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## "The Way"

The early Christians were often described as following, "The Way." The description suggests practices that make up how we are called to live as individuals and in community together. It's one reason I am excited to be exploring the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 5: 1-12. We will continue in May to offer the worship series, Wisdom of the Beatitudes, which is based on the book entitled: The Ninefold Path of Jesus: Hidden Wisdom of the Beatitudes written by Mark Scandette.

The beatitudes name groups like these: The poor in spirit, Those who mourn, The meek

Those who hunger and thirst. Would you like to be any of these people? Well of course not. People today tend to hear the Beatitudes in terms of what we know today, but the ancient meanings typically have much more theological depth. For example, we may hear "Blessed are those who mourn" in reference to the sadness that accompanies the death of loved ones. By contrast, a close reading of Matthew reveals that the writer has in mind those who recognize that the present condition of the world is far from God's purposes. They see injustice, exploitation, and violence, and they mourn. This beatitude promises that "they will be comforted," that is, they will see God's realm come.

Mark Scandrette writes, "The Beatitudes name nine distinct areas of human struggle that Jesus addresses in his teaching. Our first instincts are to be anxious, avoidant, competitive, apathetic, judgmental, evasive, divided, retaliatory, and afraid. Several of these instincts are related to mental health issues." Scandrette is offering "nine shifts we are invited to make in order to live in greater coherence with reality. To live in a new way and to see the world become different and better, we must learn to act from this higher state of kingdom consciousness."

When we are faced with the obstacles of life, we can turn to the solid foundation and "the way" we have been given in the teachings of Jesus. I hope you will engage in exploring the wisdom of the beatitudes.

Blessings,

*Pastor Scott*



## The Evolving Church

For several years the United Methodist Church has been in discussion regarding its future, more specifically how each local church will align themselves regarding the Book of Discipline, same sex marriage, ordination and appointment of LGBTQIA+ persons, and new developing denominations.

On February 27, 2022, an Iowa Conference Vision meeting was held at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) where information was presented about the options available to all churches. Many questions were answered to the best of the presenters' abilities related to the uncertainty of an upcoming General Conference. This conference has since been delayed until 2024. Therefore, each church in the Iowa Conference is tasked with how to best serve its congregation.

The First United Methodist church Administrative Council has put together a subcommittee that will discuss how to make opportunities available to the congregation for discussion and questions. Information on these opportunities will be posted as soon as possible. I encourage you to provide your input and ask questions once it is determined the means of communication.

Gale Carlson, Administrative Council Chair

## May Seed Planting

Spring is the time to plant seeds to grow our produce and flowers.

Our FUMC Stephen Ministry team is also needing to plant the seeds now to grow more ministers for the future. If you have a caring heart, ears to listen and are able to walk along side supporting one of your peers who has had a loss and struggles in their life, we would like to visit with you about this rewarding and important opportunity of ministry. We leaders are ready as early as fall of 2022 to provide and complete a weekly training by this time next year.

Please consider this and contact us to learn more.

FUMC Stephen Minister Leaders:

Sandy Noelting 319-269-4339

Jan Hoover 319-610-0926

Dee Behr 319-575-0081

## First UMC Grief Support

The Grief Support Group of our church began in 1998 when the Stewardship Task Force started looking at the needs for congregational care. The first area chosen to implement was support for individuals and families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Subsequently many other areas of congregational care have been initiated.

Grief support is multi-faceted in the services it provides. Some of these are:

- A quarterly newsletter sent to about 100 homes
- Various opportunities for fellowship
- Reading material in the church library on a special shelf
- Phone or personal contact for those who are grieving
- A monthly group support session
- A yearly gathering for those who have recently lost loved ones
- Active encouragement and support for persons within our congregation who are grieving.

If you or someone you love are in need of extra support, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 319-266-1713 and you will be directed.



# May

## May 1 - Bake Sale

Where: Gathering Place

When: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Audrienne Kennedy recently learned she will be attending the 2022 Girl Scout Destinations, "Catching Waves in Costa Rica" from June 25th to July 9th with Outward Bound Costa Rica. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

The trip is focused around learning about oceanic conditions, surfing, and community service. Volunteer opportunities may include language exchanges with local schools, painting, beach cleanups, building new recycling systems, or environmental restoration projects.

With such short notice, it will be a challenge to raise the needed funds for this adventure. She will be hosting a Bake Sale on Sunday, May 1 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. So please support a Girl Scouts dream, take home some goodies, and chat with her about the trip.

## May 1 - Spring Handbell Concert

Where: Sanctuary

When: 7:00 pm

This year's concert is very special as the bell

choirs mark 50 years of ringing at First! The choirs had a brand new piece commissioned by the wonderful Cathy Moglebust and will premiere the piece at the concert! Join us for this free concert on Sunday, May 1 at 7:00.

## May 3 - Grief Support Session

Where: Church Parlor

When: 2:00 to 3:30 pm

If you are grieving the loss of someone special, it may help to attend a group with others who can empathize, pray with, and encourage you in your grief journey. New participants are always welcome, both members of FUMC and others. Please call Carol through the church office at 319-266-1713 with questions. Our grief support team also offers other support. Please do not hesitate to call.

## May 10 - Card Making

Where: Gathering Place

When: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

It's time for another card making party! Come join the Congregational Care Team. No experience (or special skills) necessary. Bring a snack to share if you'd like and then you may also stay for Community Meals if you desire a hot meal.

Our thanks to the Affirmation Team members for their dedication in keeping the card rack filled and sending

## Save The Dates!

### Mandy Event

We were finally able to reschedule the Mandy Event originally scheduled the spring of 2020! Mandy McCleary is scheduled to come to our church Saturday afternoon September 24, 2022. If you bought a ticket for the original date, you are all set to come even if you have lost your ticket. More information will be coming this summer. We will be selling more tickets closer to the date.

### FUMC 2022 Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale Committee met on April 21st and have set August 4th, 5th, and 6th as this years' dates! We have made some changes in the donation procedure this year as well as to what we will accept because of the possibility of a COVID reoccurrence.

We will start taking donations on July 5th. We will have a least 2 volunteers available at the Gathering Place entrance to assist you in taking your items to a storage area. We will only be taking donations according to the following schedule weekly:

Sundays: 8am – 11 am

Mondays: 2pm – 5 pm

Tuesdays: 9am – 12 noon

Wednesdays: 6pm – 8 pm

Thursdays: 2pm – 5pm

Donations will no longer be accepted after Sunday, July 31st.

We will not accept the following items for the Rummage Sale this year:

Furniture, computers, tires, paint, large appliances, mattresses, TV's, bicycles, encyclopedias, water bottles, car seats, cribs, home improvement materials, Christmas trees, and outdoor gas lawn equipment.

Any questions, please contact Maxine Kehret at 319-266-6160.

cards to the congregation members during special times of joy and difficulty. Team members are Laurene Bernard, Pauline Harding, and Jean Richardson. If you have questions about this ministry, please let Carol know through the church office at 319-266-1713.

## May 23 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30-6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, May 23 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).

## May 22 - Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors

Where: Gathering Place

When: 10:15 am

If you are new or newer to First United Methodist Church, our pastors want to get to know you! Come have a coffee with the pastors on Sunday, May 22th 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

## 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](https://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

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT Your Church Night

Join us in the Fall for more activities!

## FACEBOOK DEVOTION

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

## Bus Service

We pick up for the 8:15 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.

## Miss A Sermon?

If you miss a Sunday message, you'll find it on our youtube channel. Go to our website at [aboutfirst.com](https://aboutfirst.com) and scroll down to the "sermons" graphic, which will link you to all of our sermons and public videos.

# The Northeast Iowa Food Bank Presents to UWF

The United Women in Faith met Thursday, April 14 in the church parlor. The guest speaker was Susan Enriken from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Susan is the Community Outreach Manager at the Food Bank. She is responsible for the volunteer Department and works with businesses, churches, and organizations for fundraising. Susan and her family live in Hudson.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank (NEIFB) has served 9.4 million meals to people who may be considered food insecure. She shared that in Blackhawk County there are 14,280 food insecure individuals with 4760 of them children. Food insecurity occurs when a person does not have enough money to buy the healthy foods they need, or they may have to skip meals because they do not have enough money to buy food. Worrying about how to feed a family often occurs with poverty and often forces families to make decisions on whether they pay their rent or other bills, purchase medication, or buy food. Food insecurity can be sporadic or chronic.

The NEIFB has several programs to reach the needs of a variety of people: children, older adults, families, and individuals. One program is the Food Pantry which is set up like a grocery store. This pantry serves 3500 families each month. Other programs include 15 mobile sites and a Backpack program for children. The NEIFB partners with 158 schools in our service area enabling them to distribute 2600 food backpacks each week. A community garden is located at the NEIFB site. Last year, the garden supplied the food bank with over 6000 pounds of produce that was made available to people who accessed the weekly Produce Pantry.

Susan indicated that we as a church community, as small groups, large groups, or individuals can assist the food bank by volunteering, hosting a food drive, or becoming a sponsor. They are always in need of volunteers, and you do not need any special skills to be helpful. Also, monetary contributions go a long way. For every \$1.00 donated, the NEIFB can provide up to 4 meals to people in need.

## UMW Upcoming Dates

### MONDAY, MAY 10

9:30 - 11:00 BOARD MEETING, LIBRARY

### THURSDAY, MAY 13

1:00 - 3:00 UNIT MEETING, FELLOWSHIP HALL  
ALI PARRISH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IOWA  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
LORNA ERICSON, WORLD THANK OFFERING  
PAT HUXSOL, DISTRICT SHEPHERDESS

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

10:00 - 11:30 "WHY RACIAL JUSTICE", ZOOM  
THE CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE  
COMMITTEE OF IOWA  
DR. EDDIE MOORE, JR.



## May Bible Verse

Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, rejoice.  
Philippians 4:4



# s'more money!

## May Monthly Mission: A Camping We Will Go!

Remember going to camp as a child? The smell of wood smoke, activities with new friends and eating s'mores. It is our plan at Cedar Falls FUMC to raise "S'more" money for the Iowa United Methodist Camps. Our goal is to raise \$1000 during the month of May.

Director of Camps and Retreats, Bryan Johnson, views youth camping as a way to support youth and the future of United Methodism, "The sustainability of any church relies upon developing and growing the Christian faith in as many as possible. In that vein, Iowa United Methodist Camps are proud to be places where Christ is introduced to young people."

Financial subsidy for Iowa United Methodist Camps has come through the Iowa Apportionment System for decades until recently when changes to the apportionment system have required the camping ministry in Iowa to identify new sources of support.

"While some would see decreased apportionment funding as a bad thing, we see it as a tremendous opportunity to work directly with the tens of thousands of people who have had positive faith experiences at an Iowa United Methodist Camp," said Johnson. "We have an awesome opportunity to engage our alumni and supporters who understand the powerful experiences that camp provides." Please help the camps provide a positive summer experience for Iowa youth by donating to Iowa Methodist Camps this May.

The May mission is the Iowa United Methodist Camps. They rely on donations from individual and churches and are not funded fully by apportionments. Our goal for the month of May is \$1,000.





## Community Meal is Back

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

pm. It is open to anyone in the community as an opportunity to meet with friends, or to stretch their food budget a bit. We host the meal every week, and other area churches take turns providing the meal and the workers. Our church's commitment is the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Thank you to all who have already volunteered to be a part of this. At this point our biggest need is dessert – cookies or bars are preferred. If you are willing to bake for the meal the 4th Tuesdays of each month, please contact Maxine Kehret at 319-610-4191.



## 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](mailto: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 Stitchers &

Quilters also could use decent sized lengths of cotton quilting fabric for comfort quilts, baptism quilts, and quilts for foster kids, as well as school bags and quilts for Midwest Mission. There is a designated bin for your quality fabric donation in the church collection site on the main level of the church in the little hall across from the drinking fountain.



## Help the Wee Ones

Donate to our Wee Care closet. Grateful parents of wee ones come to

our church every Tuesday afternoon to pick up a supply of much needed baby goods. This gap ministry through 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.

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



## Fun Friday Game Nights

Each month, the G3 youth get together for a Fun Friday Game Night. These happen on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month. Our next game night will be Friday, June 3 from 6-7:30 pm. Meet in the Gathering Space and bring your friends for a night of fun and fellowship— dinner will be provided!



## Denver Mission Trip

The G3 Youth will be going on a week-long mission trip to Denver, CO in July! We will be doing service work with a ministry called Urban Immersion, and we will make plenty of time for other fun activities too, like hiking in the beautiful mountains and visiting the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo! We still have room for students and adult volunteers on this fun-filled trip. If you are a 9th-12th grade student and are interested in joining us, please contact Haleigh Derhammer (haleighderhammer@gmail.com) as soon as possible to reserve your spot and to deposit your \$300 for the cost of the trip. If you are an adult who would like to volunteer with the youth for this awesome experience, contact Haleigh for more details.

## Fundraising Update and a Big THANK YOU!

The youth have been working hard to raise money to fully fund our Mission Trip to Denver, CO in July. We hosted a bake sale on Sunday, April 3 with lots of yummy goodies baked by the youth and Linda Kennedy. (Thank you, Linda!) Thanks to your awesome support, the youth raised over \$400 from the bake sale, which will go directly toward funding our Denver mission trip.

We also hosted a pancake fundraiser during our last Wednesday Night meal on April 6. (Thank you to Darren Derhammer for keeping us supplied with delicious pancakes!) Donations from the pancake fundraiser totaled \$300, which will be directly applied toward our Denver mission trip.

Thank you to everyone who helped make these fundraising events a huge success!

## Resurrection Gardens

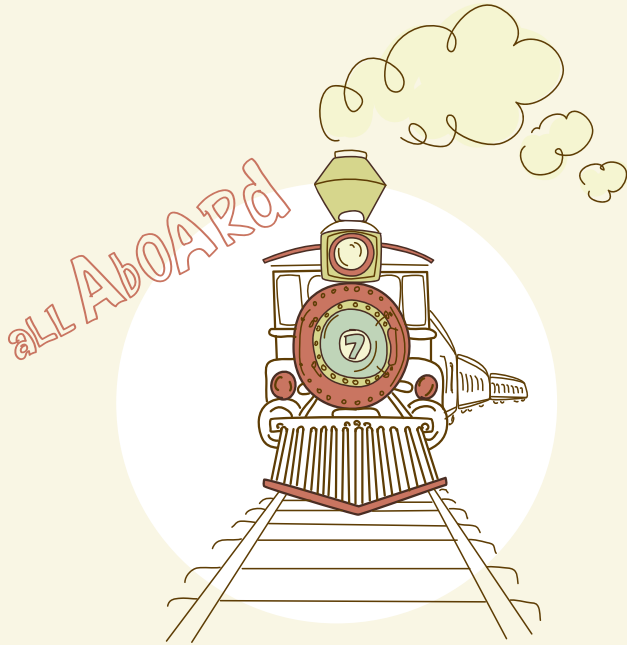
You may have noticed four Resurrection Gardens sitting on the Welcome Center desk in the Gathering Space. These were created by the youth to help celebrate Easter and the miracle of the empty tomb. These Resurrection Gardens will be up through the entire Easter season until Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Vote for your favorite by placing a dollar in the jar next to it! All funds raised will go directly toward our Denver mission trip.

## G3 on Wednesday Nights

G3 Youth activities have officially slowed down for the summer! There will be NO Wednesday night activities in the month of May. We will get together once a month for a fun Wednesday night activity in June, July, and August. ALL youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for fun and fellowship! Watch the upcoming newsletters for more information on these fun events!

# education news

Information about our Sunday School and educational opportunities!



## take note!

Last day of children's Sunday school and Kid's creation corner will be Sunday, May 22nd

## camps

Camps: Iowa United Methodist Camps are open and waiting for campers!

They have camps at Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods. If you are interested in signing your child up to attend a camp contact Jenna Engel at [jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com](mailto:jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com).

## vbs

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School. Come climb aboard for mountains of fun at the Rocky Railroad! On this faith filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Vacation Bible school will be on June 9th-12th.

Thursday, June 9th 5:00-7:30

Friday, June 10th 5:00-7:30

Saturday, June 11th 9:00-Noon

Sunday, June 12th Join us for VBS style church service.

Cost: \$ 5 per kids or \$10 for families.

Registration information to come out soon.

We are in need of volunteers in order to hold VBS. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jenna Engel at [jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com](mailto:jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com)

# Congrats Grads!



**Molly Susan Boevers**

Daughter of Bill and Amy Boevers  
Cedar Falls High School  
Plans to attend Iowa State University.



**Maggie Ann Burgett**

Daughter of Monica Peterson and Scott Burgett  
Denver High School  
Plans to attend Ellsworth Community College to study Animal Science  
Congratulations Maggie!! We are very proud of you  
-Love, Mom and Dad



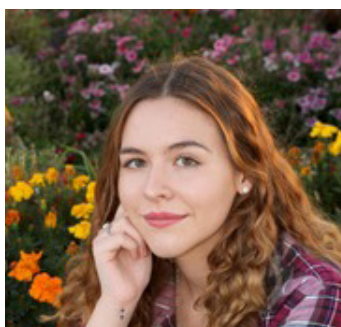
**Sydney Kay Herzmann**

Daughter of Tom and Deana Herzmann  
Cedar Falls High School  
Plans to attend Clarke University in Dubuque to major in Mathematics with a Pre-Veterinary focus and to play college soccer for Clarke University  
We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You set your goals and you go after them. We can't wait to see what you can do in college!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Keegan & Paige



**Phoenix Orion Armstrong Jones**

Son of William and Pamela Jones  
Dike-New Hartford High School  
Plans to work as an auto technician with Witham Auto Center.



**Audrienne Maia Kennedy**

Granddaughter of Linda and Bob Kennedy  
Cedar Falls High School  
Plans to pursue her interest in the Health Care field  
Congratulations, Audrienne! Your family is very proud of you.



**Makayla Sue Kinder**  
Daughter of Jason and Jennifer Kinder  
Cedar Falls High School  
Plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to study Education.



**Harrison Kurt Redfern**  
Son of Don and Lorelei Redfern  
Cedar Falls High School  
Plans to attend college.



**Madelynn Elizabeth Rous**  
Daughter of Denise Maas and Randall Rous  
Waterloo Virtual Academy  
Plans to continue employment as a CNA and begin her college career, focusing her studies in the helping profession.



**Chester Thomas Schofield**  
Son of Tom and Danell Schofield  
Cedar Falls High School  
Plans to attend college  
Congratulations Chet! We are very proud of you and can't wait to see all that you will accomplish next!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Lorrin, Tris & Joe



**Katherine Paige Waltz**  
Daughter of Shane and Tabitha Waltz  
Cedar Falls High School  
Plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in Biology.  
Congratulations on your accomplishment, we can't wait to see what the future holds for you! We love you very much!





## 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.

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

**Marlys Cook, Sharon Kreb,  
Homer Leymaster, Emogene  
Marty, Faye Rohwedder**  
Windhaven Assisted Living  
5500 S. Main St  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Harold Kreb, Lura Treloar**  
Deery Suites  
5307 Caraway Lane  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

**Chuck Roudebush**  
Thuesen Cottage  
5127 Caraway Lane  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

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

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

**Marlene Thurman**  
Birdee Cottage Assisted Living  
& Memory Care  
2221 Fairway Lane  
Waterloo IA 50701

**Darlene Prashak**  
Heritage Care and Rehab  
Center  
501 S. Kentucky Ave  
Mason City IA 50401

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

## Give Through Our Website or Your Phone

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

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

<http://aboutfirst.com/giving>

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



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## Thank You's

Thank you to my church for remembering my birthday. Thank you, Jane, for delivering a beautiful pink carnation. It is always a joy to visit with Jane. Thank you to the staff, too, for the lovely card.  
Pat Powell

Thank you for the pretty yellow carnation that Jane brought to our door for my birthday. I also appreciated the card from the staff very much! It is such a delight to be remembered in special ways like this.  
Pauline Harding

UMC members,  
Even though Darlene was no longer able to attend, her faith remained strong. Her church and members helped her grow a stronger relationship with God, so thank you.  
The family of Darlene Jordan

Dorothy would like to thank everyone for the nice Easter cards she received and enjoyed hearing from everyone. Your prayers are helping. She is doing much better and can walk on her own and do most things for herself now. God bless all, Jim Schwab

Thank you to the creative and agile person who hung the doves in the entryway.

## Sympathy

Dawn Murdock died March 29. She was the daughter-in-law of Nancy Murdock and sister-in-law of Cindy Spragg.

Keep Julee Bernard and her family in your prayers. Her mother, Jean Telleen, died April 4 in Ames.

Kent Miller, a former member and custodian, died April 2 in Cody, Wyoming. Keep his family in your prayers.

Keep Hal Scarbrough and his family in your prayers on the death of his wife, Connie, on April 12.

Keep Carol Farrell in your prayers. Her sister, Freda May Hansen, died April 12 at age 97.

## Welcome

Cole Jon Immerzeel, son of Ashley Immerzeel and grandson of Kathy Quackenbush, was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 17.

These young people completed their confirmation studies and were confirmed on April 24:

Tula Greuel

Chelsea Jones

Megan Kinder

Rush L'Heureux

Jenna Waltz

Paige Wilson

Camden Wroe

## Hospital reminder

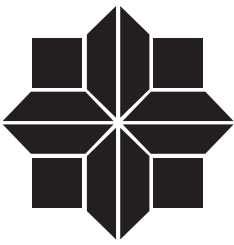
Governmental regulations prohibit health care facilities (this includes hospitals, assisted living and nursing homes) from sharing information about their patients and residents, so if you want your church family to know you need our love and prayers, please call the church office.

## 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.

## 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.



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## First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls

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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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