

ANNOUNCEMENTS • SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

September 12 - September 18

Sunday

9 a.m. - "Over the Coffee" meets in Fellowship Hall
9 a.m. - Sunday School - Preschool-5th grade
10 a.m. - Worship Service
11 a.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting

Tuesday

1:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting

Wednesday - Bulletin Deadline

6 p.m. - WN@CH at Palmer's Family Fun

Saturday

8 a.m. - Landscaping the Entryway

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

10 a.m. - Worship Service

WORSHIP EXPLORERS BEGINS - All children PK-3rd grade are invited to join Janelle Darst each Sunday following the children's message. The children will be out of worship only during the sermon each week.

OVER THE COFFEE - Join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall! This group, while showing its "grey," welcomes all ages for intergenerational discussions and fellowship. Please bring your own coffee. We look forward to seeing you!

DEDICATION OF THE BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 26!
Details coming soon.

NEEDED - CHURCH CUSTODIAN: Beginning in September we need a person to clean the church 10 hours per week. An experienced person dedicated to the mission of CHCPC would be preferred. If interested, please email the church at chpreschurch@cfu.net.

Tuesday, September 21
Join us from 7-8:30 pm at
THEOLOGY PUB
Topic: What have you learned about God and about yourself over the course of the pandemic?

OUR MISSION
Grounded in grace, we are called by God into fellowship as disciples of Jesus Christ and sent into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

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Alto Section Leader

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Tenor Section Leader

At Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, we believe in the centrality and power of prayer. You may put a request on our prayer list by emailing the church office at chpreschurch@cfu.net. If you would like your name removed from the list, please inform the church office.

MASK UPDATE: A great way to love your neighbor is to wear a mask. Masks are strongly encouraged if attending worship in person.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY - Grace Berends; George Laurie; Martha Caster; Dave Kivett; for Wendy Henderson's sister, Deb; for Julie Rathmell's nephew, Cody Van Dyke; for J'Kalein Madison's grandmother; for Ai Elgersma's dad; for the people of Bihembe, Rwanda & Makantakita, Nicaragua; for those currently serving in the military; for all facing surgery, difficulty, or times of great challenges; and for our state, nation and the world as we continue fighting against COVID-19.

SYMPATHY TO Jill, Chris & John Bruess and mother-in-law, Nita DeVoe, on the death of husband and father, Gerry, on September 5.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the kind words of recognition. Hard to believe 20 years have flown by! Also, thank you for the very generous downtown Cedar Falls gift cards...very thoughtful! Lots of places we enjoy down there. It has been a joy to work with you all over the years. Cindy continues as a deacon and I'll find ways to serve as well. God bless you all! Tim and Cindy Klatt

PASTOR DAVE - CONTINUING EDUCATION: Pastor Dave will be out of town from Sept. 10-20 for continuing education. He will be in the NC mountains reading and later in Athens, GA to officiate the wedding of his college roommate's daughter. Dave officiated at her parents' wedding 35 years ago.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - has been called for Sunday, September 26, at the beginning of the service for the election of officers.

COLLECTING FOOD PANTRY ITEMS FOR THREEHOUSE CAMPUS MINISTRY BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY: As we hear about food insecure students on college campuses across the country, contacts at UNI ThreeHouse assure us it is very real. UNI ThreeHouse has free food to pick up inside their doors, and a Free Food Pantry outside, for those wishing to be anonymous. Needs include: shelf stable meals, soup or chili, pasta in a can, cereals (no bran), packaged or small canned tuna and chicken, and shelf stable vegetarian or gluten-free items. Items should be microwaveable and not refrigerated or frozen.

Outreach asks that you bring these items and put in the Food Bank chest. Committee members will pull items out of the chest that fit their need. We continue to collect for the Food Bank on an ongoing basis as well. Thank you for helping food insecure and possible housing insecure students at UNI.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) FUNDS FOR HURRICANE IDA: Outreach is sending funds to PDA for use in immediate and ongoing needs for recovery from Hurricane IDA. Members have asked, and have been told that anyone can donate to this need through the church office. Be sure a check indicates on the memo line for PDA. This collection will continue through September 26. Thank you for those donating.

THE CROP HUNGER WALK IS HAPPENING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26! This year's walk will begin from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank (registration at 1:30; walk at 2:00). All ages are invited. Walk. Give. Change the World.

LANDSCAPING HELP NEEDED Our new entryway is looking great and is almost completed. To make this area look even better, we are landscaping and need your help! (September 25 might not be needed if we finish up next Saturday.)

- Saturday, September 18: planting
- Saturday, September 25: mulching around plants

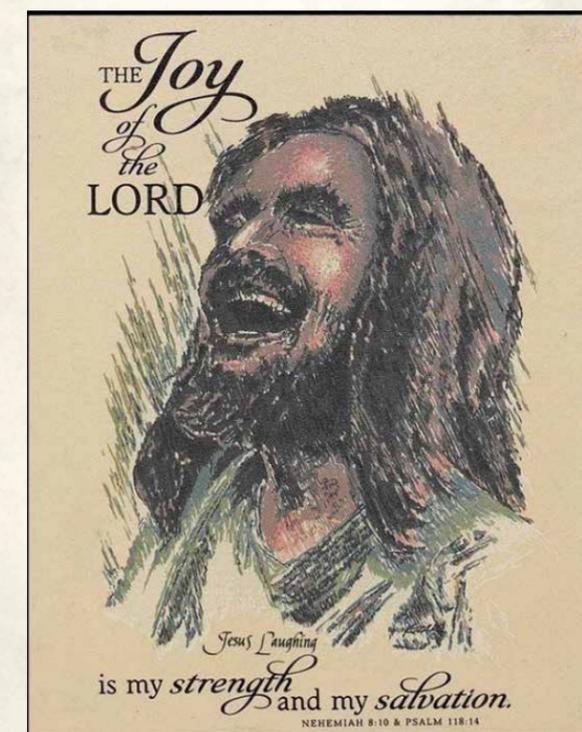
Let's start at 8 a.m. - hopefully we can get the work done by noon each Saturday. Donuts will be provided!



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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 - 10:00 AM
16th Sunday after Pentecost



“Laughter Is the Best Medicine”

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4
2 Kings 2:23-25
Mark 14:50-52

Rev. Johnny Janssen



Welcome & Announcements Rev. Johnny Janssen

Prelude "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" - Arr. by Jane Holstein Hugh Brown

Call to Worship [from Psalm 144]

One: Blessed be the Lord, my rock and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer.

All: Praise be to God!

One: Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall.
Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.

All: Praise be to God! Let us worship the Lord!

Hymn - 727, v. 1-4 "The Servant Song"

**Lyrics are provided, for humming or singing quietly to yourself.
We will sing as a congregation on the final hymn.**

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Prayer of Confession

O Gracious God, we approach your throne with humility—carrying the weight of when we fall short of loving our neighbors as ourselves. We confess the ways we belittle, stigmatize, stereotype, and dehumanize those near and far. We acknowledge how often we're laughing at rather than laughing with. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we fail to see your image in your people. Help us, instead, to celebrate the diversity of your communal image in all Creation, O Blessed Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness [Psalm 103:11-13]

One: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him." Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response - Hymn 435, v. 1 "There's a Wideness In God's Mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
Sharing God's Peace

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lessons Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4
2 Kings 2:23-25

New Testament Lesson Mark 14:50-52

Message for Children [and children at heart] & Commissioning of Educators

Special Music "All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises" Worship Band [video]

Sermon "Laughter Is the Best Medicine" Rev. Johnny Janssen

Prayers of the People and for the World - Solomon Islands
[with special prayers marking 20 years since the September 11th attacks]

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves to God

*Hymn - 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Blessing and Sending

Sending Music "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Arr. by Becki Slagle Mayo

Greeters
Jacob Baber
Lesley Johnson

Accompanist
Hugh Brown

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We are so glad you chose to worship with us!

If this is your first visit, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Please be sure to sign in on this Bulletin Stub and leave your contact information so we can welcome you! **(Please tear off this stub and place in offering plate.)** We can also add you to our weekly eNEWS list so you know what is coming up in worship and in the life of the church.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (____) ____-_____

E-mail _____

First Time Guest Return Guest Member

Regular Attendee [Non-member]

Here for Special Occasion Only

This is a change in my contact information

I'd like to receive the weekly eNewsletter

I heard about CHCPC from:

Driving by Friend/Family New Resident

Other _____

I wish...

I were a member

A Pastor would call on me

I was on the e-mail list

We'd sing hymn # _____

or the song _____

A Pastor would call on...

(name) _____

who is ill, a prospective member, other

Pastor/congregation would pray for:
