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Stephen Ministry 2023 Training

Stephen Ministers step in to walk along with persons dealing with a challenging loss of some kind letting them share their feelings, encouraging them, and offering hope. FUMC has supported this ministry for 21 years with the next training session being planned for February 1st- April 26th, on Wednesdays at 10 - 1:00. Packets for the class can be picked up in the church office and need to be returned back to the office by Monday, January 16th.

Any questions are welcomed by the leaders.

- FUMC Stephen Ministry leaders: Sandy Noelting, Dee Behr and Jan Hoover

End of Year Contributions Deadline

It's time to report your 2022 Giving! To be reported on the 2022 Giving Statements, the contribution must be hand delivered to the church office before noon on Friday December 30th or postmarked by December 31st and received in the mail by January 7th. Any contributions not meeting these requirements will be reported on the 2023 Giving Statements.



Poinsettia Orders

Christmas is coming! Your purchase of a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one will brighten up the season. Each poinsettia costs \$15. Deadline to order is December 22. You will find an order form at the Welcome Center or in the office, or you can mail your check to

the church and include a note clearly indicating who the poinsettia is in memory or honor of, and by whom. You may take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Day service.

Help Wanted: Delivery People

If you are interested in bringing a smile to someone's face, help us deliver some poinsettias. Let's meet in the Gathering Place on Monday, December 26th at 10:00 am. You may take one or more to people needing a special pick-me-up! Call Carol at 319-277-0711 to volunteer.



The Angels of Christmas

AN ADVENT TEACHING SERIES

Angels We Have Heard On High

When you think of Christmas what comes to mind? Family gathered with tree and presents? A baby lying in a manger? The caroling songs of Christmas?

One image that seems to show up everywhere is the image of angels at Christmas. It happens not only in the church, but in the stories. Angels show up throughout the Christmas story too. My mentor in pastoral ministry, Bill Cotton, had this to say about angels:

Angels represent the things not of this world. All that is unheard of, not expected, beyond the realm of probability, predictability or possibility. Angels break in. They come from on high. They seek no permission to land or follow no dependable dress code. Perhaps before this day is through, you will entertain an angel unaware. That is why we should never ignore the face of the stranger. Angels intrude. They startle. They are a sign of the reach of the hand of God who comes to be with us as Emmanuel.

Angels are messengers to all who walk in the certain darkness of sin and death; for all who wait and wonder and hope against hope.

Not many of us, except maybe the children, would entertain the thought of angels. We are too old, too wise, and too cynical, and we miss a lot.

In worship this Advent we are entertaining the thought of angels. We will explore the angel encounters found in four gospel stories (Luke 1:5-25; Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2: 1-14). Join us as we consider the *Angels of Christmas* this Advent.

Pastor Scott



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Dec. 2 - Fun Friday Game Night

Where: Gathering Place

When: 6:00-7:30 pm

Each month, the G3 youth get together for a Fun Friday Game Night. These happen on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month. Meet in the Gathering Space and bring your friends for a night of fun and fellowship—dinner will be provided! There will be NO game night Friday, December 30, but we will be back in 2023!

Dec. 4 - FUMC Holiday Handbell Concert

Where: Sanctuary

Time: 7:00 pm

Make your plans to come and join the bell choirs at FUMC for their annual Holiday Handbell Concert! This has been a tradition here at First for many years and is the bell program's gift to you. Performances will feature: Les Cloches d'Or and Tower Bells bell choirs, a handbell quartet, and handbell soloist Aaron Hansen. The concert is free of charge and open to the public.

Dec. 6 - Grief Support Session

Where: Parlor

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 pm

The holidays are especially difficult if you are grieving a loss. Our First UMC Grief Support Team wants you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers this Christmas season.

Please call Carol through the church office for more information. If you would like some individual support, please call anytime.

Dec. 7 - Family Trivia Night

Where: Gathering Place

When: 5:00 pm

Brought to you by your host Bevan Lucas. Join us for our last Crazy Fun Busy Wednesday, Dec 7th. Meal is served at 5:00. The meal will be a potluck so, bring your favorite dish. Trivia starts at 6:15 in Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 11 - Lessons and Carols

Where: Sanctuary

When: 8:30 am and 11:15 am

The holidays are a special time of year to gather with loved ones and remember the birth of Christ. The anticipation of the coming of the Lord is often expressed in the music of Advent. Experience the joy and wonder of the season with our festival of Lessons and Carols on December 11th during the traditional services at 8:30am or 11:15am in the sanctuary.

Dec. 11 - Children's Christmas Program

Where: Sanctuary

When: 10:00 am

In the hustle and bustle of the busyness of our everyday lives we forget to take a moment and remember that Jesus is coming. We forget that this time is a time of celebration! Our kids have been working hard to remind

you why this is the season of JOY!

Dec. 11 - Service of Memories (When Christmas Hurts)

Where: Sanctuary

Time: 3:00 pm

For most, the Christmas season is a joyous time. However, there are many circumstances that can make Christmas difficult: health problems, care giving stress, grief, loss of job or relationship, and others. On Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm we will be holding a special worship service for anyone who is hurting. We will have special music, messages of hope from our pastors and church members, and a time of fellowship after the service. No matter how you are hurting, what the reason, or for how long, you will be welcome in our sanctuary. Transportation can be arranged if necessary.

Dec. 15 - First Friends Potluck and Fellowship

Where: Gathering Place

When: 9 am to 12 pm

First Friends Potluck and Fellowship meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Gathering Space. Come and join us on December 15 for good food, fellowship and fun. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with others in the church and have lunch with the church staff. Couples and singles are welcome. Bring a dish to serve and your own table service. We will have the coffee pot on and ready to serve at 12:00. Dominoes, cribbage, and card games follow the meal until 2:00.

Dec. 18 - Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors

Where: Gathering Place

When: 10:15 am

If you are new or newer to First United Methodist Church, our pastors want to get to know you! Come have a coffee with the pastors at 10:15am to hear about what is happening at First United Methodist Church and how you can begin to take next steps in getting connected. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dec. 26 - Crafters Corner

Where: Parlor

When: 6:00-8:00 pm

Get your crafting project lined up and join the group on the 4th Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 in the Parlor. Please contact Crystal Wilken at crystalwilken@gmail.com with any questions.

Dec. 26 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30-6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, DEcember 26th from 12:30-6:00. They have quite a few appointments slots to fill, and the need is great. Sign up to donate at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

All Month Long

Prepare your hearts for Christmas with your church family. There are 24 chapters in Luke's gospel. There are 24 days from December 1 to Christmas eve. Each day, starting on the 1st of December until Christmas Eve someone from the CFUMC family will read a chapter of Luke on our church's Facebook page. Follow along as we remember not only the birth of Jesus, but his life and ministry this Christmas season.

Candlelight Services - Dec. 24

Where/When:

3:00pm in the Sanctuary

5:00pm in Fellowship Hall

7:00pm in the Sanctuary

For many of us, Christmas really becomes Christmas when they are holding a lighted candle and singing, "Silent Night". We will be offering three candlelight services on Christmas Eve this year. All services will include familiar carols and the wonderful scriptures telling of Christ's birth. We encourage you to invite your family and friends as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - One Combined Service at 10:00am

On Sundays December 25 and January 1 we invite you to join your church family for one combined service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School.

SUNDAY MORNING

Worship Schedule

8:30 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary
9:00-11:15	Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am	Transformation Contemporary worship, Temporarily in Theater
11:15 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary

HOW TO WORSHIP ONLINE

Option 1

Watch Live

Watch Sunday worship live, as it happens on our church website

aboutfirst.com

Look for “worship online” in the top menu. Our online worship pages will also include links for this week’s Good News, online offering, music titles, and scriptural resources.

Option 2

Watch Later

You’ll find our worship services archived on our Youtube channel. 8:30 and 9:15 services will be posted on Youtube by Tuesday of each week.

www.youtube.com/c/FirstUMCCF

Miss A Sermon?

If you miss a Sunday message, you’ll find it on our youtube channel. Go to our website at aboutfirst.com and scroll down to the “sermons” graphic, which will link you to all of our sermons and public videos.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

5-5:45 pm	Filling Station Meal, Gathering Place
6:00-7:30	G3 Youth Ministry
6:00-6:30	FUSION Tonight, Theater Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:30	BLAST, Lower Level
6:30	Small Groups
7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flower calendar is at the Welcome Center. Sign up now to recognize a special date or to honor a loved one with flowers for the altar. Have the flowers delivered to the church on Friday, please.

FIRST UMC IS ON CABLE TV

We have an hour timeslot on public access cable TV in both Waterloo and Cedar Falls. Our program includes a Sunday School story for children, a devotion from a church staff member, and the teaching session from last Sunday’s service.

Cedar Falls (CFU) Channels 18 and 95.5,

Friday @ 8:00 pm, Sunday @ 9:00 am

Waterloo (MediaCom) Channel 17,

Sundays @ 11:am & 8:pm

Bus Service

The bus picks for the 11:15 traditional service in the sanctuary. We are offering this ministry for people in Cedar Falls who have been vaccinated and are willing to wear their masks on the bus if a rider requests it. Call Steve and Janet MacTaggart at 319-404-0077 to let them know you are interested.

FACEBOOK DEVOTION

On Fridays about noon one of our pastors will give a preview of next Sunday’s message.

Find Your Place

In God's Great Story!

Rebuilding the Usher Corps

We're looking to rebuild our usher corps for the post-pandemic time. Sunday morning ushers greet people at the door and ensure that everyone has what they need to participate in the worship service. Ushers work a one-month block of Sundays, three times per year. We're looking for men, women, young and old. This is a great way to meet new First UMC friends while serving the church in a necessary way. Call or email the church office and we will connect you with the usher team leader. Rex Pershing is your guy if you have questions.

Tech Volunteers

Tech volunteers get to use the same cool equipment and do the same important job as our paid staff, but they have more flexibility to pick and choose the Sundays and services they work. We can't do this without volunteers. No experience necessary – we can teach you what you need to know.

Join HOME Team!

Do you have a background in Marketing or hospitality? Do you enjoy event planning? Do you have a lot of ideas for ways our church could reach out in innovative ways to our community? If so, the HOME Team committee might be for you! We are looking to add a few fresh faces to our group and would love to hear your ideas! Please contact Jon Cooper for more information: jcoop0723@gmail.com

Calling All Singers!

The Chancel Choir invites you to sing with them. Worried about adding another event to your hectic schedule? Don't sweat it, you can sing as often as you like, without committing to every Sunday. You don't even have to know how to read music; we will help you find your voice. Junior high to senior citizens and every age in between are welcome to sing with us. Join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Greeting

As a greeter you are our guest first encounter. You will be responsible for welcoming all who enter our doors. We need greeters at the First and Second Services. Greeters will be placed at the main doors to Welcome our guests.

Coffee & Fellowship

We need volunteers to help serve our baked good, make coffee and drinks. This position starts 8:00am and ends at 11:15am.

Communion Prep

We need folks to prepare communion elements for the first Sunday each month! It involves preparing the communion elements for service the first Sunday of each month.

See Pastor Karen for details!

Email jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com
for more info.



December Mission of the Month

Angel Tree for Area Families

This year we are again partnering with North Cedar and Lincoln Schools to share a little Christmas love to some families in our own community. The school guidance counselors have provided us with a wish list for families from each school. Each child will have two tags on the tree, one for clothing and the other for toys, books and other small items.

The Angel Tree and wish list tags are on display in the Gathering Space now.

Here's how it works: select a tag, purchase the gift, and return the gift to the church by Friday, December 9. We'd appreciate it if you would wrap it, but you may bring it back unwrapped. Please be sure the tag is securely attached. If you'd prefer not to shop feel free to make a donation and we'll shop for you! (If you write a check please make it out to FUMC with Angel Tree in the memo.) We are also in need of \$25.00 gift cards to Walmart to give to the families.

Julie Fee is the contact for the Angel Tree ministries this year. Feel free to direct your questions to her at bjfee@cfu.net or 296-8963.



Special Christmas Eve Offering

Traditionally, our church has shared in receiving a special Christmas offering as a way of showing our gratitude for God's gift of Jesus to us. In the Cedar Valley, we have children that are removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to neglect, abandonment, or because they are the victim of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse. When children are removed from the home, they are confused and upset, and they need the temporary protection and nurturing that a foster family can provide. Foster families that open their homes to children often find their resources stretched further than they expected, and the demands of parenting a foster child often stress other family relationships.

The Cedar Valley Angels provides support in the way of Love Boxes. The Love Box Program includes: enrichment activities, encouraging notes, gift cards, household supplies, groceries, clothing, along with mentorship, and a supportive community. These Love Boxes are a way of providing these families with financial and emotional support.

Be an angel and use the envelope that is being sent to each of your homes or place your gift in the Christmas Eve offering plate.



Community Meal

NOTE: WE ARE NOT SERVING A MEAL ON DECEMBER 27.

A free meal is served every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

It is open to anyone in the

community as an opportunity to meet with friends, or to stretch their food budget a bit. We host the meal every week, and other area churches take turns providing the meal and the workers. Our church's commitment is the 4th Tuesday of each month. **At this point our biggest need is dessert – cookies or bars are preferred.** If you are willing to bake for the meal the 4th Tuesdays of each month, please contact Maxine Kehret at 319-610-4191.



Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

The Stitchers & Quilters also could use decent sized lengths of cotton quilting fabric for comfort quilts, baptism quilts,

and quilts for foster kids, as well as school bags and quilts for Midwest Mission. There is a designated bin for your quality fabric donation in the church collection site on the main level of the church in the little hall across from the drinking fountain.



Help the Wee Ones

Donate to our Wee Care closet.

Grateful parents of wee ones come to our church every Tuesday afternoon to pick up a supply of much needed baby goods. This gap ministry

through Love INC helps struggling families in our own community stretch their dollars. Diapers of all sizes are always appreciated, along with wipes, baby wash, baby lotion, 8 oz bottles and sippy cups. If you see a good deal on end-of-season baby clothes feel free to bring them in. Your donations do make a difference!



Be a Blessing to Someone

Love INC works like this: when someone approaches a member church for assistance, they are referred to Love INC. Love INC then conducts an interview to fully determine the need, and which church is best able to assist. Love In The Name of Christ (Love INC) pools the strengths of area churches and agencies to reach out to those in need - our church is one of over 30 that partner with Love INC. You can be a blessing to someone today by volunteering with Love INC as a Clearinghouse or Community volunteer. If you're interested in serving with Love INC, fill out a volunteer form found at loveincv.org or call 266-1264. They'll get back to you in the next couple of days.

Save the date! APRIL 15, 2023

A Midwest Mission Packaging Event is coming in April. Watch for more information!



The Northeast Iowa Foodbank Needs You!

Starting in January, we will be sending two groups a month to help out at the NEIFB, however we need volunteers.

We have standing volunteer times on the second Thursday from 2 pm to 4 pm and on the third Tuesdays from 9 am to 11 am. We'd like to send 8 to 15 people each month.

If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboards at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space. If you can't make it every month, that's okay! We'll give you a call and see if our monthly date work for you.



YOUTH

Fun Friday Game Nights!

Each month, the G3 youth get together for a Fun Friday Game Night. These happen on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month. Our December game night will be Friday, December 2 from 6:00- 7:30. Meet in the Gathering Space and bring



your friends for a night of fun and fellowship— dinner will be provided! There will be NO game night Friday, December 30, but we will be back in 2023!

Youth Babysitting Night Fundraiser on December 10

Do you need to get some Christmas shopping done without the kids? Or do you need a few hours to yourself for a Mom & Dad date night? Drop off your kiddos at our Youth Babysitting Night on Saturday, December 10 from 5-8pm for a night of fun activities put on by the youth! Our youth will provide fun crafts, games, and a light dinner for all kids age preschool-5th grade. Some church staff and other background-checked adult volunteers will also be there to assist. Cost is \$10 per child, or \$20 per family. All money raised will go toward our youth mission trip to Kenosha, WI in 2023! If you are interested, please sign up by December 1st via the sign-up sheet located at the Welcome Center, or email youth@aboutfirst.com. Please include all children's names and ages. Payments can be made ahead of time or at the door on December 10, either by cash or check. Make checks payable to First United Methodist Church, and put "youth babysitting night" in the memo. We can't wait to see your kiddos!



CrazyFunBusy Wednesday Nights on the Third Floor

Join us each Wednesday night for worship, games, and small group connections with G3 youth! Come to the Filling Station starting at 5pm, then join us on the third floor for fun and fellowship starting at 6pm. Bring your friends! We can't wait to see you! Our last CrazyFunBusy Wednesday night for the year will be Wednesday, December 7. We will be back on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Please join us in the Sanctuary on December 11th at 10:00 for the Children's Christmas Program.

education news

Information about our Sunday School and educational opportunities!

holiday schedule

Wednesday Night Schedule

Last BLAST on Dec 7th

Children Sunday School Schedule

Last Sunday School Dec. 11th. This is also the date of the Christmas Program.

save the date

3rd Grade Bible Class starts Friday, Jan. 20th

We will open this up for 2nd graders to 5th graders. If you have not taken the class and are no longer in third grade, do not worry! We want to provide the opportunity for any child to take this class. A parent or guardian will be required to attend with the child. If interested in attending please RSVP to Jenna Engel.

Let's Do (Christmas) Lunch!

The Annual Christmas Lunch hosted by United Women in Faith is Thursday December 8th, 2022. We'll begin in the sanctuary at noon with a special concert by the Lincoln School 5th & 6th Grade chorus. Their festive voices are always a highlight! Try to be in your seats by 11:50.

Next, we'll move to our newly renovated Fellowship Hall at 12:30 for a lunch served by a staff of dapper and sophisticated gentlemen of the church! We will be having:

- Ham Balls
- Ranch Flavored Mashed Potatoes
- Creamy Sweet Corn
- Cranberry Jello Salad
- Dinner Roll / Butter
- Christmas Poke Cake
- Coffee, Tea, or Ice Water

The cost of the meal is \$10.00 and can be paid at the door!

(There will be extra Ham Balls available for sale after the event!)

Please RSVP by December 2nd to Maxine Kehret at 319-610-4191

(can leave a message or text that number). Circle members please RSVP to your Circle Leaders!

Faith Over Fear Event a Success

Just as it takes a village to raise a child it takes a village to put on a successful big event like the one we had. I want to thank the Women in Faith ladies that donated snacks, water bottles and table service, set up and took down the tables, chairs, decorations, etc., and set up chairs for the Sunday service. A big thank you to our wonderful Greeters. Mandy's dad told me he had never helped Mandy with an event where everything was so organized! He stood outside and opened the door as the ladies arrived. He listened to our greeters direct the ladies to restrooms, coat rack, table to pick up their ticket or the table to turn in their ticket. During the break ladies were directed around the building to different restrooms. He was impressed with everyone. Thank you to everyone that helped make the event a great success! It seemed to be enjoyed by all ages of women.

I have had several people ask if we will have Mandy come again. It is such a big undertaking we will not be doing one soon, but will consider one down the road. Mandy has several themes we could choose from for another event.

Thanks again, Denise Barr



December Bible Verse

Glory to God in the highest,
and on Earth peace to men
on whom his favor rests.

NIV Luke 2:24

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mark Friday, September 22, 2023 on your calendar. The United Women of Faith from Cedar Falls First United Methodist Church has graciously agreed to host the Pictured Rocks District Annual Meeting. Look forward to more details next year.

A Forest of Christmas Trees

Stop by the church to see all the Christmas Trees on display in the Gathering Place. Trees included are:



MEMORY TREE

As part of the holidays again this year, The First UMC Grief Support Team is sponsoring a memory tree in the Gathering Place during the month of December. All congregation members and friends are invited to bring a special ornament to honor your loved one/ones who have died. We will again have tags available to write names and attach to the ornaments starting on Sunday, November 27th. If you left your ornament last year, we will hang it for you. You may remove your ornament/s after the holidays or leave for us to use again. Please call Carol through the church office with questions.



Veterans Tree

VETERANS ANGEL TREE

The Redfern family and First UMC would like to invite you to extend your Christmas generosity to some local veterans. This year you can show your appreciation for two Marines and their families. Between the two families are five little girls under the age of 10.

Look for the red, white, and blue Veterans Christmas Tree, take a tag from the tree, and return your wrapped gifts (with the tag attached) to the church by Sunday, December 18. Thank you so much for supporting our veteran community in this way. The Redfern Family



CHRISTMAS TREE FOREST - 2022

Any individuals or groups are welcome and encouraged to bring and decorate a tree starting Monday, November 28th. All trees will be located in the Gathering Place. A sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. Contact Linda Kennedy with any questions.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree and wish list tags will be on display in the Gathering Space. Select a tag, purchase the gift, and **REMEMBER to return the gift to the church by Friday, December 9**. We'd appreciate it if you would wrap it, but you may bring it back unwrapped. Please be sure the tag is securely attached. If you'd prefer not to shop feel free to make a donation and we'll shop for you! (If you write a check please make it out to FUMC with Angel Tree in the memo.) We are also in need of \$25.00 gift cards to Walmart to give to the families. Contact Julie Fee at bjfee@cfu.net or 296-8963 for more information.



Send a Card or Note

Send a card or a letter to our friends in care facilities and unable to attend church. Phone calls and cards are also much appreciated for those who are staying home. Think of who sits around you in worship or in a group, and give them a call or a card.

We still have updated photo

directories at our Welcome Center. Pick one up Monday-Friday.

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Marilyn Pape**
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**Wanda Chase, Sharon Kreb,
Homer Leymaster, Emogene
Marty, Marcia Simpson**
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501 S. Kentucky Ave
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Give Through Our Website or Your Phone

Online giving is great for you, because you can do it any time, any place, and you don't need to carry cash to church. Recurring (automatic) giving is great for you, because you won't have to try to remember to write the check. Recurring giving is also great for the church because it provides a predictable income stream for budgeting and planning purposes.

Our secure online giving portal allows you to make one-time offerings, or to set up a recurring gift. Check it out today.

<http://aboutfirst.com/giving>

or, download the GivePlus app to your mobile device and give directly from your phone. Available for androids and i-people.



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Thank Yous

Thanks to Jane for dropping off the beautiful carnation for my 80+ birthday. I really enjoyed showing it to my grandchildren on Thanksgiving and telling them Gramps (Poppa) is not too old to get a flower.

Jim Larson

Dorothy would like to thank all those who sent her cards and visits since she came back to New Aldaya. Also for the nice Thanksgiving cards. She enjoys getting mail and your visits. It's so nice to be remembered by church friends. She is now looking ahead to her 87th birthday on December 14, Many thanks and God bless you all.

Jim and Dorothy Schwab

Doctors say I'm doing well. Colleen and I were able to get our 5th booster. Thank you for the online services. We have been able to watch them every now and then, depends on weather. Hope all have a fine Thanksgiving.

Mike and Colleen Stafford

Sympathy

Family and friends of Bryan Benson who died November 4.

Family and friends of Marilyn Geesaman. Marilyn died November 5.

Marlys Cook and her family on the loss of her son, Brian, on November 10.

Family and friends of Chuck Roudebush, who died November 21.

Welcome

Denise Jensen joined our church on October 30. She is the daughter of Marilyn Roudebush. Denise enjoys lots of crafts, horses, and her pugs.

Cynthia Lindaman joined our church on October 30. She is the mother of Laura Wilson. Cynthia moved to this area from Marshalltown and has been attending our church faithfully for some time.

Hospital reminder

Governmental regulations prohibit health care facilities (this includes hospitals, assisted living and nursing homes) from sharing information about their patients and residents, so if you want your church family to know you need our love and prayers, please call the church office.

Join the Facebook Group

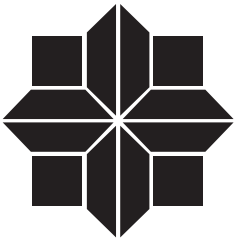
We have created a Facebook group called First Friends and Family to allow everyone to interact and share the ways they are finding to Love First. Head over to our church Facebook page, select 'visit group'. You should find the button under the banner. Want to join? Click the member request button and we will be sure to add you.

Donations for Wednesday night meals

The Filling Station meal is a big hit on Wednesday nights, but we could use a little help to make the meals especially delicious without breaking the budget this year. Below is a list of food items that are needed: Hamburger, Chicken, Large bags of Tater Tots, Large Bags of Fries, Frozen Vegetables, Frozen Fruit

Thank you in advance for helping make the Wednesday night Filling Station possible.





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Worship

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00-11:15 Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am Transformation Contemporary Worship,
Fellowship Hall
11:15 am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

Television

Cedar Falls (CFU) Channels 18 or 95.5
Friday @ 8:00 pm, Sunday @ 9:00 am
Waterloo (MediaCom) Channel 1
Sundays @ 11:00am & 8:00 pm

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