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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday (5/28)	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee (Olson)
	1:15 pm	Care Center Worship
Monday (5/29)		Memorial Day – office closed
Tuesday (5/30)		Beacon of Hope Meal
	3:30 pm	Confirmation
Wednesday (5/31)	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday (6/1)	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministers
Friday (6/2)	7:00 pm	KLAB Lock-In
Saturday (6/3)	8:00 am	Lock-In ends
Sunday (6/4)	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Coffee (Butz & Lahr)

Attendance (5/21) 43 Offering (5/21) \$887.00

LARGE PRINT AND CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

<http://www.firstcongregationalwc.org//>

East Chapel is available as a cry room for young children.

Parents must accompany their children in the cry room at all times.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

1000 Willson Avenue, Webster City, Iowa 50595

May 28, 2017

10:30 A.M.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Memorial Day Sunday

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

L: People of Faith, let us gather together in this holy time of worship,

C: To rest from our work, to greet our neighbors, to receive God's love, and to give thanks and praise.

L: People of faith, let us gather here in this holy place,

C: To hear the Word, to share a new Spirit, and to confirm our calling.

L: People of faith, now is the time for worship!

C: Let us give all of ourselves to God, and to this hour!

*** Opening Hymn**

"This Is My Father's World"

HH #1

*** Responsive Opening Prayer** (adapted from a prayer by Inavat Khan)

P: Send your peace, O Lord, which is perfect and everlasting,

C: So that our souls may radiate peace.

P: Send your peace, O Lord, that we may think, act and speak in ways that promote peace.

C: Send your peace, O Lord, that we may be contented and thankful for all your bountiful gifts.

P: Send your peace, O Lord, that in the midst of our worldly strife, we may not lose hope.

C: Send your peace, O Lord, that we may hold all in respect, in the thought of your grace and mercy.

P: Send your peace, O Lord, that our lives may become a divine vision;

C: And in your light, all darkness may vanish.

P: Send your peace, O Lord, our Father and Mother,

C: So that we, your children on Earth, may at last unite as one family! Amen.

Children's Message

The Scripture Lessons Isaiah 2: 1-4 John 14: 15-17, 25-27 Galatians 5:16-26

Our Sung Response "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" insert

The Message

Responsive Prayer for Memorial Day Sunday

L: All-Loving God, on this Memorial Day Sunday we rededicate ourselves to be instruments of your Peace.

C: May our lives reflect your call for Justice and Shalom for all people.

L: May we remember those who have sacrificed and suffered in times of war to defend our liberties and freedoms,

C: May we resolve to continue the struggle against every injustice and oppression, as the Spirit of God and our consciences would lead us in that struggle.

L: May we remember those who have sacrificed and labored to work for a lasting peace,

C: May we live out our faith more fully and boldly, so that we may be known as Peacemakers.

L: May we remember those who have touched and shaped our lives with their love, care, and guidance: family members, friends, role models, teachers, healers, and care-givers,

C: May we honor their memory by sharing their caring spirit with others.

L: All-Loving God, on this Memorial Day Sunday may we resolve to fulfill the vision of Isaiah and create a new and better world,

C: A world in which your children beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; a world in which nation shall no longer lift the sword against other nations, nor learn the art of war any more. Amen!

The Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Offering

Offertory

* **The Doxology** #780

* **Prayer of Dedication**

P: Receive these gifts, O God, as our response to the new Spirit you have sent to dwell within us and among us.

C: Bless and multiply this offering for the work of the church of Jesus

Christ, so that it may proclaim, through word and deed, the Good News of your love. Amen.

* **Hymn of Discipleship** "Let There Be Peace On Earth" UCC Songbook #20

* **Benediction**

* **The Carrying of the Light into the World**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Hours Summer church services will be at **9:30** a.m. starting **June 11** and lasting through Labor Day weekend. Our first Saturday service will be June 17 with no Sunday worship on June 18.

KLAB summer Lock-In June 2 We will meet at church on Friday, June 2, beginning at 7 pm, for games, snacks, movies, hide and seek in the dark! We will dismiss at 8 am on Saturday, June 3. A note about the event and a permission slip was sent home May 3.

Summer Lunch Program Begins June 12 We need one volunteer to be a Counter on June 14. This program will be offered to the students of Webster City beginning June 12 and ending on July 25. The program will run Monday through Friday from 11:30 until 12:30 p.m., with the school system preparing the meals and offering the host site. First Congregational will help launch the program on June 12.

Scholarships The Finance Board will be receiving scholarship applications until June 30th. Applications are available from the church office.

Confirmation The Butz family and the Lahr family will be hosting a coffee following the church service on Sunday, June 4 - everyone is invited to celebrate the confirmation that day of Kaelyn Butz and Jake Lahr with us.

Ice Cream Social This year the social will be on June 21, 6-8 pm at First Congregational. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall for workers and people to provide food.

Relay for Life Once again it is time to think about Relay for Life. We will be walking on Thursday, June 22 from 6-9 pm.

Strengthen the Church We will take a special offering on June 4.