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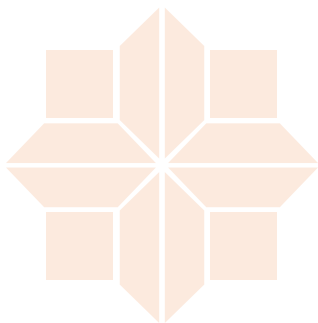
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Stephen Ministry Update

To grow this ministry it was our hope to have a training class begin in October finishing the end of winter but with only 1 person ready to start, we were not able to move forward with it.

Currently we have only 5 trained Stephen Ministers "walking" with someone in our congregation dealing with a loss of some kind. We know that many others would benefit from this ministry to support and encourage them on their life's journey during stress and loss.

Perhaps the timing this fall/winter training was not possible for you to attend but you have a strong interest in this ministry and taking a future training. Please prayerfully consider being a part of a shorter training we hope to provide February-April 2023 on Wednesday mornings from 10:00a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Come see us in the church parlor for an informational open house about this ministry on Sunday AM, November 13th, in between services. - FUMC Stephen Ministry leaders: Sandy Noelting, Dee Behr and Jan Hoover

Let's Do (Christmas) Lunch!

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

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

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

The cost of the meal is \$10.00 and can be paid at the door! (There will be extra Ham Balls available for sale after the event!) Please RSVP by December 2nd to Maxine Kehret at 319-610-4191 (can leave a message or text that number). Circle members please RSVP to your Circle Leaders!

Treasure in the Psalms

I discovered a treasure in the Bible, right smack in the middle of the Bible, literally.

In a devotion I was reading I came across Psalm 117. The words were so beautiful and so perfect for that particular day.

Psalm 117

1 Praise the LORD, all you nations.

Praise him, all you people of the earth.

2 For his unfailing love for us is powerful;
the LORD's faithfulness endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

(New Living Translation)

The words of God's unfailing love for me, for us, being powerful and God's enduring faithfulness really caught my attention and my imagination. Imagine, God's love for us never fails, I fail, how about you? God's love never does. And the idea of God being faithful, faithful to God's promises, faithful to me. That is a treasure.

I wondered what the rest of the chapter said, so I looked it up. That was the rest of the chapter. Psalm 117 only has only 2 verses.

And I thought, look at that, it's a prayer, it's a chapter, and you could memorize it. It's a treasure.

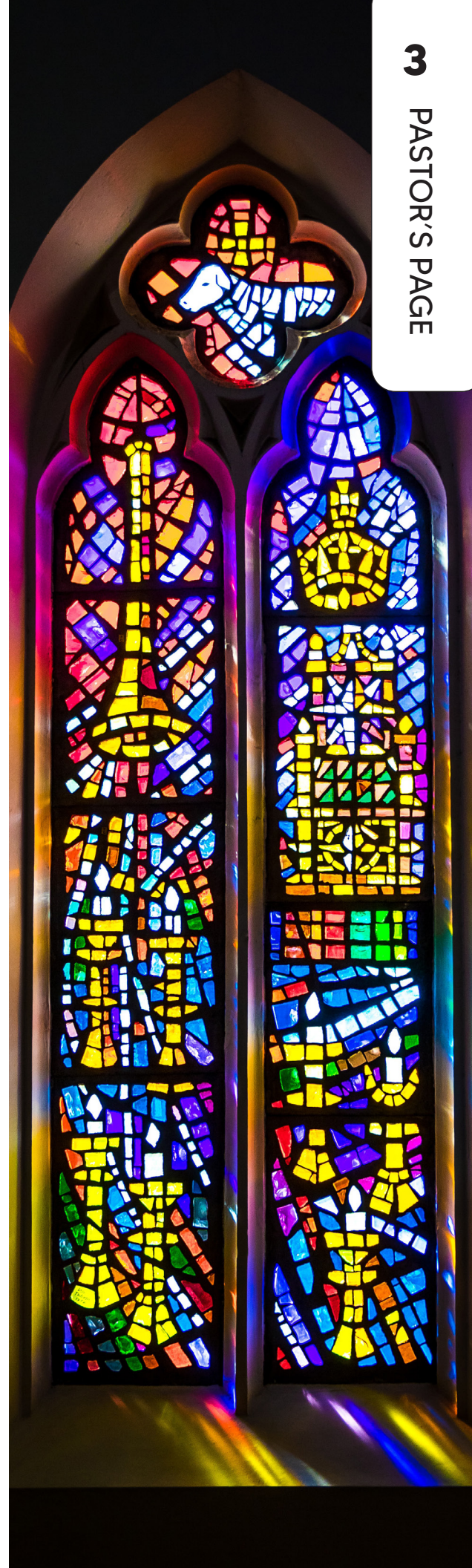
I can't let stuff like that go when it comes to the Bible. I wondered if it was the shortest Psalm. So I did a little research and in fact it is the shortest Psalm. Actually it is the shortest chapter in the Bible. And get this, it is the chapter of the Bible that is right in the middle of the Bible.

Right there in the middle of the Bible, short and sweet is a reminder to Praise our Lord for unfailing love and enduring faithfulness.

Studying God's word never gets old, there is always something new to discover about God, and about myself.

How about you? What treasures have you uncovered in God's word?

Pastor Karen





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November 1 - Grief Support Session

Where: Parlor

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 pm

The First UMC Grief Support Team offers many types of support depending upon the individual's needs. These group grief support sessions are open to all who are grieving a loss. If you wish some additional support, please do not hesitate to call the church office and you will be directed. New participants are always welcome.

Nov. 4 - Fun Friday Game Night

Where: Gathering Place

When: 6:00-7:30 pm

Each month, the G3 youth get together for a Fun Friday Game Night. These happen on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month. Meet in the Gathering Space and bring your friends for a night of fun and fellowship— dinner will be provided!

Nov. 8 - Card Making Party

Where: Gathering Place (Come and Go)

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Come join the fun! Come-and-Go and Come-as-You-Are and help us make cards to sell on the

card rack outside the church office. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. Buy some cards and send them for Thanksgiving! Cards are only \$.50 each and this time profits go to House of Hope. Last quarter over \$170.00 was collected and given to the Ingathering to help send the kits to Midwest Mission.

Nov. 13 - Stephen Ministry Open House

Where: Church Parlor

Time: Sunday morning

Many benefit from this ministry to support and encourage others on life's journey during stress and loss. Come see us in the church parlor for an informational open house about training we hope to provide in February-April 2023 for this ministry.

Nov. 17 - First Friends Potluck and Fellowship

Where: Gathering Place

When: 9 am to 12 pm

Welcome! First Friends Potluck and Fellowship meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Gathering Space. Come and join us on November 17 for good food, fellowship and fun. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with others in the church and have lunch with the church staff. Couples and singles are



welcome. Bring a dish to serve and your own table service. We will have the coffee pot on and ready to serve at 12:00. Dominoes, cribbage, and card games follow the meal until 2:00.

Nov. 18 - Angel Tree Tags Available

Where: Gathering Place

When: Nov. 18- Dec. 9

Select a tag, purchase the gift, and return the gift to the church by Friday, December 9. We'd appreciate it if you would wrap it, but you may bring it back unwrapped. Please be sure the tag is securely attached. If you'd prefer not to shop feel free to make a donation and we'll shop for you! For more info see Page 8.

Nov. 20 - Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors

Where: Gathering Place

When: 10:15 am

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

Nov. 28 - Crafters Corner

Where: Parlor

When: 6:00-8:00 pm

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

Nov. 28 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30-6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, November 28th 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.

November 27 - Memory Tree

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

Donations for Wednesday night meals

The Filling Station meal is a big hit on Wednesday nights, but we could use a little help to make the meals especially delicious without breaking the budget this year. Below is a list of food items that are needed:

Hamburger, Chicken, Large bags of Tater Tots, Large Bags of Fries, Frozen Vegetables, Frozen Fruit

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

Save the Date:

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

SUNDAY MORNING

Worship Schedule

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

HOW TO WORSHIP ONLINE

Option 1

Watch Live

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

aboutfirst.com

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

Option 2

Watch Later

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

www.youtube.com/c/FirstUMCCF

Miss A Sermon?

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

FIRST UMC IS ON CABLE TV

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

Cedar Falls (CFU) Channels 18 and 95.5,

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

Waterloo (MediaCom) Channel 17,

Sundays @ 11:am & 8:pm

Bus Service

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

FACEBOOK DEVOTION

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

Find Your Place

In God's Great Story!

Rebuilding the Usher Corps

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

Tech Volunteers

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

Join HOME Team!

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

Calling All Singers!

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

Greeting

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

Coffee & Fellowship

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

Communion Prep

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

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

November Mission of The Month



The Giving Tree

November is a time of harvest and abundance, but not all of us are blessed with plenty. So, this month we have a variety of mission opportunities to assist those living in scarcity. This month's missions that we are supporting include House of Hope, Love Inc. (Wee Care), Bibles for Women at the Well, Salvation Army and Heifer International. You will find the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space. Take an envelope and follow the instructions to contribute to:

House of Hope

This agency provides:

- A permanent home for two years.
- Support and resources for finding work and/or completing an education.
- Child care.
- Transportation assistance.

We'll be raising money for the Transitional Housing listed above.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army gives out around 1300 bus pass-

es each year to low income clients. This service helps people in the Cedar Valley get to work, school and to doctor appointments.

Heifer International

Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Heifer does this by providing appropriate livestock, training and related services to communities of small-scale farmers worldwide.

Wee Care

The Wee Care ministry helps provide diapers and other baby items for those in the Cedar Valley who are in need of such items. This is a part of the Love INC ministries organization.

Women at the Well

We'll be raising money for Bibles for the women incarcerated at Mitchellville.

Angel Tree for Area Families

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

The Angel Tree and wish list tags will be on display in the Gathering Space starting Friday, November 18th.

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

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



Community Meal

A free meal is served every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. It is open to anyone in the community as an opportunity to meet with friends, or to

stretch their food budget a bit. We host the meal every week, and other area churches take turns providing the meal and the workers. Our church's commitment is the 4th Tuesday of each month.

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



Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

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

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



Help the Wee Ones

Donate to our Wee Care closet. Grateful parents of wee ones come to our church every Tuesday afternoon to pick up a supply of much needed

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



Be a Blessing to Someone

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

Save the date! APRIL 15, 2023

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

Remember First UMC on *Giving Tuesday*

Giving Tuesday is a global celebration of generosity that encourages individuals to make gifts of support to their favorite charitable organization. Giving Tuesday is November 29 this year, and we invite you to remember your church on that day. Your gifts to First UMC will further our ministries of worship, learning, spiritual care, humanitarian aid, faith development, and personal encouragement as we pursue our mission to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



G3 YOUTH

Fun Friday Game Nights!

Each month, the G3 youth get together for a Fun Friday Game Night. These

happen on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month. Our next game night is scheduled for Friday, November 4 from 6:00-7:30. Our December game night will be Friday, December 2 from 6:00-7:30. Meet in the Gathering Space and bring your friends for a night of fun and fellowship— dinner will be provided!

CrazyFunBusy Wednesday Nights on the Third Floor

Join us each Wednesday night for worship, games, and small group connections with G3 youth! Come to the Filling Station starting at 5pm, then join us on the third floor for fun and fellowship starting at 6pm. Bring your friends! We can't wait to see you!



Thank You for Supporting G3 Youth!

The youth are already hard at work fundraising for next summer's mission trip! Our fall fundraising kicked off with a cake walk at the Harvest Hullabaloo celebration on October 26— thank you to all who donated baked goods and participated in the cake walk to help us raise money! Fundraising continued with cookie jar sales on October 30, made by our youth during our fall lock-in. Thanks to your support, the youth are already off to a great start with their fundraising efforts, and we can't wait for the mission trip in 2023! Mission trips are one of the most memorable and faith-forming events for youth, and congregational support is what makes them possible. Thank you all for contributing to this experience for our youth!

Youth Babysitting Night Fundraiser on December 10

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



education news

Information about our Sunday School and educational opportunities!

save the date

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



children's holiday schedule

Wednesday Night Activities Schedule

No BLAST on Nov. 23rd

Last BLAST on Dec 7th

Children Sunday School Schedule

No Sunday School on Nov. 27th

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

Email jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com for more information or if you are interested in helping.

fun times

Harvest Hullabaloo

Harvest Hullabaloo was a success! We would like to thank everyone that help put on the event. It was so much fun seeing all the families and kids in customs with smiles on their faces.



November Bible Verse

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. NIV
Deuteronomy 8:10

United Women in Faith Update

United Women in Faith October Meeting

The UWF unit meeting was held on October 12 at 6:30 in conjunction with the More Than Moms group. The speaker was Liz Melcher from HOPES.

Liz Melcher has worked for Lutheran Services in Iowa for 10 years. She is the Early Childhood Service Coordinator for Black Hawk, Tama, and Benton counties. Liz has a bachelor's degree in Social Work, is a Nationally Certified Family Support Specialist, a Certified Lactation Consultant and is trained in Labor and Postpartum Doula practices and Childbirth Education.

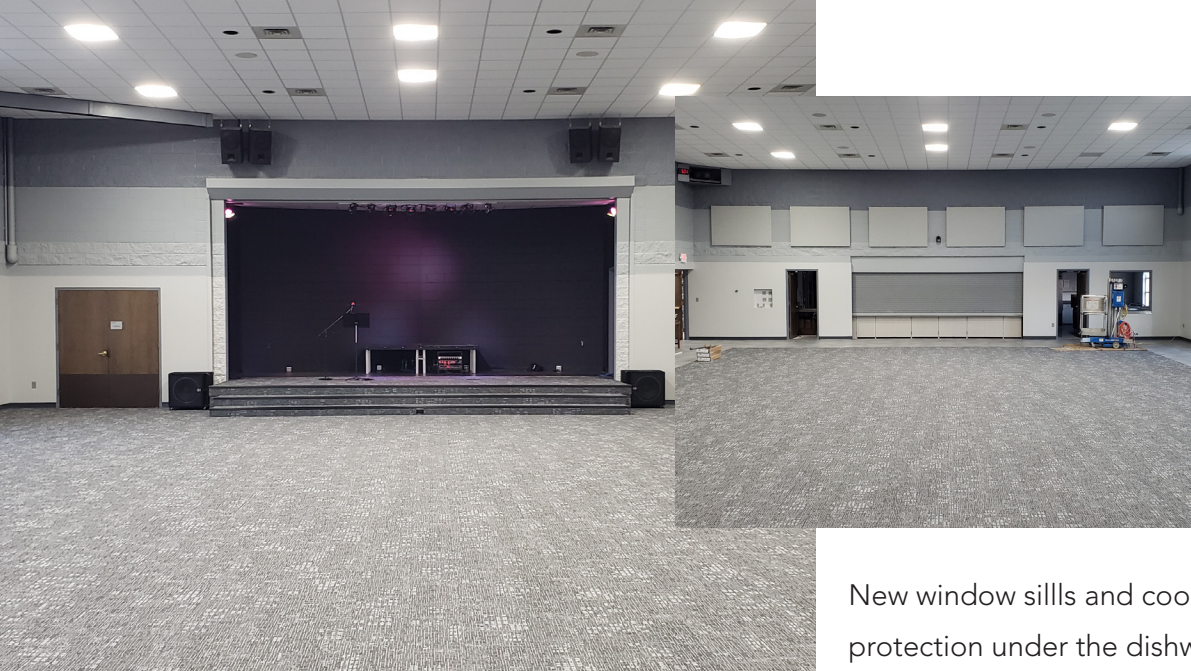
HOPES (Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success) is an early childhood home visiting program in Black Hawk County. It is a free and voluntary program. The main focus of the HOPES program is to meet families where they're at and support them through their baby's first years of life. The target enrollment population is prenatal through the first 90 days of life and home visitors will stay with the family until the child is 3-5 years old. At each visit the home visitor will provide parenting education and an activity for the parent and child to do together. Home visitors also complete several screenings and assessments

with families on a regular basis. If there are any needs that arise referrals are made for further screening. Home visitors will also connect families to community resources that may benefit the family.

The Family Support and Wellness program addresses these issues. When a mother successfully completes its components, she can earn scholarship for additional education.

Boost is an exciting program that helps to build employment by elevating job skills enabling a woman to work in higher paying and more fulfilling jobs. By partnering with area businesses, 6-week job shadow experiences allow women to experience new types of employment that can lead to higher paying jobs and decrease or eliminate dependency on community resources.

House of Hope is entirely community funded. This allows the agency to manage their programs and adjust as the needs of the community evolve. An example of this flexibility is a program created during the pandemic that kept 72 families in their homes. If House of Hope was government funded, it is unlikely that they would have been able to do this. They have 12 staff, 9 of whom are fulltime. They rely heavily on volunteers.



stalled high impact abuse resistant 5/8-inch gypsum wall boards on the lower walls. All lower walls, door and window trims were painted by church volunteers.

New window sills and coordinating wall protection under the dishwasher opening were added. High quality vinyl flooring was installed in meal service and high traffic areas, and carpet tiles in the remaining center floor area. And the stage platform was redesigned and rebuilt.

The committee is grateful for the support from staff and - especially - Custodian John for all their help.

We met our goal of getting the remodel completed in a month as the Contemporary service opened fellowship hall on Oct. 30. It has been a great experience (next - maybe we can get some new chairs?).

Thank you - Cynthia Kenyon, John Bentley, Gale Bonsall, Chris Congdon, Maxine Kehret, Scott Kober, Karen Nelsen, Sandy Noelting, Craig Schwerdtfeger

Fellowship Hall Remodel

The Fellowship Hall committee is pleased to announce that the hall is open for business!

The journey began when funds from church members were available for fellowship hall. All the remodel decisions were made last summer and early September, and the committee made sure all products could be delivered and installed in October! Our goal was to get this major job done in a month to disrupt church life in as short a time as possible.

We started to dismantle the stage with a great group of volunteers after the contemporary service on Sunday, September 25. Green chairs were moved out Monday evening by hard-working boy scouts. After community meals on September 27, volunteers and professionals removed the carpets from the walls and floors.

Every aspect of the room was touched

We were focused on updating, acoustics, contemporary service, and meal service functions. To meet our acoustic needs (once the carpet was off the walls), we replaced all ceiling tiles with a higher acoustic sound absorption value. Look up and see how clean and nice the ceiling looks! We added acoustic panels on the west wall (opposite the stage broadcast). We in-

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

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



Send a Card or Note

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

them a call or a card. We still have updated photo directories at our Welcome Center. Pick one up Monday-Friday.

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Marilyn Pape**
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Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Sharon Krebs, Homer
Leymaster, Emogene Marty,
Marcia Simpson**
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Give Through Our Website or Your Phone

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

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

<http://aboutfirst.com/giving>

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



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Good News!

Dorothy Schwab is moving back to Cedar Falls around November 5 to be near her family, friends, and the church. You are welcome to stop by to visit her anytime you can. Her new address will be:

New Aldaya Lifescapes
7511 University Ave Rm MCH#4
Cedar Falls IA 50613
(507) 279-1290

Thank You

Thank you so much for the carnation Jane brought to our house to celebrate my birthday. I appreciate the flower and the thoughts and prayers from our church family.

Nick Teig

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for my Daughter-In-Law Janet Simpson. She has completed her treatments. At this point she is cancer clear and is doing well.

Once again God has blessed my family with healing. God Bless you all and once again Thank you for all the support.

Sandy Simpson and Family

Thank you to Jane Wyckoff for the flower and to the staff at FUMC for the handmade card for my birthday.

Gary Korte

I would like to thank everyone who attended the brunch and donated to help my medical bills. Words can not express the feelings of love and family I felt on that day. A special thank you to Carol Dick, Jan Hoover, and Julie Fee for organizing this event, also a big thank you to Genevieve Shafer for sharing her time and knowledge to help me better understand the billing and paperwork. This really has strengthened my love and faith in God.

John Bentley

We are so very, very appreciative, grateful, and thankful for your loving and generous partnership with Love INC. Thank you for the gift to our mattress ministry. You're the best!

Jenny, Luann, Codi & Riley
Love INC of the Cedar Valley

Thanks to Jane for the delivery of a beautiful Autumn carnation for my 84th birthday and the church staff's lovely card. Also much thanks for the love & hugs from my church family since Bud passed. God is good!
Buelah Stock

Thank you for the beautiful carnation delivered by Jane Wyckoff and the many cards sent by members of the church. It is so nice to be remembered.

Marilyn Roudebush

Thank you so much for the sympathy cards and prayers on the passing of my brother in the Philippines. DS, Rev. Dr. Domingo Vidad Jr.. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Fely, Tim Houts and the family Vidad

Sympathy

Jon Cooper and his family on the death of his grandfather.

Nona Kruger on the death of her sister.

Gale Bonsall on the death of his mother.

Fely & Tim Houts and Fely's family. Her brother, Domingo "Junior" Vidad died October 10. Junior was a United Methodist District Superintendent in the Philippines.

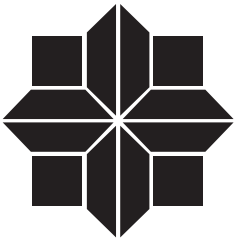
Keep Vivian Hill and her family in your prayers. Her brother, Dick Blasjo of California, died in October.

Hospital reminder

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

Join the Facebook Group

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



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

Television

Cedar Falls (CFU) Channels 18 or 95.5
Friday @ 8:00 pm, Sunday @ 9:00 am
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