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Biding Our Time

Throughout the Bible we are instructed on the use of time.

In the Psalms we are advised to ask for guidance: “Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart” (Psalm 90:12).

Paul warns us in his letter to the Ephesians: “Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Ecclesiastes 3:1 is concerned with time and the proper occasions for doing things, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

The passing of every old year and the beginning of every new year ought to make us more time-conscious as well as more aware that both time and events have their occasion and their season, and that to act at the proper time is a matter of wisdom and great insight. We are not to move through life without thought.

I have probably shared this story with you, but its New Year's cut me some slack. A man was seated on a park bench when a small boy about 5 years old sat down and started winding what appeared to be a prized possession - a Mickey Mouse watch. “What a neat watch! Does it tell you the time?” The stranger asked. “No, you gotta look at it,” said the boy.

Proper timing takes place only if we are aware and thoughtful.

I think of all the ways I let the clock rule my days instead of taking pleasure in the moment. As Ecclesiastes puts it in chapter 3, verses 12 & 13, “There is nothing better for us than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we live; moreover it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in our toil.”

May we each resolve to live with a sense of occasion in the doings of our days and take pleasure in our work.

I would like to share my family's appreciation for your thoughtful and generous gifts and cards we received during this season of celebrating Christmas. May blessings be yours in 2022!

Pastor Scott

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.

Memory Tree

Thanks to all who brought ornaments and filled out tags for our Memory Tree. Please pick up your ornament by the first week in January. If they are not picked up, the grief support team will save them all for next year's tree.



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.

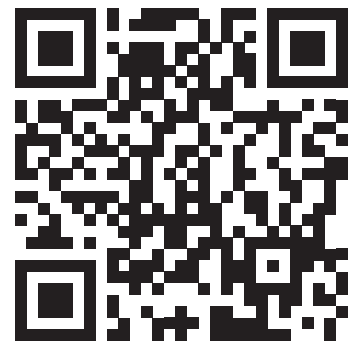
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<http://aboutfirst.com/giving>

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January

January 4 - Grief Support Session

Where: Church Parlor

When: 2:00 to 3:30 pm

It is not only okay to talk about a loved one who has died; it is essential for healing to occur. Telling your story and sharing memories helps keep your loved one's memory alive and helps you heal. This time after the holiday season is over can be especially difficult. Monthly support sessions are sponsored by the FUMC Grief Support Team and provide a safe, confidential setting. Our first meeting for 2022 will be held on Tuesday, January 4th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the parlor. If you have questions, please call the church office at 266-1713.

January 11 - Card Making Party

Where: Gathering Place

When: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Beat the January blahs! Come in from the cold to the Gathering Place on Tuesday, January 11th, anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 pm for a card making session sponsored by the Congregational Care Team. This is a

come-and-go event with no experience necessary. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. \$172.00 was given to Ingathering from the sale of cards on the card rack last quarter. Since 2004 when we began making cards to sell, a total of \$13, 938.00 has been given to many worthy groups in our community. This time we will be donating the proceeds to First Kids Childcare.

January 12 - Power of Revelation GPS Group

Where: Library

When: 6:30 pm

Pastor Scott will host a GPS (Gather, Study and Pray) group following our sermon series "Power of Revelation". This group will meet every Wednesday starting January 12 until February 23.

January 24 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, January 24 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.life-serve.org.



lifeservebloodcenter.org.

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.

Basic Lay Servant Training hosted at Cedar Falls First UMC

When: Friday, January 28, 2022 - 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
AND Saturday, January 29, 2022 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
(You must attend both days to successfully complete the training).

Lay Servant Ministries - BASIC COURSE: This class is

the beginning foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. Pastor Scott Kober will lead this course with help from others in the district. **5**

Cost for the class is \$10.00. You will need to pay online for registration to be complete. Click [HERE](#) to register (or <https://www.iaumc.org/prlayservantministries>) Registration deadline is January 15, 2022. Each registrant is required to purchase their own participant book for the class:

Lay Servant Ministries - Basic Course

Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson

Participant's Book • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3

This book can be purchased through the Upper Room, Cokesbury, or Amazon

Big News! Lincoln School is ready for volunteers!

Ralph Bryant, principal at Lincoln Elementary School, reports that the district is ready to have volunteers return to schools following January 18th! It's been almost two years since we have been able to be at Lincoln and working with students. If you are interested in being a Reading Buddy please email Ralph Bryant at ralph.bryant@cfschools.org and he will connect you with a grade level and teacher to work with.



Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - January 16, 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, January 16 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.

Thank you

Thank you from the In Missions' Together Committee

Our congregation once again was generous with their missions' giving. We started the year with a Church World Service mission. We were able to provide ten displaced families of five with emergency food packages for one month. Our church also gave Wee Care some much needed funds and provided Lincoln School with \$2100. so each student could have their own book.

This year, the Iowa Methodist Camps asked us to pledge funding for our two wonderful camps; Wesley Woods and Lake Okoboji UM Camp. FUMC was able to fulfill their \$1000 pledge. We also were able to provide our annual commitment of \$1000.00 to ACE-SAP, a clinic that connects student nurses and nurse practitioners with Cedar Valley community members in need of free medical care.

Our In Missions donations also provided much needed financing to UMCOR. We were able to help some very busy members with assistance in purchasing materials for the over 300 school kits and 100 personal health kits that they assembled. Your donations also allowed them to mail all of the kits..

Swim for Him was a new international mission for us. This

program provides villages with chlorine producing unit to enable them to make their own clean water. Your very generous contributions allowed the installation of 10 units providing drinkable water for 20,000 people in developing countries.

We ended the year with our "tree missions"; the Giving Tree and the Angel Tree. This year contributions were made to Heifer International, House of Hope, Women at the Well, the Salvation Army and Wee Care. We also were able to make Christmas brighter for 20 families from Lincoln and North Cedar School. Beautifully wrapped presents were picked up by very grateful parents and given to 52 children.

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

Blessing to you all,

In Missions' Together Committee

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."



UMCOR tornado relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) can help with the immediate needs of housing, food, shelter, and transportation, as well as long term recovery for those affected by the December 11 tornados or other disasters. United Methodists who want to help with this disaster are encouraged to send donations to UMCOR, the United Methodist official giving channel, where one hundred percent of each donation goes directly to those in need. Or, you may send a check to the church office (made out to FUMC) with “UMCOR tornado relief” or “Advance #901670” on the memo line.



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



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 LoveINC 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. We have a place to store them until the appropriate season.

Your donations do make a difference. This message was sent to the church recently, to the attention of Cindy Spragg, one of our WeeCare volunteers:

“Thank you so much for your kindness and prayers when we stopped to pick up our items from Love INC. It really meant a lot to me. When we stopped, we didn’t know the gender of our baby. We had a boy! You are truly a blessing. Thank you for everything you do.”

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 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.



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.

Ensuring the Future

First UMC Endowment funds are your gifts that keep on giving to secure the financial future of the church. An endowment is a monetary gift that can be invested to support church programs and expenses.

These funds are managed by the endowment committee with the assistance of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation.

Having a planned-giving program not only strengthens the future of our church but is a way for you to say that you believe in the future of our church. An Endowment Fund program is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

If you are interested in learning more about our church's endowment program, please contact a member of the endowment committee. Committee members are: Mike Butler (Chair), Alan Bernard, Richard Congdon, Jim Noelting, Jim Kenyon, Harriett McMahill, Jean Richardson, Susan Whitson, and Pastor Scott Kober.

Q. Why should I consider participating in the 1st UMC Endowment?

A. Making a gift to the Endowment fund is an important commitment to the future of the 1st United Methodist Church and its programs. By making a gift, you are helping to ensure that 1st United Methodist Church will continue to be a vibrant and beautiful spiritual home for generations to

A Weekend Away to Rekindle Your Faith

- Learn to see the Christ among us
- Learn to be the Christ among us
- Jump-start your faith
- Live with a new sense of purpose

This three-day, weekend experience will take you away from the distractions of life and allow you to refocus on your faith. The activities and discussions will instill in you a new sense of purpose, and encourage you to live out your faith in new ways. You'll be amply fed, comfortably housed, and you'll have plenty of time for a good night's sleep. Scheduled break times allow opportunities for private meditation, social interaction, and fresh air.

This is the Walk to Emmaus. People often ask, "How far do we have to walk?" The answer: you don't really have to walk anywhere. The "walk" is symbolic, not an actual physical challenge. Facilities and activities are fully accessible to people of all abilities. The name Walk to Emmaus refers to Luke 24:13-35 where Jesus walks with two travelers who do not, at first, recognize him. In this weekend, you'll learn to recognize Christ in the world around you, and will be inspired to be an instrument of His love.

If you have interest in learning more about the Walk to Emmaus contact us in the church office, or check out cremmauscomm@gmail.com

Walk to Emmaus for Men, March 10-13, 2022

Walk to Emmaus for Women, March 24-27, 2022



UMW Upcoming Dates

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| JANUARY 11 | HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY |
| JANUARY 12 | MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30 P.M., PARLOR |
| JANUARY 19 | MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30 P.M., PARLOR |
| JANUARY 26 | MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30 P.M. PARLOR |
| JANUARY 27 | ADVOCACY DAY, DES MOINES |
| JANUARY 28 | LEADERSHIP TEAM AND MISSION U STUDY MEETINGS, IOWA UMC CONFERENCE CENTER, DES MOINES |



January Bible Verse

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.

John 14:1

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
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Harold Krebs, Ellen Opsal, Lura
Treloar, Duane Wessel**
Deery Suites
5307 Caraway Lane
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Mardy Hermann
Thalman Square
5500 S. Main St
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Marilyn Geesaman, Virginia Van
Tassel**
Nation Cottage
5111 Caraway Lane
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

Vivian Hill
New Aldaya Lifescapes
7511 University Ave
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Darlene Jordan
Pinnacle Care
1223 Prairie View Rd
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

Betty O'Brien
Friendship Village Lakeview Lodge
312 Southbrooke Drive #39
Waterloo IA 50701

Perry Thurman
Denver Sunset Home
235 N Mill St
Denver IA 50622

Darlene Prashak
Heritage Care and Rehab Center
501 S. Kentucky Ave
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,

Carnations replace roses

For years, Bancroft Florist has graciously donated and delivered three roses for our altar in memory of the Bancroft family. This tradition has continued through several changes of ownership. The high cost of roses (and glass vases) have forced a change in this tradition. They will continue to bring three flowers, but instead of roses it will be carnations – or perhaps another lovely flower in season. We thank them for their ongoing gift to our church, which in turn are delivered to members who are celebrating birthdays.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous donation to Safe Water International Ministries (S.W.I.M). Your gift will allow the installation of at least ten on-site chlorine generators in developing countries. At a minimum, this will provide safe drinking water for 20,000 people. And, most importantly, provide an avenue to share of the Living Water provided by Jesus Christ our Lord!!

Blessings, Earl Ratliff

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at First UMC,
Thank you for your generous donation of student kits, personal dignity kits, baby sweaters, and Cover Them With Love quilts. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these". "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Chantel Corrie, Executive Director

Thank you FUMC, the Congregational Care Team, and Jane for the flower and card. Dianne and I made the best decision ever when we joined First after Trinity closed. You have truly been a blessing to both of us.

Jim Larson

Thank you to the Congregational Care Team for the red

rose for my November birthday. I especially enjoyed the visit with Jane when she delivered it. Thank you also to the staff for the birthday card they send.

Pat Benson

Methodist Congregational Care Team,
The flowers were beautiful and I always enjoy Jane's visit. Thank you so much for your support during this very difficult period of our lives.

Marilyn Roudebush

Dear church friends,

Many thanks to Jane for the beautiful rose. Also, thanks to those who have sent greetings throughout the year.

We appreciate them so much. We would like to attend church, but seeing it on TV has been good for us.

Blessings to all of you.

Donna Mincks

It was so thoughtful of FUMC to remember my birthday with a staff card and Jane delivering the carnation. They were greatly appreciated.

Yours in faith. Jo Ackman

I would like to thank Jane Wyckoff for the beautiful red and white rose she delivered for my birthday. Also thanks to Karen Page for making me my favorite pie for my birthday. Also thanks to all those who sent me Christmas cards. It is always so nice to hear from the church family. Happy holidays to everyone. I miss seeing you all.

Dorothy Schwab

Thank you so much for remembering me on my 80th birthday with a pretty bouquet. And such a nice visit with Jane!

Carolyn Nyhus

Just a note of thanks to our FUMC friends who remember us at the time of my mother, Marian Christiason's passing. Your cards meant a lot to us at this difficult time. Thank you to our Parish visitors, Carol Dick and also Jane Wyckoff who showered Mom with love, cards, visits, and flowers over the last years. You are priceless and were a blessing to us all.

Michele McFarlane

Thank you to Jane for the visit to acknowledge that it's my special time of year. The card with all the staff

names was attached to a beautiful red and white flower. This tradition is a wonderful way to celebrate birthdays!! Thanks.
Joan Duea

Thank you all for your love and generosity that you have shown our North Cedar families. We appreciate your continued support to help our families with the Holidays. Thank you for being a blessing to North Cedar.
With gratitude,
Heidi Guse, North Cedar Counselor

The Bereavement Team would like to thank the entire congregation for their prayers and donations of food and/or their time during the month of December. We served seven lunches to families who lost a loved one.
Karen Page and Jan Hoover

Sympathy

Jim Finch on the death of his daughter, Corrina Wireman, on November 5. Jim is not a member of our church but has attended off and on in the past and has been cared for by our Grief Support group after the death of his wife in 2017.

Dan and Kay Ciha on the death of Dan's mother, Jeanne Ciha, on November 13.

Allison Ketter on the death of her mother, Karolyn Ketter, on November 18.

Michele McFarlane and her family on the death of her mother, Marian Christason, on November 22.

Freddie Holmes and her family at the death of her step-daughter, Debra McDermott on November 26.

Family and friends of Terry Winkey, who died November 27.

Family and friends of Ed Pierson, who died November 28.

Liz Gerstenkorn at the death of her father, Rick Gerstenkorn Jr, on December 1.

Family and friends of Doris Crandall, who died December 1.

Buelah Stock and Kurt & Lynn Stock on the death of Bud on December 6.

Family and friends of Bob Peterson, who died December 7.

Jim McCutcheon and his family of the death of Martha on December 7.

Nancy Murdock and Cindy Spragg on the death of Tom Murdock, son and brother. Tom died December 17.

Claudette Cable and her family on the death of George on December 17.

Family and friends of Rudy Grapp. Rudy died December 19.

Welcome

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

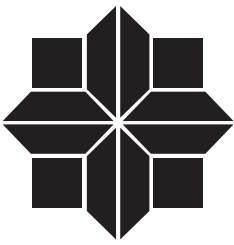
Hospital reminder

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.





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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

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