

# aboutfirst news



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

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## God's Masterpiece

I have spent my first few weeks as your associate pastor meeting wonderful people and trying to remember your names. (Please be patient with me.) I want to thank you all for the warm welcome.

I think I am going to like it here!

As I left the church after a meeting one evening my prayer of gratitude to God was, "Good work, God, you have really put a fine church together here."

God answers me back sometimes by reminding me of scripture and the verse that came to my mind was about God's masterpiece. I hurried home to look the verse up.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. - Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

What a fitting description of the people I have met at Cedar Falls First United Methodist Church, God's masterpiece! A masterpiece is not any ordinary piece of work. It is something that has taken a great deal of time and attention. It is something that tops everything else. It is a showpiece, an object of great pride. You are God's masterpiece, something God wants to put on display for all to admire, a reflection of the artist, the Master, our God.

Do you know why I think that is true of this church?

- I have met faithful dedicated leaders who serve God with joy.
- I am getting to know a staff that looks at their job as a ministry, not as tasks to be accomplished.
- The halls of this church are filled with joy and kindness not just on Sunday morning but every day of the week, all times of the day.
- There is an awareness of the needs of the community and a willingness to meet those needs.
- There is care and compassion for one another.

Do you see yourself the way God sees you, not just as a church but as individuals? Do you see yourself as God's masterpiece? That is what you are. I challenge you to remind yourself of that every day, then no matter what comes your way you will remember your worth in God's eyes. You have been created anew, everyday to do the good things God has planned for you to do. That is true for us as individuals as well as the church.

I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve the Living God along side you, one of God's greatest works, God's masterpiece.

Pastor Karen

## Community Meals are Back!

They will begin again in September. They are served every Tuesday night from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. The First United Methodist Church covers the fourth Tuesday of each month. The day begins with meal prep beginning shortly after noon and continuing with serving and clean-up lasting until about 7:00pm. Volunteers are always appreciated. Donations of dessert items are also appreciated. Eleven other churches are involved with this community outreach and prepare meals for the first, second, third, and fifth Tuesdays of the month. They are Nazareth Lutheran, St. Patrick's Catholic, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Tim's UMC, Masjid Al-Noor Islamic Community, First Christian Church, St. Luke's Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist, United Church of Christ, and Community of Christ. Everyone is encouraged to come to the church for a home cooked meal on any Tuesday of the month. It is wonderful to see one of our biggest community outreach missions coming alive again. Come join us.

## Chancel Choir Resumes

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." After a year of uncertainty, Psalm 100 gives us a clear command, "serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." For several months, I have had the wonderful opportunity to lead you in worship. Recently, I have counted it a great joy to hear so many in our congregation lifting their voices to the Lord. I often think why aren't they in choir? Consider this your open invitation. Now is the perfect time to consider singing with the Chancel Choir. You do not have to commit to singing with the choir weekly. You don't even have to read music; we will help you find your voice. Junior high to senior citizens and every age in between is welcome to fellowship and serve the Lord with gladness and singing. Choir rehearsals will resume on August 11th at 7:30pm.



## 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.

## New Worship Schedule Q & A's



### Worship Times beginning September 12th!

The Worship Time Taskforce met 3 times April 27, May 19 and June 16 and reported to the Church Council on June 29th with following worship times. The Council voted the new times be implemented:

- 8:15 Sanctuary Worship
- 9:15 Transformation Worship
- 10:15 Sunday School for children and adults
- 11:15 Sanctuary Worship

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Why not the same worship times as before?**

Due to the change in staff and the difficulty of staffing two services at 8:30 (both musical staff and Audio/Visual staff) it was the right time to consider a change.

**How many services can we carry with new staffing beginning July 2021?**

Many churches have 3 or more services and 3 services was what we were used to offering. Our pastors and staff have experience with 3 services on a Sunday and feel it can be done effectively.

**Where does Sunday School fit? How do we best serve children/families?**

The desire to allow for a stand-alone Sunday School time was seen as a good offering for most families and children to participate. This gives family's an option of worship before or after the Sunday School time.

**What if an adult Sunday School wants to meet at another time?**

It will be encouraged that small groups (including Sunday School classes) can meet at alternative times that may work best for the group. A Sunday School class can meet at 9:15 if that works for the majority of the class.

**Where is time for fellowship?**

Fellowship time can still be offer beginning at 9am and ending at 11:15am.

**What can the length of service be going forward? What is necessary in order of worship?**

The Worship Design Team will be looking to create a 45 minute service for all 3 services. Therefore, we can expect a different look to the services but music and preaching will be a high priority for all the services.

**How will online and TV options be offered in future?**

The online and TV options will continue to be offered. However, the 11:15am may not be offered as a live stream option in the beginning.

### Miss A Sermon?

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

# Welcome home

EXPERIENCE LOVE FIRST

**September 8, at 5:30p.m.**

Join us on September 8th to celebrate coming back together again! We will have food trucks, games, prizes, live music, a bouncy house, and information about all our church has to offer! Bring a few friends and newcomers! We are more than just a church, we are a home. Let's welcome more neighbors, friends and strangers to share life and God's grace here at First United Methodist Church. We are excited to celebrate with you!

Activities will start at 5:30 p.m. and wrap up at 8 p.m. If you would like to help us and get involved, we have several options for volunteers. Man an information table, give guided tours, help set up or help with games and fun! Email Jenna at [jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com](mailto:jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com) for more details and ways you can get involved!

**A celebration of  
coming back,  
being together  
and reaching out!**

## Stephen Ministers: The After People

Stephen Ministers are there:

- After the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- After the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- After the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- After the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- After the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."



- After the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away – and the house suddenly seems empty.
- After the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- After the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- After you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- After your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers at FUMC are ready to come along side of you – or your friends, relatives, coworkers, or neighbors – and provide, comfort, and support for as long after as needed. Call the church office to be connected to a Stephen Minister leader.



## 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.

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

**Marlys Cook, Nola Kelly,  
Faye Rohwedder**  
Stanard Assisted Living  
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Homer Leymaster, Chet Starr**  
Windhaven Assisted Living  
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Deery Suites  
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Cedar Falls IA 50613

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Pinnacle Care  
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Cedar Falls IA 50613

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Friendship Village Lakeview Lodge  
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Waterloo IA 50701

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Heritage Care and Rehab Center  
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Mason City IA 50401

**Linda Rundall**  
Sunrise Hill Care & Rehab Center  
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Traer IA 50675

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Manchester IA 52057

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Austin, MN 68022

**John Stater**  
CountryHouse Residences  
3720 George B Lake Parkway Apt 12  
Elkhorn NE 68022

# Take a Free Ride

## Bus Service Rides Again!

We are now picking up for the 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.

## August 3 - Grief Support Session

**When:** Tuesday, August 3rd, 2:00 to 3:30 pm

**Where:** Church Parlor

If you are grieving the loss of someone special, we invite you to join us in the church parlor on Tuesday, August 3rd from 2:00 to 3:30 pm for a time of sharing. No reservations are required. This is a safe, confidential environment for all. Please call Carol through the church office with questions.

## August 8 - Retirement for Doug

**When:** Immediately after 8:30 Service

**Where:** Gathering Place

Doug Shaffer has retired! Come help us shower him in love and thanks for all the years of beautiful music he has played for us! We will celebrate with something sweet!

## August 9 and 23 - Crafters' Corner

**Where:** Parlor

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

Get your crafting project lined up and join the group on second and fourth 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](mailto:crystalwilken@gmail.com) with any questions.

## August 23- LifeServe Blood Drive

**Where:** Gathering Place

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

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, August 23rd 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).

## September 8- Welcome Home Event

**Where:** Gathering Place

**When:** 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us on the 8th to celebrate coming back together again! We will have food trucks, games, prizes, live music and information about all our church has to offer! Bring a few friends and newcomers! We are excited to celebrate with you!

Regular Wednesday Night Activities start up Sept. 15th. Meal will be served at 5:00pm in the Gathering Space.

## VBS Volunteers Needed

Join us on August 4th for VBS Camp E.D.G.E. Our VBS this year will be in the form of a day camp. In order to have successful VBS we need volunteers. Here are the areas where we could use you:

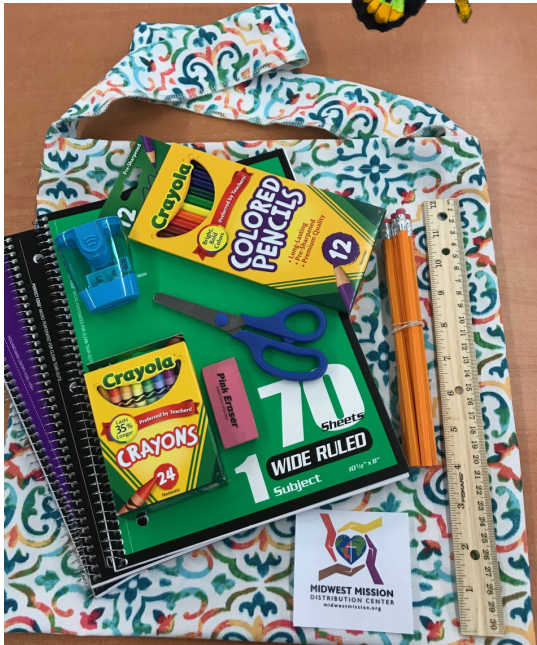
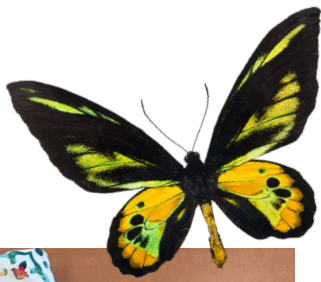
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Group Leaders - Need 2 volunteers
- Adventure Time Leader- Need 2 volunteers
- Science Leader- Need 2 volunteers

Please contact Jenna Engle at [jenna.engle@aboutfirst.com](mailto:jenna.engle@aboutfirst.com) for more information,

## Join the Facebook Group

We have created a Facebook group called **First Friends and Family** to allow everyone to interact and share the ways they are finding to Love First. This group was developed so we as a church family could stay connected while we are social distancing. Head over to our church Facebook page, select 'visit group'. You should find the button under the banner. Want to join? Click the member request button and we will be sure to add you, or send a note to Chris or Jenna and we'll connect you.





## Midwest Mission Kits

Our Monthly Mission for August is Midwest Missions. Our goal is to send 300 School Kits and 100 Personal Dignity Kits to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. There they will collect and disperse these kits all over the USA and overseas. We will also need monetary donations to mail the kits. These are the supplies we will need:

### School supplies for School Kits

- 3 - 8 x 10 ½ spiral-bound one-subject notebooks, 70-80 pgs each (wide OR college rule)
- 1 - pencil sharpener (hand held - at least 1" long)
- 6 - unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 - box 24 crayons (ONLY 24 count, please)
- 1 - box of 12 colored pencils
- 1 - pair BLUNT scissors (rounded tip metal blade)
- 1 - 2 inch or larger eraser
- 1 - 12 inch/30 centimeter ruler (hard or flexible, must be flat and have metric markings)

Some of these supplies are on sale right now so it's a great time to add a few items to your shopping cart.



### Personal Dignity Kits

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

### Kit Contains:

\$2 donation for razor and toothpaste

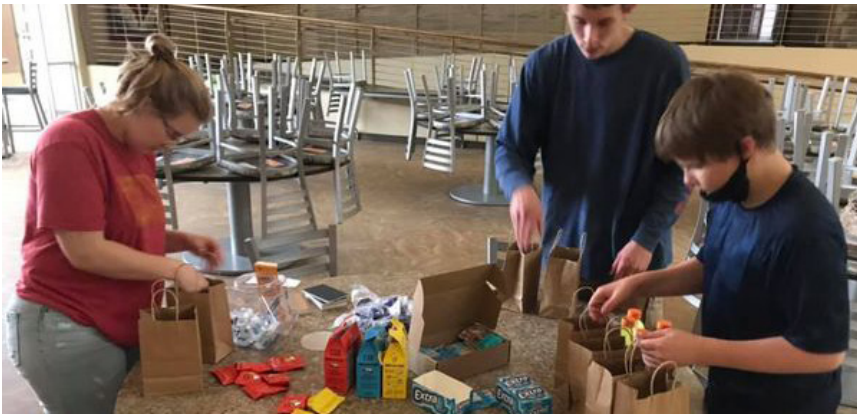
All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag

It's not necessary to provide the entire kit. If you are willing to donate some of supplies, kind people at our church will assemble bags for the Ingathering in November.

## Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Dive into God's word and the story of his work on the earth. Learn to live your life with eternal significance and purpose. Register for Perspectives on the World Christian Movement. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sunday afternoons, August 22 - December 5, 2:00-5:00 pm. \$220 registration. \$25 Early Bird Discount if registered by July 22nd. First United Methodist Church offers a \$100 scholarship, too. Register at [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org). For more information, email them at [cfperspectives@gmail.com](mailto:cfperspectives@gmail.com).





## Youth make Care Packages for Our Local Heros

Thanks to a partnership with the United Methodist Women, our youth were the recipients of a “Be Bold” Grant that they have been able to use toward many service projects this year. Their most recent project involved making care packages for the Cedar Falls Public Safety to thank them for their service to our community. The youth assembled 66 packages total– enough for every single PSO. Thank you to all those who work tirelessly to keep us safe! We appreciate you! Well done, youth!

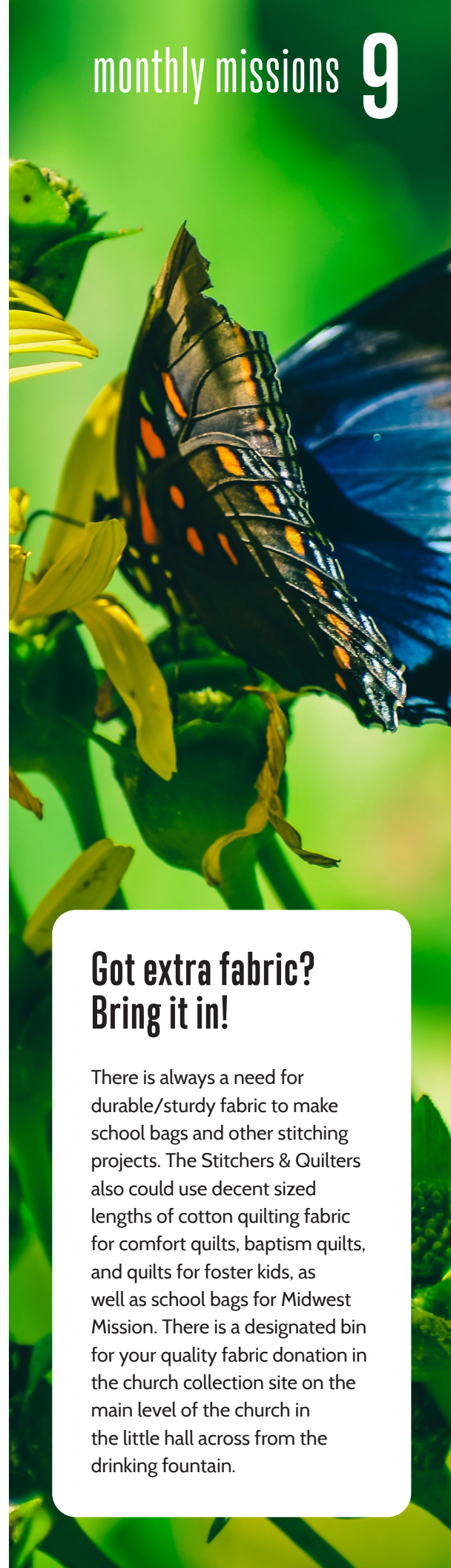
## Be a Blessing to Someone - Love INC

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.

### Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

There is always a need for durable/sturdy fabric to make school bags and other stitching projects. The Stitchers & Quilters also could use decent sized lengths of cotton quilting fabric for comfort quilts, baptism quilts, and quilts for foster kids, as well as school bags for Midwest Mission. There is a designated bin for your quality fabric donation in the church collection site on the main level of the church in the little hall across from the drinking fountain.



## RESPONSE Moment Training for the Future

United Methodist Women empowerment grants help young women in Sierra Leone's beauty business pursue their dreams.

by Keziah Kargbo (journalist on the United Methodist Women Sierra Leone Country Team)

The United Methodist Economic Development Initiative provides these grants to deserving young women. Rachel Caulker, 28 and Fatmata Mary Sheku both received grants. Rachel studied to become a makeup artist. Rachel's salon is in Kissy in the eastern Freetown region of Sierra Leone. With COVID-19 infection rates waning her shop is picking up. Rachel is pleased that her clients are coming in for her services. She retorts, "I get income in several ways. I do makeup for weddings, parties and other activities, thus providing a means of livelihood".

Fatmata says and I quote, "They have given me the opportunity to learn the skills that have provided me a source of income". Fatmata is studying sociology at Fourah Bay College and the income from her training is paying for her education. For casual makeup she earns \$10 to \$15 and for a wedding party she earns about \$150. She goes on to say, "So, my total income depends on how best I market my brand". She feels she will be better situated to have an income after college in case there is not an immediate opening in her field of study.

Cosmetology is a growing business in Sierra Leone and many young women see it as an "entrepreneurial venture." United Methodist Women members' Mission Giving supports this initiative.

*Paraphrased by Stephanie Buchs, Education and Interpretation Coordinator*

There are so many wonderful articles in this current issue. Stop in the library and read how United Methodist Women are working throughout the world.



## UMW Reading Program

There is a shelf in the FUMC library dedicated to the United Methodist Women's READING PROGRAM

**So here is the challenge** – begin with PLAN I: 5 books this year. Choose one book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Good luck and joy in your reading!



## August Bible Verse

**Every word of God is flawless;  
He is a shield to those who take  
refuge in Him.**

**Proverbs 30:5 (NIV)**

## Mission Witness

The quilting class started in 1987 by members who loved making quilts, pillows and crafts.

One day, we received a request to make craft items for veterans and members of the armed services in our area. The Quilters at Riley Center began to make lap quilts and pillows to donate. This project was the beginning of many years of witnessing the love of serving others while making someone feel loved and appreciated. Our motto is, "We are Stitching to Serve and the needle is the foundation for creating Love."

*Theresa Johnson, United Community Center,  
Birmingham, Alabama Taken from the "Prayer Calendar  
- 2021"*



# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

## Making a Joyful Noise

Throughout this pandemic, one thing we miss the most is our music! As we ramp-up toward a full re-opening in the fall, our music team leaders will be re-starting our long tradition of excellent music in worship. Now would be a great time to consider singing with the Chancel Choir, ringing with a bell choir (we'll teach you!) or playing in the Transformation Praise Team. There's a place for every voice and every instrument. We guarantee you'll have a good time with other good people, and praise God in the process. Watch for start-up info as we get deeper into summer.

## 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 as they arrive.

## Welcome Desk

Here you will be a point person to 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.

## 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.

## Ushers

We need ushers to Welcomes those that enter the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. Ushers will pass the offering plate and pick up attendance pads.

## B.L.A.S.T. Volunteers

Email [jenna.engle@aboutfirst.com](mailto:jenna.engle@aboutfirst.com) for more information.

## Worship Tech Team

We'll train you to operate the video and audio systems to enhance the worship experience for those who attend in-person and those who watch online. The Worship Tech Team is a fun way to be a valuable asset to your church. Any adult or youth over 14 yrs. More information at [aboutfirst.com/tech](http://aboutfirst.com/tech)

## Virtual Greeters

Help us connect with more people in our digital sanctuary!

During the sermon, log on and say hello! You can then engage with people as they log on or comment, and help identify visitors and interact with them. Let's treat our Virtual space as a home and welcome people in!

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## SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 Traditional Worship Service - in-person or join us on the livestream

10:00 Transformation Worship Service - in-person or on the livestream

### Children's Sunday School Online

Children's Sunday School is on break for the summer. Previous months worksheets are always available at [aboutfirst.com/sonday-school](http://aboutfirst.com/sonday-school).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT - your church night

Our Wednesday night program is suspended through the summer. We'll see you back in September. Have a great summer!

## How to Worship Online

### Option 1

#### Facebook Live Stream

Watch Sunday worship live, as it happens on our First UMC Facebook page.  
[facebook.com/firstumccfmedia/](https://facebook.com/firstumccfmedia/)

### Option 2

#### aboutfirst.com

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

## First UMC is on Cable TV

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

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

**Waterloo (MediaCom)** Channel 17, Sundays @ 11:am & 8:pm

## 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.



## Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - August 15 - 9:30 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, August 15 at 9:30am 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!

## 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>

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# Vacation Bible School Registration Form

## August 4

Pre- registration is suggested. Please return completed forms to Jenna Engel. You can drop off in church office or mail forms to Jenna Engel, First United Methodist Church, 718 Clay Street Cedar Falls Iowa, 50613.

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### Participating Child

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ (must turn 3 years old by September 15 to attend this year)

Names of Parents and adults authorized to pick up children. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information

Primary \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship (circle): parent / trusted adult

Additional \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship (circle): parent / trusted adult

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### Health information

Please indicate any information about your child that we should know, I.E. allergies, medication, special restrictions, special needs, special friendships we should encourage, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of emergency, I authorize the First United Methodists' VBS Staff consent to appropriate medical treatment for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

If you are helping and will be here during VBS you do not have to complete the physician information.

Child's doctor's name and phone are listed below:

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### media release

First United Methodist Church may use photographs and video of my child's participation in VBS activities. I understand that photo and video images will NOT be labeled with children's names. circle: yes / no initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank Yous

Thank you FUMC and Jane for the beautiful white rose with red edges that she delivered for my 87th birthday! The card signed by all the staff members was appreciated so much. Jane and I always have such a good visit and I appreciate being remembered by my church family.

*Lorna Ericson*

Thank you for the use of your facilities for the 2021 Sturgis Falls parade staging site. We so appreciate you.

*Rose Miller, Parade Director  
Sturgis Falls Directors*

Thank you for the birthday rose and the card.

*James McCutcheon*

Thank you to Jane for bringing the quilt made by the Stitches and Quilters. The quilters make such beautiful quilts and now I am the receiver of one. Thank you to the Care Team for the card and all the prayers. It's much appreciated.

*Carol Nicholson*

Thank you to the Congregational Care Team for the beautiful red rose delivered by Jane Wyckoff - and to the church staff for the greetings on my 80th birthday. What a warm, friendly thing to do. It made the day very special.

*Bill Mitchell*

Thank you so much for the beautiful red rose delivered by Jane. Had such a good visit with her also. Thank you for the card sent by the staff, also.

*Freddie Holmes*

I want to thank Jane for the beautiful red rose for my 84th birthday. Also thanks to the staff for the nice birthday card. It's so nice to be remembered by our church family who mean so much to us.

*Jim Schwab*

Thank you for remembering me on my birthday with the rose.

*Homer Leymaster*

Thank you to Jane for the birthday rose and visit for my birthday. I appreciated the card from the UMC staff also. It is nice to be remembered.

*Loretta Dykes*

## Welcome

Johnny Lee Steffensmeier, son of Tim and Sami Steffensmeier. Johnny was baptized July 25.

## Congratulations

Adam and Megan (Aries) Recker, who were married on July 10  
Jeremy and Kristine (Smith) Grimm, who were married on July 17.

## Sympathy

Carol Dick and her family on the death of her father, Lloyd Loonan, on July 17.

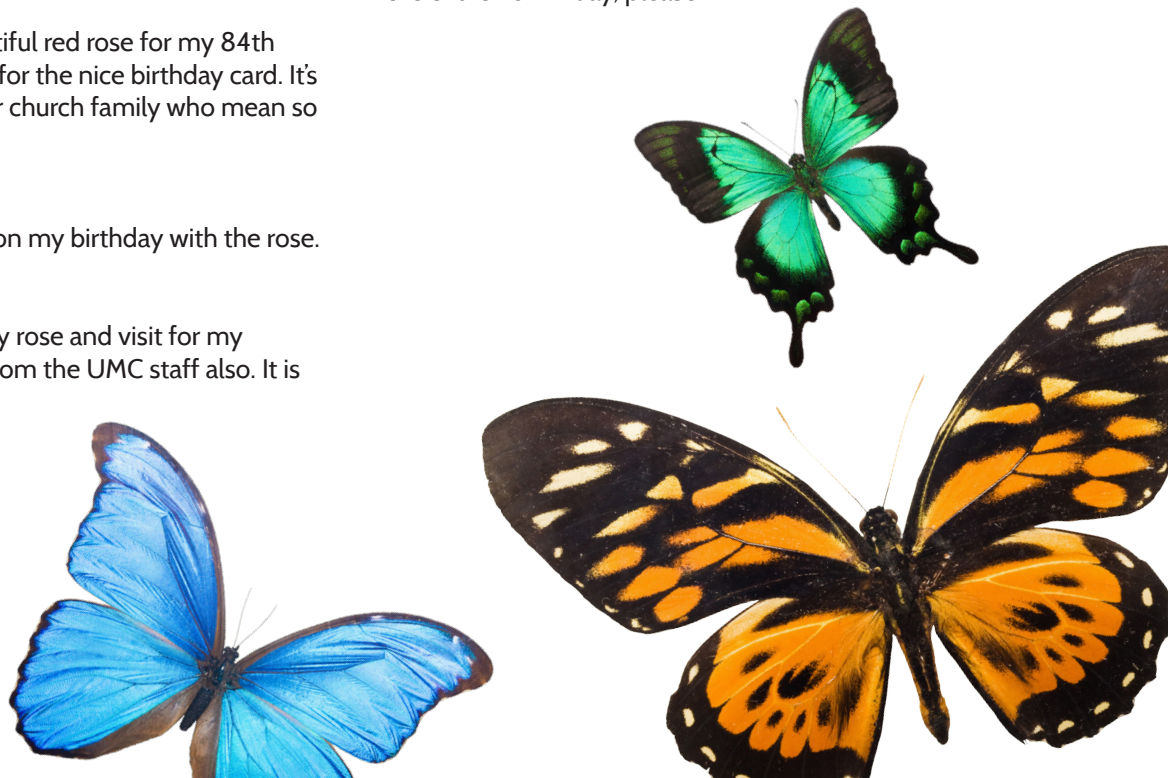
Elana Shinkle and her family on the death of her father, Raphael "Rafi" Feinstein, on July 19.

## Hospital reminder

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

## Altar Flowers

The altar flower calendar for 2021 is at the Welcome Center. Sign up now to recognize a special date or to honor a loved one with flowers for the altar. Have the flowers delivered to the church on Friday, please.



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### Worship

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

Sunday, noon Video and worship resources at [aboutfirst.com](http://aboutfirst.com)

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

### 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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