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LOVE FIRST. LET'S GATHER, GROW, GO TOGETHER



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The Greatest of These...

February is the month we think about love. Hearts are beginning to appear; Valentine cards are stocked on store displays. Love is in the air! I, for one, appreciate the splashes of pink and red against the backdrop of the dismal winter landscape. I must admit, I am a sucker for LOVE!

God is love! That is what the Bible says. Love is not just something God does, love is what God IS!

How do we experience that in our lives?

The most familiar chapter on love from the Bible is found in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

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That scripture makes its appearance at many weddings which is interesting to me because it is not talking about love between two people, but love within the family of Christ, love in the church! But, if this is the love that will hold a church together, surely the same love can hold a family together.

I encourage you to spend some time in the month of love to reflect on that famous love chapter. Only, read it in different ways.

Read it as a prayer.

Since God is love, replace the word "love" with God. How does that help you understand God's love in a new way?

Or how about this? If we are to love like God loves us, what if you replace the word love in the passage with your name?

In this month focused on love, focus your love on loving the way God does. How would things change if you loved others like that?

...now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Pastor Karen

FUMC Bell Program is Turning 50!

Our handbell program at FUMC will be turning 50 in 2022! To celebrate this milestone in our church the bell choirs have commissioned a brand new arrangement from famous handbell composer Cathy Moklebus to premiere at the May Concert. If any church members would like to contribute to this project as a donation or by designating a donation in honor of a loved one or family please send your donations to the church office and label it for the bell choirs. Checks can be made specifically to the FUMC Bell Fund. Thank you all for your many years of support to our program!

Aaron & Nancy

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.

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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February

February 1 - Grief Support Session

Where: Church Parlor

When: 2:00 to 3:30 pm

“He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.” Psalm 147:3 Our next group grief support session will be held in the church parlor on Tuesday, February 1st, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. This is offered for anyone who is experiencing a loss in life. There are many kinds of losses, each of which can carry with them many different emotions. In these sessions, participants will have an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings in a safe, non-threatening environment. No reservations are required.

February 6 - Youth Mission Trip Zoom meeting

Where: On Zoom

When: 4:30 pm

We are joining West Des Moines UMC youth this summer to take on Denver, CO. We will be working

with Open Door Ministries with a program called Urban Immersion. The trip is for 8th-12th graders. There will be an informational meeting on February 6th at 4:30 PM via zoom. Please email Haleigh Derhammer (youth@aboutfirst.com) for the zoom information.

February 20 - Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 6581 (Linda Kennedy's girls) will be hosting their traditional Cookie Booth... and a Drive-thru Booth on Sunday, February 20 from 9AM to 2PM.

We'll have the new “Adventureful” cookies as well as the Lemon-ups, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, & S'mores – all @ \$5.00/box, and the gluten-free Toffee-tastic at \$6.00/box.

Feel free to order in advance, to make sure we have your favorite. We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions, feel free to contact Linda Kennedy - LK@CFU.NET



February 28 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, February 28 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.

February 28 - Crafter's Corner

Where: Parlor

When: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Get your crafting project lined up and join the group on the 4th Monday of the month. If you are looking for a project to do at home, Crystal Wilken is looking for people to do one or more of the bag "processing" steps at home to help with our surplus of plastic bags that are used to make sleeping mats. This might be simply cutting the bags into strips, or looping the strips together to make "plarn" (plastic yarn), or even crocheting the plarn into the mats. She will provide all the materials with step-by-step instructions. Please contact Crystal Wilken at crystalwilken@gmail.com with any questions.



Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - February 20, 10:15am

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 on Sunday, February 20th 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!

SUNDAY MORNING

Worship Schedule

8:15 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary
9:00-11:15	Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am	Transformation Contemporary worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30-10	Kid's Corner, chapel
10:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary

Masking inside the church building is recommended for all as Covid numbers continue to rise. Please continue to take precautions and social distance when possible.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Your Church Night

Come out from 5-7:30.

5-5:45	Filling Station meal, Gather Place
6-6:30	FUSION Tonight, theater
6:00	younger BLAST kids in gym
6:15	Tower Bell rehearsal, sanctuary
6:30	WOW AA, 055
6:30-7:30	BLAST, gym and lower level
6:30	Youth group, 3rd floor
6:30	Power of Revelation GPS Group Library (Jan. 12-Feb. 23)
6:30	More Than Moms, parlor
6:30	Drive Thru History, chapel
7:30	Chancel Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

HOW TO WORSHIP ONLINE

Option 1

Facebook Live Stream

Watch Sunday worship live, as it happens on our First UMC Facebook page.
facebook.com/firstumccfmedia/

Option 2

aboutfirst.com

The online worship page at aboutfirst.com has service videos and worship resources including: links to the teaching scripture passage, kids' video, online sign-in, and online offering.

Option 3

Youtube Channel

Go to aboutfirst.com and click the 'sermons' graphic for a link to our channel

FACEBOOK DEVOTION

A devotion is offered on Facebook each Tuesday at 6:00pm with a rotating cast of characters.

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

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

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.



Drive Through History: Acts to Revelation

Come along as we resume our drive through Biblical history this January.

Did you miss last semester? No problem! Just jump right in with us as we retrace Paul's third missionary journey, Peter's martyrdom, John's exile, and work our way toward the seven churches of Revelation.

This is a fast-paced, fact-filled overview of the world of the first

Christians, presented in the style of Dave Stott's Drive Through History Series.

Everyone is welcome and we promise, NO HOMEWORK.

Weird Rules in the Bible

Which one of these is a rule in the Bible?

1. Fruits of the trees must not be eaten in the dark. (lest ye bite a worm)
2. Don't eat owls.
3. Donkeys should be driven on the right side of the road, and camels in the center.

You're invited to have some fun as we explore weird rules in the Bible, February 2 at Fusion Tonight. We'll give you a quiz to see if you can choose the real rules from the fakes ones, and then we'll talk about why these rules were important.

Fusion Tonight is our worship talk show, recorded before a live audience in our First UMC theater. It's fun, it's free, and you're invited! Wednesday nights at 6pm sharp.

UMW Upcoming Dates

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| FEBRUARY 2 | MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30 P.M.,
PARLOR |
| FEBRUARY 7 | UMW BOARD MEETING, 9:30 A.M.,
LIBRARY |
| FEBRUARY 9 | MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30 P.M.,
PARLOR |
| FEBRUARY 10 | UMW UNIT MEETING, 1:00 P.M.,
PARLOR, JENNIFER JACOBSEN,
LINCOLN SCHOOL |
| FEBRUARY 16 | MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30 P.M.,
PARLOR |
| FEBRUARY 21 | DEBORAH CIRCLE, 10:00 A.M., PARLOR |
| FEBRUARY 23 | MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30 P.M.,
PARLOR |
| FEBRUARY 24 | MARY CIRCLE, 9:30 A.M., PARLOR |



February Bible Verse

"Come off by yourselves, let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat.

Mark 6:31



Wee Care is our Mission of the Month

Be a Blessing to Someone – Love INC

Wee Care is a First UMC's ministry that we have supported since July of 2011, It is one of the most heavily used gap ministries with Love In the Name of Christ.

How does Wee Care work?

It begins with a call to the Love INC Connection Center. The Connection Center volunteer assesses the need and sets up an appointment for the parent to come to our church to pick up the items. Most of the families who are helped by our Wee Care ministry are single parent households who are struggling to get by on their small income and keep up with their baby's needs. There is a cap on how many appointments they can have in a given year, and once the child reaches 24 months of age they are no longer eligible for Wee Care assistance.

How does our church help?

The Love INC Connection Center sets up appointments with parents then our FUMC volunteers retrieve the list of needs and packs up the items from the special storage area for our Wee Care items at the church. The appointments are set from noon until 2:00 on Tuesday afternoons, and the baby items are picked up at the Welcome Center. The Wee Care volunteer welcomes the recipients and offers a word of support or encouragement to the parent, and to pray for the wee ones. A

struggling parent can always use a kind word.

So, how can you help?

Although you can donate items any time, this month we are encouraging monetary donations to assist with this ministry.

Baby supplies for our Love INC Wee Care ministry are always appreciated and can be brought to the church anytime. Baby wash, baby lotion, baby wipes, diapers in all sizes, burp cloths, receiving blankets, baby wash-cloths, bottles (4 and 8 oz) and sippy cups can always be used.

Seasonal clothing is also helpful to have on hand, and parents are grateful for the cute new clothes or warm jackets. Of course, if you see a good deal on end-of-season baby clothes feel free to bring them in. We have a place to store them until the appropriate season. We cannot accept baby powder or any baby foods (or formula or pedialyte).

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Wee Care ministry to support mothers with small children who could use a little help.



Meals on Wheels

The NE Iowa Area Agency

on Aging could use a few more Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver from the Community Center in Cedar Falls to homes in our own community.. Do you have an hour to spare to deliver meals? You pick the days that work best for you - once a week or once a month. Call or email Elise Bovy at 319-231-6798 or ebovy@nei3a.org

Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

There is always a need for durable/ sturdy fabric to make school bags and other stitching projects. The Stitches & 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.

Spring trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center

We have a couple of rooms reserved in the dorm at Midwest Mission Distribution Center the first week of May, 2022. If you are looking for a way to serve in a comfortable and not-too-far-away place, this is a great place to do it! It's very affordable at

\$116 per person (plus cost for meals and gas to get there). They will need a down payment of \$58 from each participant by March 8. Think about it and get back to Lisa in the church office if you have questions.

Be a Blessing to Someone - Love INC

People in need will often approach a church for assistance. Unfortunately, many churches are not equipped to meet the variety of needs that are presented. That's not a failure of the churches - at their core, they are faith organizations, not relief agencies. But, the Christian imperative is to help. 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 loveinccv.org or call 266-1264. They'll get back to you in the next couple of days.

HERE'S AN IDEA!

Check out the prayer list for this week...and sometime before Valentine's Day, or even after, bring a flower or send a card to someone whose name is listed. Because of Covid, visits may not be allowed, but if they are, put on a mask and stay for a few minutes. This can mean so much to someone who is not able to be as active as he/she would like to be. Let us be the face and hands of Jesus!



DENVER YOUTH MISSION TRIP

7.21.22 - 7.27.22

ABOUT THE YOUTH TRIP

We are joining West Des Moines Methodist Church youth this summer to take on Denver, CO. We will be working with Open Door Ministries with a program called Urban Immersion. The trip is for 8th-12th graders. Youth that will be in 7th grade in the Fall can join.

ABOUT URBAN IMMERSION

Urban Immersion is more than just a volunteer program – they desire to give teams a holistic view of what it's like to do ministry in Denver. Their program is structured around three key attributes:

1. Community Involvement
2. Service Projects
3. Learning Opportunities

TRIP AND MEETING TIMELINE

FEB 6TH	MARCH 1ST	MAY 18TH	JULY 21ST
<p>Zoom Meeting @ 4:30 PM</p> <p>Informational Zoom meeting for those that are interested in the trip.</p>	<p>\$50 Deposit</p> <p>We need your deposit for the trip to secure your spot. This is nonrefundable</p>	<p>Trip Zoom Meeting @ 6:30 PM</p> <p>Please attend this Zoom meeting if you are going on the trip.</p>	<p>Departure @ 7 AM</p> <p>We will be leaving from WDM UMC @ 7 AM to begin our journey to Colorado</p>

TRIP COST - \$300

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

This includes travel, lodging, food, and day trip to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

WEEK OF TRIP

July 21	-----	Travel Day
July 22	-----	Work Day
July 23	-----	Work Day
July 24	-----	Work Day
July 25	-----	Free Day
July 26	-----	Free Day
July 27	-----	Travel Day

MEETING ID -

PASSWORD -

YOUTH2022

Youth News!

Happy New Year from the G3 youth! As we kick off a new semester of youth ministry, we have a lot of exciting activities happening. ALL youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us and bring some friends!

HAPPENING REGULARLY...

G3 Youth Group every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30, on the third floor

Youth Sunday School every Sunday from 10:15-11:00, in the third floor cafe

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY...

Friday, February 4, 6:00-7:30pm – Game night! Join us at the church for pizza and a night of fun games!

Sunday, February 6, 4:30pm – Info meeting about Denver Mission Trip via Zoom for grades 8-12. Please attend if you are interested in going on the trip in July. This is NOT a commitment to join the trip, simply an opportunity to learn more!

Email haleighderhammer@gmail.com for a link to join the Zoom meeting.

Wednesday, February 9, 6:00-7:30 –

Valentine's Party at G3 Youth Group! Join us for snacks, fun games, and a short study about God's LOVE for us!

THE NEXT BIG THING

We are a congregation with a history of doing big things and we have much to celebrate. Our missions have touched lives around the world in the name of Jesus. Here at home, we've done big things to maintain our facility as a safe, functional and pleasant headquarters for our worship, fellowship, education, and outreach. Just this year we replaced the roof over Fellowship Hall, and nearly two years ago, just as the pandemic began, we paid-off the mortgage on the major remodeling and construction project of 2011-14.

Maintaining our church home (like the home you live in) is a never-ending series of improvements. Let's take a look at the Next Big Things.

1. Tower entrance stonework. We have some crumbling stone and concrete near our historic doors on the corner of 8th & Washington. This is a safety issue as well as an aesthetic one. The work to repair the stone and concrete has already begun with intentions of being complete before this winter's snow.

2. HVAC improvements. While much of our infrastructure is up to date, we still have some older air conditioning and air handling units which are failing. Among them is the AC in the sanctuary. To ensure our ability to comfortably function through the next summer's hot weather, the time has come to replace these antiquated and unreliable units.

3. Fellowship Hall Refresh. The Scott Fellowship Hall was built in 1996, and still has the original carpet, paint, wall coverings and chairs. This space was built to be used and we've used it hard! Outside groups meet there, our church groups meet there, FirstKids uses it as their indoor playground, youth groups play there, and years of community meals have been held there. The room has hosted concerts, conferences, athletic events, and all of this use has taken a toll. The floor covering has gouges and evidence of spills, the wall covering has stains of food and drink, wood veneer is peeling off the closet doors, and most of the chairs have ragged edges on the upholstery . . . there's a reason we worship with the lights off in there! After 25 years of hard use, it is time to refresh this space with a new look that we can be proud of.

The three items are the Next Big Things for maintaining our church home. Costs are expected to be in the \$280,000 - \$300,000 range. You have an opportunity to participate in making this happen through a special pledge to be fulfilled between now and 2024. Early pledges and funds presently in-hand have already topped \$100,000 so we're off to a great start! Watch for information on how you can pledge, and after the Christmas season, a series of short videos will take you deeper into each of these projects. Thank you for helping us accomplish the Next Big Thing!

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.

**Jake DeVoogd, Geri Gilbert,
Marilyn Pape**
Martin Suites
420 E. 11th St
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Marlys Cook, Sharon Krebs,
Homer Leymaster, Emogene Marty,
Faye Rohwedder**
Windhaven Assisted Living
5500 S. Main St
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**Harold Krebs, Vera Sullivan,
Lura Treloar**
Deery Suites
5307 Caraway Lane
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Marilyn Geesaman,
Virginia Van Tassel**
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Cedar Falls IA 50613

Nola Kelly, LaVonne Neese
Thuesen Cottage
5127 Caraway Ln
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Vivian Hill
New Aldaya Lifescapes
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Cedar Falls IA 50613

Darlene Jordan
Pinnacle Care
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Cedar Falls IA 50613

Betty Fanning, Chet Starr
Bickford Cottage
5101 University Ave #110
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Betty O'Brien
Friendship Village Lakeview Lodge
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Darlene Prashak
Heritage Care and Rehab Center
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Mason City IA 50401

Linda Rundall
Sunrise Hill Care & Rehab Center
909 6th St
Traer IA 50675

Dorothy Schwab
Our House Senior Living
1401 15th Ave NW Room 11
Austin MN 55912



Bus Service

We pick up for the 11:15 traditional service in the sanctuary. We are offering this ministry for people that have been vaccinated and are willing to wear their masks on the bus. To allow for social distancing, only six passengers will be allowed. Call Steve and Janet MacTaggart at 319-404-0077 to let them know you are interested.



HELP WANTED!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30 Kids Creation Corner

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers. Each volunteer would have one Sunday a month. In this new ministry our volunteer will lead the kids in a craft, outside play, games and help them display their creation on our new Kids Creation Board that will be located outside of the Chapel.

Sunday School Teachers

We need teachers to help in our Kindergarten-2nd grade class. Please consider contributing to the spiritual development of our young minds!

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.

Welcome Desk

Help answer questions about the church when we have a visitor. You will hand out our Welcome gift.

Coffee & Fellowship

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

Calling all Singers

Choir is in full swing and now is the perfect time to come and lift your voice. 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 come sing along. Join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Money Counters

We will need volunteers to go around and pick up Sunday school folders. Then you will count up attendance for Children's Sunday school and count money from the Adult classes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

B.L.A.S.T. Volunteers

Spend some time mentoring and having a good time with our church's younger members.

First UMC is Seeking a Worship Leader!

First United Methodist Church is seeking a highly skilled Modern Worship Leader with a passion for music, leadership and ministry. The qualified applicant would provide strategic vision and leadership for the contemporary worship service/s, overseeing the weekend experience, providing leadership and guidance for the church in conjunction with pastoral leadership, as well as vision and strategy for growth and expansion of music/worship ministries. This position is salaried at 10-15 hours a week and starting annual pay would be competitive depending on experience and proficiency.

Email jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com
for more information,

Thank Yous

Thank you everyone for the cards and hugs we received in the passing of a son, brother, and husband – Tom Murdock. Your warm condolences help in getting us through this difficult time.

Nancy Murdock and family

It was very kind of you all to remember me on my recent birthday with a carnation. I really do appreciate you. Thank you to Jane Wyckoff for delivering it to me.
Paul Gardiner

To the United Methodist church and to the very kind lady who delivered the beautiful poinsettia plant to my house. Thank you so much! It started my day off with a warm heart and happiness.

With my love, Jean Pierce

Dear Hearts and Hands, More Than Moms, and BLAST kids;

Thank you for your gift of Christmas treats. I am still enjoying the poinsettia. It was fun to put new ornaments on my tree. Mighty nice to have cookies and candy! Really like the colorful towel to put on my kitchen drawer. So appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely, Dorothy Addington

Thank you for remembering us on our recent birthdays. The cards and carnations were each beautiful.

Thank you, Roger and Rosalyn Uhlenhopp

To More Than Moms and BLAST, and all at First UMC; Our thanks to all of you for the Christmas ornament that you made for Duane Wessel. So thoughtful of you. Even the sack it came in was decorated. So kind of you. Also, we have appreciated all of your thoughts and prayers. It all helps. Duane and I had a good 66 years together. But, you know at any age “It Ain’t Easy”.

My regards, Velma Wessel

We want thank everyone at FUMC for everything when my husband George and our children’s father, passed away.

Our church is amazing. Thank you Pastor Kober, all staff, and all the members that made and served the wonderful luncheon. Words cannot express our appreciation.

Claudette Cable, Carl Cable, David Cable, Connie Cable

Schelling, & all the grandchildren & great-grandchildren that loved him so much.

Thank you Church Family for the beautiful carnation and card. It is also a delight to visit with Jane when she makes her delivery.

So special to receive a birthday flower.

Marilyn Teig.

Dianne Peterson and her family want to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness during Bob’s battle with Amyloidosis and Waldenström Cancer and also following his death on December 7th. The cards, phone calls, and texts always seemed to come when most needed. We could feel the Christian love through the caring messages. Thank you so much! Thanks to everyone who brought cakes and volunteered during Bob’s “Celebration of Life” Service. Much appreciated!

I would like to say a huge Thank you to everyone for the prayers and concerns for my daughter-in-law Janet Simpson. She has finished her final chemo treatment and her report is that her tumor is gone so at this point she is cancer free. She will be having a surgery in a few weeks so continued prayers would be much appreciated. Again thank you all for the prayers.

God does answer our prayers.

Sandy Simpson

Thank you all for the cards, prayers and phone calls while I was recovering from the flu. I appreciated the kind words.

Loretta Dykes

Thanks to Jane Wyckoff for the visit and busy box. Also appreciated Mason’s card and note. Very thoughtful of him. Jerry enjoys all the cards from the staff and members. A bright spot each time they are received.

Shirley and Jerry Fogleman

Sympathy

Family and friends of John Stater. John died December 12 in Elkhorn, Nebraska. A memorial service will be held this spring in Cedar Falls.

Family and friends of Doug Shaffer. Doug died December 23.

Nancy Fransdal and her family on the death of Mark on December 28.

Catherine Brown and her family on the death of her husband, Leander, on December 29.

Velma Wessel and her family on the death of Duane on January 6. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Friends and family of Mardella Hermann.
Mardy died January 9.

Family and friends of Ellen Opsal. Ellen died January 11.

Family and friends of Perry Thurman.
Perry died January 16.

Craig Rash on the death of his sister, Hyla Boelman, on January 18.

Kris Rash on the death of her aunt on January 18.

Congratulations

Denise and Sam Barr are happy to announce that they are grandparents! Henry Long was born January 5.

Welcome

Kris Ruddy, who joined our church on December 5. She comes to us from Waterloo First United Methodist Church.

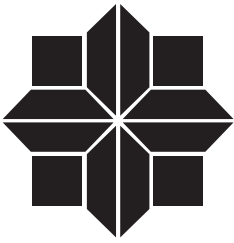
Hospital reminder

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.

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.

**Be sure to
take your
picture with
your family
or your sweet
heart at our
Valentine
Photo booth.
Be sure to tag
us in your
pictures.**



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Worship

8:15 am Traditional worship service, sanctuary
9:00-11:15 Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am Transformation Contemporary worship,
Fellowship Hall
9:30-10 Kid's Corner, chapel
10:15 am Sunday School for all ages
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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