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

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With Heartfelt Thanks!

Dear Ones,

After serving as one of your pastors for the last 5 years, I will be answering God's call to become the Lead Pastor of Salem United Methodist Church of Cedar Rapids beginning July 1, 2021. This appointment took me by surprise as it did many of you. I had not requested a move, nor did the Staff Parish Relations Committee of Cedar Falls First UMC. But as an itinerant United Methodist Pastor, I am in covenant with the Iowa Annual Conference to go when the Bishop needs me in another location. This appointment was bathed in prayer by Bishop Haller and the cabinet. Though I mourn leaving Cedar Falls, I truly believe God is calling me to Cedar Rapids in this season of ministry.



I want to tell you it has been a privilege to share the journey of faith with you. I count being among you these last years as one of my deepest joys. We have done much in our life together. I have baptized your young ones, buried your loved ones, seen new people come to faith in Christ, and we have made a difference in the community together. Our lives have been interwoven in the fabric of faithful service to our Lord and Savior. I thank you for the encouragement you have given me along the way in my journey of faith and I pray I have been an encouragement to you as well.

If I could take a snapshot of the congregation when I arrived in September of 2016 and hold it alongside today, we would see a church we recognize, but also a church that has been much transformed. The responses we have acted upon due to the pandemic, and all the measures we have initiated to meet this highly unusual situation---indeed, all that we have accomplished together---took optimism and dedication, in which you generously shared. A year ago, none of us could have predicted zoom meetings, or livestreaming as our primary way to worship God together. I am sure, just as we have done these things, so, too, they will continue into the future for the worship and praise of God.

Between now and July will be a season of farewells. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 20th. That day, by way of in person and livestream worship I will extend my love and thanks to you. After that day, I will continue to hold you in prayer and ever be a friend to you as you have been to me. I am delighted that my friend and colleague, Rev. Dr. Karen Nelson will become your new associate pastor. Her heart for the church and love for Jesus is compelling and I know you will come to love her deeply.

All through the Bible, God's people are called to be ready to go where God is leading them; and with those many examples as our guide, I pray we will say yes to what God has envisioned in this next chapter of our lives. I will miss you greatly and First United Methodist Church will be forever written upon my heart and held earnestly in my prayers.

Be Bold, Be Strong,

Rev. Matt German

PICNIC FOR PASTOR MATT!

We are going to miss Pastor Matt when he leaves for Cedar Rapids, and regret that we have not been able to spend much in-person time with him this year. We are planning a potluck picnic to celebrate his time with us and wish him well with his next adventure.

WHERE:

Denise and Sam Barr's back yard
3815 Evergreen Lane
Cedar Falls

WHEN:

Monday June 7th, 6:00PM
RSVP by Friday, June 4th
Home Phone: 266-1344
Denise's cell: 319-239-9839

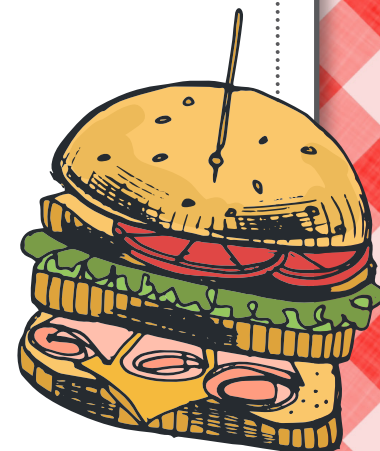
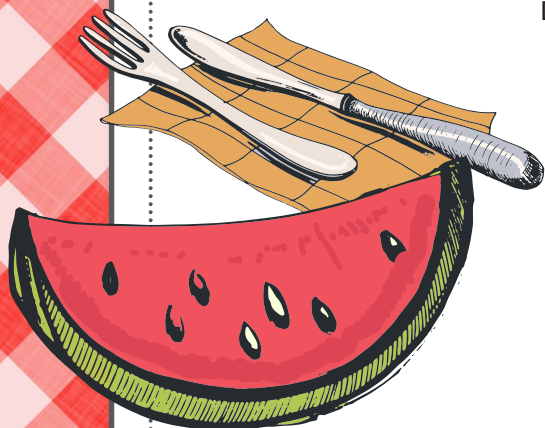
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The Gathering Space at church

Denise and Sam will provide table service, water bottles, hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and a drink if you prefer something other than water. It wouldn't hurt to throw in a folding chair, just in case we run out of seats.

RSVP:

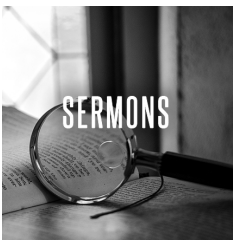
Please RSVP by Friday, June 4th, so we will have an idea of how many to expect. If you don't catch us in person, please leave a message with your name and how many people will be attending. If you forget to RSVP or find at last minute you can come, please come anyway! As with all Methodist Pot Lucks we will have more than enough food!





Reboot Sermon Series

The pandemic has forced us all to be adaptable and change. And we've been at this for a while now. Repeating the same tasks day after day after day. But what if this season is an opportunity to make some changes to our lives? Start again. Leave things behind. Start new practices. It's time for a reboot.



Miss A Sermon?

If you miss a Sunday message from Pastor Scott or Pastor Matt, you'll find it on our youtube channel. Go to our website at aboutfirst.com and scroll down to the "sermons" graphic, which will link you to all of our sermons and public videos.

Walking In Someone Else's Shoes

It was a cold winter's night. A small number of people were meeting at their church. The leader was getting ready to close the meeting with prayer. The door opened, and a woman hobbled in wearing tattered and torn clothes and shoes with so many holes that they were falling apart. She apologized and said she was hoping someone could help her get a pair of shoes.



A woman at the table asked what size she wore and realized it was her own size. She reached down, took off her shoes, and said, "Try this one on". As the woman slipped it on, she said, "Oh, that feels so good, but I can't take your shoes". The other person insisted saying, "I have more at home".

The young woman thanked the giver of the shoes over and over and left. The leader asked the generous woman how she was going to get home in the snow. She said, "Well, I have thick socks, and I'm going to wear her shoes home." As she hobbled to the door in the worn out shoes, she said, "Now I really know what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes!"

Stephen Ministers are people who received training to come along side people who are dealing with some kind of crisis and, as much as possible, walk in the other person's shoes with them. Stephen Ministers make themselves available for God to work through them to give the courage, wisdom, and determination to the care receiver to move on through the crisis.

If you or someone you care about would benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please know you may call the church office to be referred to this ministry.

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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.

Email 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

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

Marlys Cook, Nola Kelly, Faye Rohwedder
Stanard Assisted Living
420 E. 11th St
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Wanda Anderson, Marian Christiason, Homer Leymaster, Chet Starr
Windhaven Assisted Living
5500 S. Main St
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Ruth Gooden, Harold Krebs, Ellen Opsal, Lura Treloar, Barb Pershing
Deery Suites
5307 Caraway Lane
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Noreen Roth
Good Neighbor Society
105 McCarren Dr
Manchester IA 52057

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

Pray for all who are being impacted by the coronavirus.



Bus Service Possible!

We are hoping to start our bus service to church again! We would love to offer this ministry for people that have been vaccinated and are willing to wear their mask. Call the office for more information and to let us know you are interested!

319-266-1713

June 1 - Grief Support Session

When: Tuesday, June 1st, 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Where: Church Parlor

Grieving the loss of a loved one is a difficult journey. Your church family cares and offers several forms of support including: one-to-one individual support, social outings, and a monthly support session. Our June grief support session will be held in the church parlor on Tuesday, June 1st from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. If you have suffered the loss of someone special, you are welcome, whether you are a member of our church or not. If you know someone who is grieving, please pass this along. You may call Carol through the church office at 266-1713 for more information.

June 6 - Habitat for Humanity

When: Sunday, June 6 at 9:30am

Where: Gathering Place

Habitat for Humanity has a history of making an impact in the Cedar Valley and we want to restart our involvement here at First UMC. Would you like to join us as we beginning planning and reconnecting with Habitat? If so, come to the first discussion hosted by Pastor Scott Sunday, June 6 at 9:30am in the Gathering Space.

June 21- LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, June 21 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.

June 7 & 21 - 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, from 6:00-8:00 in the Parlor. If you are looking for a project to do at home, Crystal Wilken is looking for people to do one or more of the bag "processing" steps at home to help with our surplus of

plastic bags that are used to make sleeping mats. This might be simply cutting the bags into strips, or looping the strips together to make "plarn" (plastic yarn), or even crocheting the plarn into the mats. She will provide all the materials with step-by-step instructions.

Please contact Crystal Wilken at crystalwilken@gmail.com with any questions.

Midwest Mission- Not canceled, just delayed.

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, Illinois, is still taking pandemic precautions by limiting guest rooms available in their dormitory. This meant added cost for our group for motel rooms for the 4 nights we would be there. That, and hesitation from some from our group to travel, has led to the decision to delay our mission trip this Spring. FUMC has reserved space for 4 missionaries to travel to MMDC in May of 2022. It is not too early to reserve your spot with Jan Benson for that trip!

Annual Rummage Sale Canceled

The annual Rummage Sale will not be held this year because of the pandemic's restrictions on the use of the church facility and the availability of volunteers that feel safe in helping with the huge task of preparing months in advance for the sale to occur.

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.

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Monthly Mission Supports VBS

Our mission this month will support a Bible School mission project. Our children will be involved with two stations. The first one is making a "Birthday in a Box" for low income/ needy children in the Cedar Valley. The second is a "Nursing Home Care Package". Our congregation can help by donating money or the following items:

- Cake mixes
- Canned frosting
- Birthday Candles
- Activity Books
- Crayons
- Bubbles
- Small, inexpensive toys
- Adult puzzle books
- notecards
- stamps
- small lotion
- pens
- highlighters
- tissues

This is also a great time to rid of some of those birthday and non-Christmas gift bags you've been wondering what to do with! Look for the table near the Welcome Center to leave your donations.



May Monthly Mission Report: 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 was our plan at Cedar Falls FUMC to raise "S'more" money for the Iowa United Methodist Camps. Our goal was to raise \$1000 during the month of May.

Thank you for all the help you provided towards a positive summer experience for Iowa youth by donating to Iowa Methodist Camps this May.

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Help with Providing a Meal for Love INC

Our church will be providing a meal for the Begin Now program for Love INC on Tuesday, June 29. Begin Now is a learning environment for both participants and volunteers. Participants attend Begin Now to find

community and build skills necessary to find a greater level of stability. Volunteers learn how to become thoughtful, present, long-term, holistically minded, healthy givers and servants in the community. We will need donations of food and time so we can prepare a sloppy Joe dinner to deliver at 4:45 on June 29. Contact Julie Fee (319-296-8963 or bjfee@cfu.net) if you are interested in donating or helping.

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 loveincv.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

A Place to Turn

by Mary Beth Coudal

United Methodist Women support approximately 90 national mission institutions across the United States. Many of these centers needed to show “flexibility and agility in quickly shifting programs to respond to the new needs caused by the coronavirus.” These centers bent with the pandemic challenges but did not break.

Bethlehem Centers of Nashville reports that even though schools had closed, families continued to depend upon the after school program for a nutritious meal and socialization. Bethlehem Center also provides for the homebound and the homeless.

Cornerstone Family Ministries in Tampa, Florida supports 150 small child-care centers. They have had to find strategic and creative ways to remain self-sustaining while continuing to nourish young bodies, develop young minds, and connect children to the body of Christ.

Shesler Hall in Sioux City, IA began as a home for women and presently serves women in crisis. The women arrive from alcohol and drug rehab centers, prisons and hospitals and have found a safe haven for the first time. Maintaining Shesler Hall has been costly. While visitors are not allowed into the home right now, women continue to drop off meals and order pizzas. Killingsworth, in Columbia, South Carolina is another institution where women find sanctuary from hopelessness. Another challenge during the pandemic has been the lack of in-person therapy appointments. There have been several upgrades to the women’s technology so some could attend virtually their regular Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. They also expanded the women’s downtime by purchasing board games, coloring books, puzzles and Sudoku games. There are other national institutions throughout the country including two more in Iowa, Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hill.

There are two pillars the United Methodist Women hope to build these national mission institutions on as we go forward in the 21st century. One is justice and the other is membership - emphasizing a with and not a for mentality. There is a mutual benefit as we reach out to serve these national mission institutions.

Submitted by Stephanie Buchs, Education and Interpretation Coordinator

The complete article is available in the RESPONSE magazine in the church library.

Mission Witness

Serving with the Mission For Migrant Workers (MFMW) in Hong Kong, I am learning what it means to be a friend. Sharing meals, laughter and sorrow with many migrant domestic workers has opened my heart and mind to understand that no matter how different our backgrounds are, at heart, we are really more alike than different. I know that after my mission service, I will look back to the permanent relationships and bonds created.

Tairo Mufute, Global Mission Fellow International from Zimbabwe serving in Hong Kong, SAR



June Bible Verse

In Him we were also chosen

Ephesians 1:11a NIV

UMW has no scheduled activities for June.

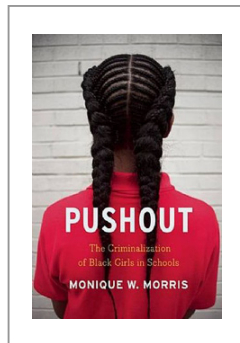
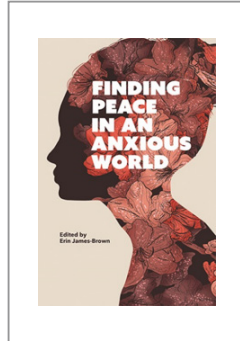
Ignited for Justice - Mission u 2021

From the comfort of your homes – a Virtual experience

Mission u, like many activities in our lives, has moved online. While virtual, we are still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities, and spiritual practices that arrive when we need them most.

Will you join us?

Participants of Mission u 2021 are encouraged to lead small group, book club discussions in your respective district/local area. Please contact Linda Blazek Garvin (lindabg27@aol.com) for website to discussion guide for each study, if needed. Virtual Mission u has no registration fee to attend.



Our 2021 Mission u will offer the following studies:

Finding Peace in an Anxious World

-edited by Erin James-Brown (umwmissionresources.org)

On Zoom platform each Tuesday evening of July 2021 starting at 6:30 PM and ending at 8:00 PM Central led by Rev. Laurel Capesius

Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools

-by Monique Morris (through any bookseller)

On Zoom platform each Wednesday evening of July 2021 starting at 6:30 PM and ending at 8:00 PM Central led by Rev. Paul Witmer

RSVP: Email Sally Barrett, Mission u Registrar, with the following information: (barretts@mchsi.com)

Name, mailing address, and local church

Name(s) of class wish to attend

Link to Zoom platform will can be found on our website:
aboutfirst.com/missionu



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!

UMW Reading Highlight

THE HATE U GIVE

by Angie Thomas
BALZER + BRAY (2017)

Starr, 16, moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and her fancy suburban prep school. This uneasy balance is shattered when she witnesses the fatal police shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil. Soon after, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, a drug dealer or a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets. Cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What really went down that night? The only person who can answer that is Starr.



Suitable for youth.

SUNDAY MORNING

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

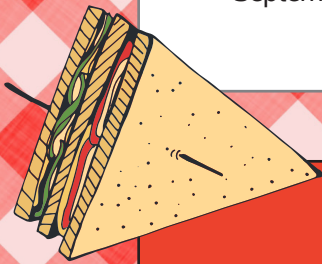
10:00 Transformation Worship Service - in-person or on the livestream

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.

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/

Option 2

aboutfirst.com

The online worship page at aboutfirst.com has service videos and worship resources including: links to the teaching scripture passage, kids' video, online sign-in, and online offering.

Option 3

Youtube Channel

Go to aboutfirst.com and click the 'sermons' graphic for a link to our channel



First UMC is on Cable TV

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

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

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

Tune In To Evening Reflections

Gather the family and tune in for a word of encouragement and something to think about. Feel free to share comments with others who are watching it's good to hear from each other! Devotions will be offered on Tuesday and Friday nights at 6:00pm with a rotating cast of characters. Watch, like and share!



Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - June 13 - 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, June 13 at 9:30 am 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>

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

Or use our handy new QR Code!



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VBS is back for Summer 2021!!

We will be holding a One Day Vacation Bible School event in August, Wednesday the 4th from 9-4. We are so excited to invite kids back into church for a fun and immersive Bible-learning experience! If you'd like more information or to volunteer, contact Jenna Engle. Keep a look out for more details and registration in the next few weeks! Below is a list of areas that we will need volunteers for:

- Preschool- 2 leaders
- Kindergarten-1st- 2 Leader
- 2nd-3rd- 2 Leader
- 4th-5th- 2 Leaders
- Music: 3-4 Leaders
- Adventure Time: 2 Leaders
- Science: 2 Leaders
- Mission: 1 leader
- Water Games: 2 Leaders
- Snacks & Lunch 3-4 Leaders

Iowa United Methodist Summer 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



Thank Yous

Thank you for the lovely yellow rose Jane Wyckoff brought to me for my birthday. Also, thank you to the church staff for their birthday greetings.

Sincerely, Dorothy Addington

Thank you all for your prayers for Robert. He is showing some improvement for which we are grateful.

Bob & Dianne Peterson

I would like to thank you for all the prayers and thoughts after my sister's passing. It was much appreciated.

Marcia Gardiner

Many thanks to Matt for coming to the U of I Hospital. It meant so much to him. Thanks to Pastor Scott for coming to the Hospice House. Not sure if Irv knew he was there. But the prayer for our family was appreciated. Our family thought Matt did such a wonderful service.

Donna Tiller and family

Thank you for your generous book drive and donation! Our parent group, Parents And Lincoln School (PALS), set a goal to continually provide money to help us update books available to all staff to support books available to all staff to support classrooms when teaching reading. We will use these funds for the same goal. Thank you again!

Ralph Bryant, Lincoln Principal

Thank you to our beloved church family for the many cards and calls after Doug's brother passed away and after my dad passed away in March. Love and peace to you all.

Dee Behr

Sympathy

Family and friends of Irv Tiller. Irv died April 26. Irv's service was held Saturday, May 1.

Family and friends of Maxine Fitkin. Maxine died April 27. A family service was held May 3.

Marcia Gardiner and her family on the death of her sister, Barbara Heitland, on May 3.

Family and friends of Sid Morris. Sid died May 18. A gathering to honor his life will be June 19, 2021 from 2-4 pm, at the Diamond Event Center at 5307 Caraway Lane

Welcome

We brought in five new members to our church at our confirmation service on May 2. Congratulations and a warm welcome go out to: Megan Gonnerman, Alex Jones, Andrew Jones, JahZari Jones, and Maddie Loria.

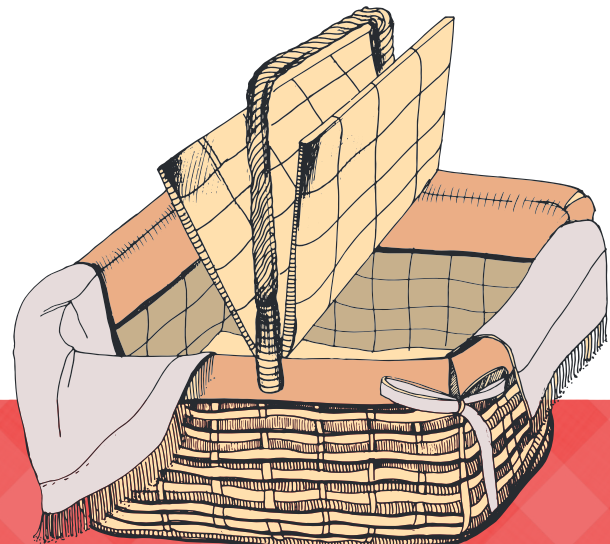
We also welcome Bonny Findlay to our family of faith. Bonny joined on May 23.

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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Sunday, 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Livestream on Facebook & in-person
Sunday, noon Video and worship resources at aboutfirst.com
Tuesday & Friday, 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
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