other rather than *for* or *against* each other, something that requires openness and trust.

Consensus is looking for “win-win” solutions that are acceptable to all—no decision will be made against the will of an individual or a minority. Instead the group adapts to all its members’ needs. If everyone agrees to a decision, they will all be much more committed to making it happen.

Consensus decision making is based on the idea that people should have full control over their lives and that power should be shared by all, not just concentrated in the hands of a few. It’s about having the freedom to decide one’s own course in life and the right to play an equal role in creating a common future. This is why it is used widely in groups working towards a more just and equitable society.

What does the process look like?

Though there are many different ways the consensus decision-making process can take place, there are six common steps that are included.

Step 1: Introduce and clarify the issue(s) to be decided.

Step 2: Explore the issue and look for ideas. This exploration includes gathering initial thoughts and reactions and identifying the issues and people’s concerns as well as collecting ideas for solving the problem. Through a broad-ranging discussion, ideas are debated and solutions to people’s concerns are addressed as the pool of ideas narrows.

Step 3: Look for emerging proposals that weave together the best elements of the ideas discussed while also looking for a solution to people’s key concerns.

Step 4: Discuss, clarify, and amend the proposal. During this step, any remaining concerns and thoughts are heard, and amendments are made to make the proposal even more acceptable to the group.

Step 5: Test for agreement. If agreement is not yet reached (see below for all possible responses), then return to step 3 and work through steps 4 and 5 again until agreement is reached. If agreement is reached, then we have a decision!

Step 6: Implement the decision. This step involves the “who, when, and how” of putting the decision into action.

Jessica’s note: It seems to me that as we gather for official congregational meetings, steps 1, 2, and 3 will have most likely already taken place through the work of smaller groups. Oftentimes when a congregational meeting has been called, a small committee has engaged in much thought and discussion around a particular issue as they too work by consensus. Their decision/proposal then usually goes to the Church Council for discussion, clarification, and amendment. Once the Council has approved a decision/proposal by consensus, it then goes before the entire congregation for further discussion, clarification, and amendment. The ultimate decision-making power then rest in the hands of the congregation as a whole.

What options are available at the decision stage (Step 5 above)?

When we get to the point of checking for agreement on a proposal, you have the following four options:

- 1) **Agreement** with the proposal.
- 2) **Reservations:** You are willing to let the proposal go ahead but want to make the group aware you aren’t happy with it. You may even put energy into implementing it once your concerns have been acknowledged.
- 3) **Standing aside:** You want to object, but not block the proposal. This means you won’t help to implement the decision, but you are willing for the group to go ahead with it. You might stand aside because you disagree with the proposal, or you might like the decision but be unable to support it because you don’t have the time or energy. The group may be happy to accept the stand aside and go ahead, or they may work on a new proposal, especially if there are several stand asides.

4) **A block** always stops a proposal from going ahead. It expresses a fundamental objection. It isn't "I don't really like it," or "I liked the other idea better." It means that you cannot live with the proposal. The group can either start work on a new proposal, or look for amendments to overcome the objection.

In an ideal consensus process a block wouldn't happen since any major concerns about a proposal should be addressed before the decision stage. However, sometimes people aren't able to express their concerns clearly enough or aren't heard by the group. In such situations, the block acts as a safeguard to ensure that decisions are supported by everyone.

Being able to block is an integral part of consensus, but it comes with a big responsibility. A block stops other people from doing something that they would like to do, and it should therefore only be used if serious concerns are unresolved.

I encourage you to check out the website listed above, from which the responses to the three previous questions were either directly quoted or paraphrased, to learn more about consensus decision making. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about this process.

May God guide us as we seek to make faithful decisions together as this community of faith.

Connecting with Pastor Petersen

These days as hospitals seek to keep patients' records confidential and private churches are not automatically notified if a member has been admitted to the hospital or is undergoing surgery. We would like to keep you in our prayers when you are experiencing health challenges, but we can't do that if we don't know about them. Rev. Petersen is also most willing to visit and pray with you during these times. To ensure that your church family is able to support you during these times, please tell someone at the hospital (a chaplain or other staff) that you would like to have Congregational United Church of Christ in Newton notified that you have been admitted into the hospital, or contact the church yourself if you know surgery or another medical procedure is coming.

If you desired any other type of pastoral care or would simply like to talk with Rev. Petersen, you are welcome to contact her anytime (Saturday is usually reserved for family time, so please limit contact to emergencies only.) As her hours in the church office can vary due to meetings and visits, you are encouraged to call or text Rev. Petersen's cell phone (641-840-2672) or to send her an email (revjessicapetersen@gmail.com).



“The First Christmas”: Bible Study

Our study of “The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus’ Birth” by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan will continue through the month of January. Through this work, Borg and Crossan help readers “to see the real Christmas story buried in the familiar Bible accounts. Basing their interpretations on the two nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Borg and Crossan focus on the literal story—the inner truth rather than the historical facts—to offer a clear and uplifting message of hope and peace. With *The First Christmas* readers get a fresh, deep, and new understanding of the nativity story, enabling us to better appreciate the powerful message of the Gospels.” (from amazon.com)

Join us in the **Parish House** on **Thursdays at 5:00pm**, as we study Borg and Crossan’s book seeking to follow more closely in the way of Jesus. Participants should read the designated section of the book prior to our Thursday meeting and be prepared to discuss any thoughts, questions, and curiosities spurred by the weekly reading. The schedule of reading for January is as follows: January 3rd—Chapter 5; January 10th—Chapter 6; January 17th—Chapter 7; January 24th—Chapter 8; and January 31st—Chapter 9 (final meeting).

Education Series on Poverty

There will be no meetings in January

During our 2017 Annual Meeting, we affirmed God’s call to focus on developing relationships with our neighbors directly impacted by poverty as we seek to live out our overall mission as a congregation. You are encouraged to continue learning about the state of poverty in our nation and to listen for ways we are being called to address this injustice as our six month educational series on poverty continues (October-April, no meetings in January).

On **Wednesday, February 6th, 6:00pm-7:30pm**, you are encouraged to gather in the **Sanctuary** for our third video teach-in, entitled “The War Economy: Militarism and the Proliferation of Gun Violence.” This teach-in, along with all of the others in this series, consists of a panel speaking about poverty from various perspectives as part of this summer’s 40-day launch of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

Then on **Sunday, February 17th, 9:00am-9:45am**, you are invited to gather in the **Parish House** to discuss a segment of “The Souls of Poor Folk: Auditing America 50 Years After the Poor People’s Campaign Challenged Racism, Poverty, the War Economy/Militarism and Our National Morality” by the Institute for Policy Studies. Participants should read the “War Economy and Militarism” section (pages 68-88) prior to our meeting.

Over the course of these six months, participants will read all of “The Souls of Poor Folk” audit, which is an assessment of these conditions today and trends of the past 50 years in the United States. It challenges us to take a look at how these conditions have changed since 1968, when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., alongside a multiracial coalition of grassroots leaders, religious leaders, and other public figures, began organizing with poor and marginalized communities across racial and geographic divides to confront the underlying structures that perpetuated misery in their midst. The stark findings draw from a wide variety of sources, including primary and secondary data as well as interviews with and testimonies by people who have been living through and responding to these changes on the ground. “The Souls of Poor Folk” is available online at www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/audit. Contact Rev. Petersen if you would like a printed copy for \$7.00 (to cover the cost of printing).



Morning Circle

The next meeting of *Morning Circle* will be **Wednesday, January 23rd at 9:30am**. Carolyn Hobbs will serve as hostess, and the person offering devotions is yet to be determined. The group is studying “Radical Hope: Letters of Love and Dissent in Dangerous Times” edited by Carolina De Robertis. We will be discussing pages 145-172.

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.

Service



Food Pantry Sundays

The first Sunday of each month we receive donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. On **Sunday, January 6th**, a cart will be in the west entrance to receive gifts for the food pantry. The Salvation Army is in special need of tuna helper (not hamburger), Ramen noodles, canned fruit cocktail (peaches or pears), canned tuna, and macaroni & cheese. Of course, other canned or packaged foods are always accepted. They also need any kind of personal care items: such as diapers, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and laundry soap.



"Doggone Good Treats" Project

The Progress Industries partnership with UCC of making and baking all natural dog treats took place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 2:00pm. PI participants and church members Stormy Storms, Marti Barker, and Suzanne Van Zandt worked 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 were then transported either to JCARL or to the Farmer's Market where donations were accepted for the bagged treats. The funds received went 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!

The last time for baking dog treats with PI in 2018 took place on October 22nd in the church kitchen. This worthwhile service project will continue in the spring. Contact Stormy Storms or Rev. Petersen if you'd like to participate.



Jasper County Animal Rescue League

On the third Sunday of each month we collect items to help the Jasper County Animal Rescue League (JCARL). The next collection date will be **Sunday, January 20th**.

Their current wish list is: 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).

Cleaning Project with Progress Industries

We are working together with PI participants and staff to offer a church cleaning project. Under the guidance of Heidi Grandstaff-Fresh, a small group from PI does some light cleaning and dusting in the sanctuary, library, and other areas of the church building twice each month. This ministry will take place again on **Tuesdays, January 8th and January 22nd at 10:00am**. Please contact Heidi if you would like to help.



Service cont.

Funds for College Books

Ayesha Munu, hosted by Bev Clark Floss a few years back, is starting her junior year of college in Sierra Leone. She has been holding bake sales to raise money for books and would be grateful for any additional assistance. If you would like to make a contribution, please place your donation in the offering plate on **Sunday, January 6th** or send your contribution to the church office anytime before that date, and we will see to it that Bev receives the funds to send to Ayesha. Please write “books for Ayesha” on your check or envelope.

“Nuts and Bolts of Ministry” Volunteer List

Thank you to all who filled out and returned the “Nuts and Bolts of Ministry Inventory” for 2019. Lists with the names of those who have volunteered to help with the various tasks included on the inventory can be found in the church office and on the bulletin board in the Parlor. Those of you who have volunteered to help will be receiving an email or phone call soon to let you know when and how you can follow through with your offer of support. If you have not yet filled out and returned your inventory to the church office, you may do so at any time. Thank you!

So Many Thank Yous!

Throughout this holiday season, there have many ways in which you have been invited to give of yourselves and your resources to share the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas. From providing gifts for Nelson Manor residents who would have gone without to ringing bells for the Salvation Army holiday fundraising campaign, from donating to our special Holiday Compassion Offering to purchasing poinsettias in honor and in memory of loved ones, and who could forget your financial gifts to the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross? As each invitation was made, you responded joyously and generosity. Thank you for all of the compassionate support you shared this holiday season!



Prayers and Concerns



Please hold in prayer

- ◆ Pat Clark, grandfather of Samantha Sledge
- ◆ Richard Hagedorn
- ◆ Sherry Bachman
- ◆ The family of Phyllis Van Roekel following her death on November 21st
- ◆ Les Morgan and family following the death of his mother-in-law on November 27th

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

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.

Christmas Decorations Take Down

Thanks to the work of about 10 volunteers, we have once again enjoyed gorgeous, festive decorations throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. The time has come to take these decorations down and put them away until next year. All those who are willing and able to help with this endeavor are invited to gather in the church main building on **Monday, January 7th at 6:00pm**. As always, more hands will make for lighter work! Hope to see you there!



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, and host fellowship time are located in the vestibule. Please help if you can.

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

The office has great volunteers who come in monthly to assemble and ready this newsletter for mailing. If you would like to help, just call the office.



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 being 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 December 12th Council meeting.

- Clarification on the November minutes: *Church finances will be reviewed again in January (and every month to follow)*
- We have **23 total pledges totaling \$85,068** so far (not enough)
- Jim is grateful for people who **volunteer** to help with chores (Norm Van Klompenburg & April Faidley)
- The proposed revisions to the **Fuller Scholarship process** will be presented to the Congregation for **approval during a Special Congregational Meeting on January 27th**. (See page 10 for more details).
- Our **ONA Covenant** proposal will also be on the agenda on January 27th. See complete text on page 10. If affirmed, we will need to report our outcome to the national office in order to be officially recognized as an Open and Affirming congregation.
- We will have a congregational conversation on **Facing Our Financial Reality** after worship on January 13th. This will be led by Lin Chapé and Sonia Sledge.
- We are developing an **Evangelism Outreach Plan**, and need ideas from everyone. Suggestions offered were:
 - ◇ Booth at Farmers' Market
 - ◇ Sponsor free community events such as bowling
 - ◇ Parades with our banner
 - ◇ Take away information at every gathering
 - ◇ Connect with Gender and Sexuality Alliance at NHS
 - ◇ Pub Theology
 - ◇ Host education events here
 - ◇ Picnic in Denniston Knolls park
 - ◇ Blood drive sponsorship
 - ◇ Christmas tree festival
 - ◇ Personal invitation is the best way to attract new members
- We will sponsor **Pub Theology** with 1st Presbyterian Church at the Cellar Peanut Pub on the first Monday of each month beginning February 4th.
- The inventory of Volunteers from the Nuts and Bolts inventory will be posted in the church office and Parlor. We also need coordinators for some tasks.
- **Pastor's office hours** are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. She works from home on Mondays and is available by phone daily. Friday is her day off though she generally still works this day.
- The **thermostat in the Parish House is to be set no higher than 68 degrees, or 64 degrees at night and on weekends.**

Worship Attendance

<u>December Attendance</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
First Sunday	31	32
Second Sunday	31	29
Third Sunday	39	28
Fourth Sunday	38	28
Christmas Eve	83	88
Fifth Sunday	N/A	In Feb. newsletter



Birthdays to Celebrate in January

- 2-Reece Caves, Larry Leitner
- 4-Ardelle Morgan
- 7-Robert Ramsey, Jr.
- 8-Betty Jean Hotchkin
- 11-Adam Hansch
- 12-William Shump
- 16-Jan Turk
- 21-Jim Christenson
- 22-Melissa Pearson, Stormy Storms
- 24-Eileen Gerken
- 27-Joy Faidley-Leitner
- 28-Diane Marvelli
- 29-Ed Van Zandt
- 31-Charlotte Ross

Hard to Say Goodbye

It is with a heavy heart that I am saying goodbye to Congregational UCC. I am so appreciative for everyone's kindness. My last day is Thursday, January 10th.

My husband and I are moving to Arizona in hopes of him finding fulltime employment. We are fortunate that he has family there that has a casita for us to live in rent free while we are basically starting over again.

I put my personal email on the bulk mail list, so I can receive the newsletter and keep an eye on what is going on at UCC.

I will miss all of you very much. I have enjoyed my time working here a great deal.

Love,
Patricia

Take note...

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, January 9th at 6:00pm in the Parish House**. Please contact Jane Ann Cotton or Rev. Petersen with any matters you wish for the Council to consider as they meet.

2019 Church Directory

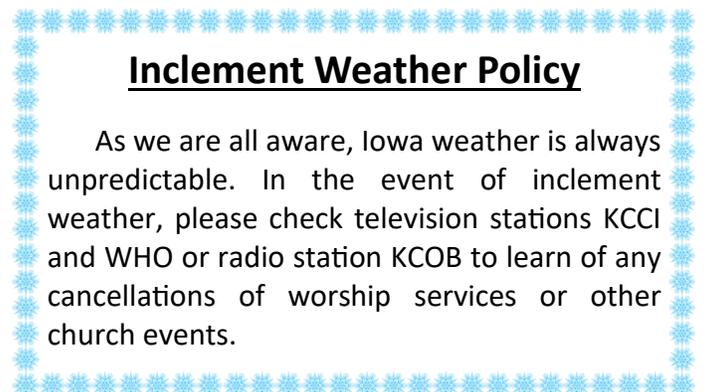
The 2019 Congregational UCC Directory is now available! Copies can be found in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Please take one home so that we can stay connected with one another. And, please contact the church office if you find any errors or need to make an update. Happy connecting!

Office Staffing

The Personnel Committee and Church Council are working on a temporary solution to ensure that church office duties are covered following Patricia Castline's departure. More information will be shared as available. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition.

Combining Greeters and Ushers?

During a recent congregational conversation, a suggestion was made that the roles of Greeters and Ushers be combined so that only two volunteers would be needed to cover those duties each Sunday morning. After further discussion and consideration, the Church Council suggests that we continue to have three sign-up slots for each Sunday (two for ushers and one for greeter), as there are some who may want to greet but would not feel comfortable ushering and vice versa. Those who are interested and willing to serve as both an usher and a greeter on one Sunday morning are welcome to sign up for both roles.



Inclement Weather Policy

As we are all aware, Iowa weather is always unpredictable. In the event of inclement weather, please check television stations KCCI and WHO or radio station KCOB to learn of any cancellations of worship services or other church events.

Special Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday, January 27th, 2019** immediately following the regular 10:00am worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review and potentially adopt the proposed revisions to the Fuller Scholarship standards as well as the proposed Open and Affirming Covenant. Please see below for more details regarding each of these proposals.

This notice is being included in this newsletter in accordance with our bylaws which require that such notice be given two (2) weeks in advance of any special meeting of the congregation.

Motion to Adopt Revisions to the Fuller Scholarship Standards

The Congregational United Church of Christ of Newton, IA affirms the Church Council action to adopt the revised standards recommended by the Fuller Scholarship Review Committee including an allowance for part-time students, an allowance for post-secondary degrees other than a bachelor's along with priorities for these awards, and an allowance for funds for grandchildren of members.

Post-secondary education programs eligible for scholarship awards and priorities for these awards as well as eligible categories of recipients for these awards are as follows:

Types of Scholarships for Post-Secondary Education listed in priority order.

1. Baccalaureate/Bachelor's Degree: A bachelor's degree typically takes at least four years at an accredited four-year college or university requiring an ACT or SAT for entrance. Career examples: teacher, engineer, accountant, dietitian, social worker.
2. Associate Degrees (Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Science degree): Associate degrees can usually be earned in two years (sometimes less) at a community college, career/technical/business colleges, and four-year colleges. Some associate degrees can be applied toward a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. Career examples: dental hygienist, administrative assistant, registered nurse, veterinary technician, auto mechanic.
3. Certificate program, Diploma program, Trades program: Certificate and diploma programs focus on particular skills for specific careers. Certificates can generally be completed in a year or less and diplomas in two years or less at a community college, career/technical/business college, and some four-year colleges. Career examples: paralegal, cosmetologist, welder, chef, certified nursing assistant, radiological technician.
4. Advanced Degrees: After obtaining a bachelor's degree, one might pursue an advanced degree such as a master's, doctoral, or professional degree. Career examples: dentist, lawyer, veterinarian, pharmacist, psychologist, college professor and medical doctor.

Eligibility

The applicant, and/or the applicant's parent or grandparent must be a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ, in Newton, Iowa (at the time of the application).

The appointment of a committee of the Council to administer this program is also affirmed.

Proposed Open and Affirming Covenant

We, Congregational United Church of Christ, Newton, Iowa acknowledge that we are intentionally inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Within our congregational life, we make a conscious and deliberate decision to celebrate the Creator's diversity as uniquely embodied in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

We invite and welcome into our faith community persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure.

In our community of faith, all people are encouraged to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, authorized ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission and fellowship. We believe that this welcome is the living of our congregational statement: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in Congregational United Church of Christ.

Worship Schedule for January

Date	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Christian Calendar Date	Epiphany	Baptism of Christ	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Special Events	Communion	Congregational Conversation		Special Congregational Meeting
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations		JCARL Collection	
Greeters	Ed Van Zandt	<i>TBD</i>	Ed Van Zandt	<i>TBD</i>
Ushers	Lin Chapé, <i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Lay Readers	Bev Thomas	<i>TBD</i>	Suzanne Van Zandt	<i>TBD</i>
Scriptures	Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Worship Color	White	White	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.

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Newton, IA 50208

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Park Centre #40
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Ann Raridon
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Recipe Corner

Cheese Crisps by Jolie Austad
from *Windows Into our Kitchens*
(Congregational UCC Cookbook from 1981)



- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 lb. sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 cups of flour
- 2 cups of Rice Krispies

Add all ingredients together and mix well by hand. Roll into small balls, place on cookie sheet and press down on each with thumb. Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes.

Orange Rolls by Hazel Babbitt
from *Windows Into our Kitchens*
(Congregational UCC Cookbook from 1981)



- 1 1/2 cups warm milk
- 2 cakes yeast (compressed)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsps. butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 4 beaten eggs

Let above raise and add about 4 cups of flour (scant). Knead and let raise again. Roll out dough in 3 parts like for jelly roll. Then spread orange filling and cut in about 1 1/2 inches thick and place in muffin pans. Bake in 425° oven.

Orange Filling

- 1/2 cup shortening, part butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Grated rind of 1 orange and the juice

Mix all 3 together and spread on dough.