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**Love First. Let's Gather, Grow, Go Together**



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## Hindsight is 2020!

I have heard, “hindsight is 2020,” and I have repeated it for as long as I can remember. As we come to a close of 2020 it’s a truth that is very real to all of us. How does 2020 inform our vision, specifically our vision statement at First UMC: “Love first, let’s Gather, Grow, Go...Together”? This will be a topic for our Church Council to explore as we begin 2021. Here’s what I have learned from 2020: “Love first” is as necessary as it ever has been and gathering, growing and going together looks different going forward.

Gathering for Sunday worship won’t be the same after 2020 and gathering won’t only be on Sunday. I know we will go back to having in-person worship (Thank you God!), but online worship is going to be used by many of us. We will have Sunday worship services with traditional worship, contemporary worship, and folks will continue to enjoy having an online option on Sunday and to experience every day of the week following.

Growing as disciples will now have a digital option. I know we will offer in-person Sunday School, but our staff knows how to offer discipleship formation online too. So, digital discipleship will be enhanced and is here to stay. In many ways the internet is now more important and acts as a front door of the church.

Finally, going as servant leaders means we will be offering those hands-on ministries again and most likely that could happen in the late spring or in the fall. I can’t wait for Community Meals to be offered again when it is safe, and we will have those opportunities to travel on mission activities as well. In 2021 persons will want to serve directly, and we will offer that opportunity.

I am ready for 2020 to be hindsight, and I am certain we can face the challenge that 2021 brings.

Blessings,  
Scott

## Caring for Grieving People During the COVID-19 Crisis

Our church has been part of the Stephen Ministry program for twenty years now. The following is an article from the main office in St. Louis to help us during this difficult time.

Grieving the loss of a loved one is difficult under any circumstances, but the effects of the ongoing coronavirus crisis have made grief even harder for many.

Family members may have been isolated from their loved one and not had the chance for saying their final goodbyes. Limitations on gatherings prevent loved ones from physically gathering to grieve and reminisce together at funerals and memorial services. Extended family and friends are unable to visit and offer in-person support and condolences. Comforting acts like hugging the grieving persons, holding their hand, or sitting with them just aren't possible right now.

In the midst of their grief, people are also dealing with increased stress, anxiety, and other losses because of the crisis. As those around the grieving person are facing many challenges of their own, they may have less emotional energy to reach out and offer care.

Whether or not a death was directly due to the coronavirus, factors like these compound the pain and isolation that many grieving people feel. Pastors, chaplains, and other caregivers are working diligently to provide as much care as they can, but current conditions limit what they're able to do right now. This is where the care of friends can make a difference.

We encourage all of you to reach out to friends who are grieving, whether that be by phone or cards, or video chat. Listen, validate the feelings, no matter what those feelings are, let the person know it is okay to cry, and be there for the long term, not just for the beginning of the grieving process.

First UMC Grief Support Team



### Miss A Sermon?

If you miss a Sunday message from Pastor Scott or Pastor Matt, you'll find it on our youtube channel.

Go to our website at [aboutfirst.com](http://aboutfirst.com) and scroll down to the "sermons"



Living the Dream



## Living the Dream Sermon Series

Pastor Matt will bring us our first Sunday message of 2021 and the first message of the new sermon series, "Living the Dream". Genesis 37:1-11 is the scripture for "Joseph: A Man with Big Dreams".

Is your life...right now...exactly how you want it to be? Would you tell others that you are living the dream? If not then perhaps it is time to close the gap between where you are and where GOD wants you to be.

Join us after Christmas as we examine the life of a famous Old Testament dreamer named Joseph. It's time you started living the dream...God's dream for you.

## Join Cedar Valley Interfaith Council for "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man"

Each Wednesday of January 2021 at 6:30pm Emmanuel Acho sits down to have an "uncomfortable conversation", in order to educate and inform on racism, system racism, social injustice, rioting & the hurt African Americans are feeling today. We will watch one of the conversations and then have breakout groups to discuss.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sale News

Girl Scout Troop 6581 (Linda Kennedy's girls) will host their traditional Cookie Booth, but with a new twist in 2021. It will be a "Drive-thru Cookie Booth" on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Drive under the canopy and a Girl Scout will meet you at your car. Please remain in your car, and act as if this is a fast food drive-thru. Troop members will wear masks, practice social distancing, and frequent hand washing for everyone's safety.

We will have the full line-up of cookies, including the Lemon-ups, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, & S'mores - all @ \$5.00/box. The Toffee-tastic (gluten free) are \$6.00/box.

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

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



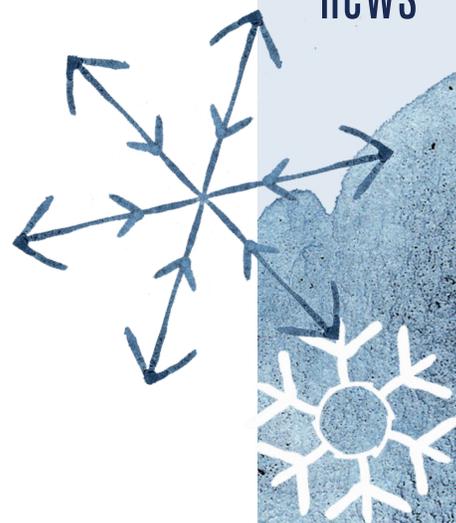
## A Shout Out to Bancroft Flowers & Greenhouse

We'd like to extend our gratitude to Bancroft Flowers for their decades of donating and delivering three beautiful roses to the church every week in memory of George and Cora Bancroft and their daughter, Marian.

Bancroft Flowers was founded by Joseph Bancroft in 1874 and was owned by three generations of the Bancroft family until 1988. Son George ran the business until his death in 1953. George's daughter, Marion, then took over the shop. Marion died in 1988. The Bancrofts were early members of our church, and the various owners of the florist shop have faithfully honored them and blessed the church with the gift of three roses each week for many years.

The roses have been delivered to us even through this time of pandemic when they were not always visible to the congregation during worship. These roses, given in memory of the Bancroft family, are the roses that Jane takes to members of our congregation who are celebrating birthdays of 80 years of more - to continue to bless others in our church family.

If you think of it, remember to thank Bancroft Flowers for their ongoing generosity and service to our church.



## Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - January 10

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, January 10 on Zoom 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

8:30 **Traditional Worship Service** - join us on the livestream

9:35 **Sunday School** - virtual Sunday School, join us online!

10:00 **Transformation Worship Service** - on the livestream

## Children's Sunday School Online

Sunday School will be virtual this winter. You can join us on our Facebook page where we will go live at 9:35. During our time together we will have a mini-lesson and an activity. Supply packets will be available for you to pick up ahead of time. We hope that you will follow along with us on Sunday morning.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT

## your church night

Have your mid-week church night online for a quick and easy connection and spiritual pick-me-up. Tune in each Wednesday night at 6:30 on Facebook. Be sure to use the comments to tell us that you're watching, share some discussion, and to say "Hi" to your friends from First UMC.

**January 6:** Lessons on Jesus' life with Haleigh, Lorrin and Jenna.

**January 13:** Join us as we Interview a member of our congregation.

**January 20:** First UMC cooks! Watch from a safe distance (Facebook) as we prepare dishes from the First UMC cookbook. We will post the recipes in advance so you and your family can follow along with us.

**January 27:** Lessons on Jesus' life told by a few of our youth.

## Fusion Tonight: from the Front Lines

Isolation hasn't been an option for everyone in this pandemic: public safety officers, teachers, healthcare workers, grocery store workers, and others have had no choice but to keep working in high-exposure jobs. Beginning in this month, we'll hear stories from these front-line workers at our weekly worship talk show, Fusion Tonight.

# PROGRESS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

The Covid pandemic and other factors have presented many challenges in the past year for our church, but even in the face of these difficult times, 2020 has been a year of progress for First UMC CF. Here are a few examples:

## We paid off the mortgage!

In the early months of the year, we were able to retire the remaining balance on the bank loan from our major construction and remodeling project that began in 2012 and was completed in 2014. The project was a comprehensive upgrading of our electrical and communication infrastructure, air-conditioning in the lower level, asbestos removal, re-configuring Fellowship Hall for worship/events, remodeling the sanctuary, and, of course, the construction of our Gathering Place. The complete project totalled nearly five million dollars, and as of this year, it is PAID IN FULL! Because of the pandemic, we've never been able to adequately celebrate this milestone. Thank you for your faithful support of our church home!

## New Fellowship Hall Roof!

This project is ongoing as we close out the year. Our Trustees have contracted with a local firm to replace the roof over Fellowship Hall, which dates to the original 1996 construction. Work began in late December and will be completed as weather allows.

## Technology Upgrades!

We were already livestreaming when the pandemic hit, but the suspension of in-person worship has put new importance on our ability to produce professional-grade broadcasts. District grant money and funding commitments from our Endowment and Memorials committees have enabled us to make significant upgrades to our technical and production systems which will continue to serve our ministries in the post-pandemic world.

## sanctuary: installed new and re-routed existing equipment to

- improve recording ability
- make camera to video transitions easier
- eliminate an audio feedback issue
- make Sunday morning broadcasts easier for tech volunteers
- stream to Fb & Ytb at the same time

## fellowship hall

- new production control station with full video switching, recording & streaming ability
- control station is portable and has already broadcast from theater & parlor
- in-house and ready to install: three new cameras and remote controller
- next big thing: stage lights and stage design

We've been able to do all of this through the forward-thinking of our leadership committees, and the continued support of our First UMC members and friends. Thank you for standing together to ensure that we emerge from this pandemic ready hit the ground running, and engage the world with the love and message of Christ for years to come.

## New Ways To Reach Out

Our pastors, Jenna, and the Christian Education team have worked hard to move educational opportunities online. Vacation Bible School was presented as an online broadcast, as is a kids' Sunday School lesson every week. Pastors have used the Zoom platform to host online classes and discussion groups. Fusion Tonight, our weekly worship talk show, received a new, sleeker format and became an online broadcast. Our church staff takes turns presenting a devotion every night at 6:00 live on Facebook. We've even started a cooking show, featuring recipes from the most recent UMC/First UMC cookbook. Someday, we'll be meeting in-person again, but engaging people online is here to stay, and we've learned a lot this year!



## Send a Card or Note

Many care facilities are not allowing visitors, even family. Send a card or a letter to our friends who are isolated right now. 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.

Doris Crandall, Jeaneene Kemmerer,  
Marilyn Pape  
Martin Suites  
420 E. 11th St  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Marlys Cook, Faye Rohwedder  
Stanard Assisted Living  
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Wanda Anderson, Marian Christiason,  
Ruth Gooden, Mardy Hermann, Homer  
Leymaster  
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Darlene Jordan, Perry Thurman  
Pinnacle Care  
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Cedar Falls IA 50613

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December 7)  
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Mason City IA 50401

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

Noreen Roth  
Good Neighbor Society  
105 McCarren Dr  
Manchester IA 52057

Pray for the Women at the Well UMC  
in Mitchellville

Pray for all who are being impacted by  
the coronovirus

## Attention Volunteers!

As the volunteer callers have been trying to contact people, they are finding several whose phones are disconnected, probably because they have switched to cell phones. Please remember to contact the church office if your phone number or address has changed.

## January 25- LifeServe Blood Drive

**Where:** Gathering Place

**When:** 12:30pm - 6:00pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, January 25 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](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org).

## January 26 - Crafters' Corner

**Where:** Gathering Place

**When:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Attention crafters! Join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 in the Gathering Place. This is a laid back and hands-on group for all skill levels. Bring your own craft project to work on or volunteer your time and talent to make sleep mats for the homeless, handmade essentials for those in need, or prayer shawls. Please contact Crystal Wilken at [crystalwilken@gmail.com](mailto:crystalwilken@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Wednesdays - Uncomfortable Conversations

**Where:** Zoom

**When:** 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Emmanuel Acho sits down to have an "uncomfortable conversation", in order to educate and inform on racism, system racism, social injustice, rioting & the hurt African Americans are feeling today. We will watch one of the conversations and then have breakout groups to discuss. Here is zoom link to join in the conversation:

Topic: Uncomfortable Conversations

Time: Jan 6, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time thru Jan 27, 2021

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84500854289?pwd=aWlzdnlVXzVVT1luVHVVR2xsY3hjdzO9>

**Dial by your location:** +1 312 626 6799

**Meeting ID:** 845 0085 4289

**Passcode:** 827770

## 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

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**Our First UMC Congregational Care Team delivered about one hundred boxes of hand-decorated Christmas cookies to brighten the season during this quarantined year. Each box contained 15-20 cookies, and each one was a work of art.**

## 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. This group was developed so we as a church family could stay connected while we are social distancing. 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, or send a note to Chris or Jenna and we'll connect you.

## 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 [loveinc.org](http://loveinc.org) or call 266-1264. They'll get back to you in the next couple of days.

## News from The FUMC Quilters and Stitchers

### 2020 contributions to church missions this year.

- 30+ comfort quilts given to church members and others by the Church's Congregational Care Team.
- 23 lap quilts to Black Hawk County Veterans
- 25 children's quilts to Lincoln and North Cedar families as part of the Church's mission of the month - the Angel Tree Christmas baskets
- 27 children's quilts to the Cedar Valley Angels for foster children
- 3 quilts to new homeowners of Habitat houses
- 5 Silent Auction quilts - proceeds donated to the Church's mission of the month.

In addition to quilts, the Quilters and Stitchers made and filled 330 School Bags, 50 Hygiene kits, and 6 layette kits for Ingathering and 243 Days-for-Girls kits.

# QUILT FOR AUCTION



This Quilt can be yours in the January Quilt Auction. Auction is online only at [aboutfirst.com](http://aboutfirst.com). Available for bids January 5-26. Proceeds from quilt auction support the First UMC Mission of the Month.

The January auction quilt, "Crossroads", would be perfect as a wall hanging, table cover, or lap quilt. The primary colors are trendy greens and purples, Crossroads has a scalloped edge for even more visual interest. 48" x 48". Pieced by Jan Drake and finished by our First UMC quilters and stitchers. Quilt auction is online only. Auction opens Tuesday, January 5 and closes Tuesday January 26. Bid online at [aboutfirst.com/quilts](http://aboutfirst.com/quilts). Question proceeds support the First UMC Mission of the Month, and UMW projects.

## Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

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

## January Mission Focus Church World Service Blankets +

January is great month to appreciate a warm blanket. Contributions to CWS Blankets and CWS Tools mean Church World Service will be ready to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement. What's more, they'll be there to help people gain the resources and develop the skills necessary to build - or rebuild - sustainable lives and communities.

Imagine the possibilities:

- \$250 can provide warm blankets for five families left homeless by a tornado.
- \$450 can provide refugees resettling far from their homelands the gardening tools and materials to build six small raised beds for vegetables.
- \$750 can provide sewing machines and training for three women, empowering them to earn an income and feed their families.
- \$1,100 can provide 10 displaced families with emergency food packages that will feed a family of five for one month.
- \$2,500 can provide 250 blankets to an agency serving homeless individuals and families in the U.S.





## Thank you for playing a part in missions' giving this year!

Our congregation continues to amaze me. We started off the year with our usual monthly missions only to be sidetracked by COVID 19. The In Missions committee decided to encourage members to pay their pledges during this trying time, therefore no outside missions were suggested from April through June.

In July, we started back with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank Personal Care Drive and not only did we raise \$1200, many of you donated much coveted toilet paper, hand sanitizer and Chlorox wipes.

Because our members were still donating throughout the corona virus crisis, we were able to add several new missions this year while continuing to support our establish missions. The committee decided to give an annual \$1000.00 contribution to the Allen College Engagement and Salvation Army Partnership. We also were able to assist UMC's Derecho Fund, Banyam Seminary in their efforts to repair storm damage, and to the Love First fund started by our pastors.

The outpouring of your gifts continued with the November Giving Tree helping the House of Hope, Salvation Army, Women at the Well, Heifer International and Wee Care. Each of these agencies will receive much needed support.

The Angel Tree mission this year showed me that the angels are our congregation. We had 21 families we were asked to assist from Lincoln and North Cedar Schools. Our goal was to have two gifts for each child; ten days before the presents were due 73 of the 114 tags had not been taken. An email was

sent out and the response was overwhelming and I do mean overwhelming. Every tag found a sponsor and money poured in. We were able to meet each child's gift needs and have enough to give each parent a generous gift card to Walmart.

I thank each and everyone of you for making our missions so successful during a very trying year.

Blessing to you all,  
*Julie Fee*  
In Mission's Chairperson

*Matthew 25:40 " Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

## Human Relations Day

### January 17

The United Methodist Church celebrates Human Relations Day to further the development of better human relations by involving congregations in community and youth outreach through Community Developers Programs, United Methodist Voluntary Services Programs, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

Your offering is designated to support ministries of social justice and outreach to at-risk youth.

Did You Know 57% of giving on Human Relations Day supports Community Developer Programs? Did You Know your gifts on Human Relations Day help train over 125,000 volunteers? Did You Know your gifts on Human Relations Day help at-risk youth and youth offenders? Did You Know giving on Human Relations Day has supported a volunteer program since 1976?

# 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/](https://facebook.com/firstumccfmedia/)

## Option 2

### aboutfirst.com

The online worship page at [aboutfirst.com](https://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](https://aboutfirst.com) and click the 'sermons' graphic for a link to our channel

## 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

## Tune In To Evening Reflections

Every evening at 6:00, a church staffer or volunteer will be live on our Facebook page with a reflection for the day. Gather the family and tune in for a word of encouragement and something to think about. Feel free to share comments with others who are watching it's good to hear from each other!

## Thank You

I want to thank Jane and Dee for the beautiful and delicious Christmas cookies they dropped off for me. I appreciated it very much. Thanks again to the everyone for the cards and well wishes I have received at the time of Gil's passing. This church meant so much to him. *Jean Hewett*

The beautiful red rose Jane brought made it official – I am now 80. Thanks to Jane and the Congregational Care Team for the rose and the cards given to us. FUMC is a very important part of our lives and your thoughtfulness is one of the reasons why. *Jim Larson*

Dear CF First, Thank you so much for your many local and global ministries. *Peace and love, Elana Shinkle*

Thank you for all the prayers, kind words, and loving thoughts on the loss of my mother and Matthew's grandmother. They were such a comfort during this time. *Trish, Larry & Matthew Edler*

A big thank you to the church staff for the cards and the red roses for our birthdays. Also, a special thank you to Jane for delivering them. Robert & Lolita Kulper

Thank you for the lovely rose for my November birthday. I so enjoyed my socially distanced visit with Jane. *Pat Benson*

I'm beginning to love masked people knocking at my door, especially when they come with a beautiful rose. Thank you to my church friends for remembering my birthday!! I miss you but you didn't forget me. How special. *Joan Duea*

I want to thank Jane and Dee for the beautiful and delicious Christmas cookies they dropped off for me. I appreciated it very much. Thanks again to everyone for the cards and well wishes I have received at the time of Gil's passing. This church meant so much to him. *Jean Hewett*

Thank you so much for your generous gift giving this Holiday Season. We appreciate your willingness to adopt some of our North Cedar families. We are blessed by your kindness. *Heidi Guse, School Counselor, North Cedar Elementary*

We want to thank everyone at First United Methodist Church for the get well cards and Christmas cards sent to Dennis and I throughout our lengthy illness. We also want to thank the quilters for the beautiful quilts that Jane Wyckoff delivered to our house. Dennis and I each got a beautiful quilt. And baby Jazlynn Rose also got a beautiful quilt. Jasmine, the baby's mother actually cried when she saw the quilt. We also want to thank Jane and the Congregational Care Team for delivering cookies baked by Lisa.

They were very good!! We especially want to thank Pastor Scott and Pastor Matt and church members for the prayers. The prayers got us through some difficult times. Thank you again to everyone. We really appreciated the support.

*Dennis and Charlene Waller  
Nick and Jasmine Lathrop*

Many people expressed their thanks and gratitude for Christmas cookies that were delivered to them - too many to put all of the messages in this newsletter. It was a pleasure to make the cookies and a joy to know that we could bless some of our church friends in a sweet way. Rest assured that all involved in the baking, decorating, and delivering were equally as blessed.

## Sympathy:

Deb Lee and her family on the death of her brother.

Shirley Thompson and Tammy Davis on the death of Jim Thompson. A private service was held November 27.

Family and friends of Richard "Dick" Hunt. Dick died November 27.

Angie Gingrich and her family on the death of her father on December 4.

Cindy Scheer and her family on the death of her brother, Tom Brallier, on December 4.

Family and friends of Gil Hewett. Gil died December 7. A memorial service will be held in 2021.

Martha Kroese and the Kroese family on the death of her father-in-law, Arnold, on December 11.

Family and friends of Martha Anderson. Martha died December 13. A memorial service will be held in 2021.

## 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 for 2021 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.

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## Worship

Sunday, 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Livestream on Facebook & in-person

Sunday, noon Video and worship resources at aboutfirst.com

Daily, 6:00 p.m. Reflection and prayers, Facebook Live

## Television

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