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Who do you know who needs Christ in their lives? Can you think of any neighbors, teachers, relatives, friends, fellow sports parents, or coworkers who need Jesus? The problem is that we begin to rule people out based on our opinions of them. We are a culture obsessed with profiling, but the Bible is full of examples of the last person we would expect being the strongest influences.

Jesus tells His disciples to look at the opportunities for reaching out in John 4:35. He speaks of the people in terms of a harvest, and Matthew 9:36-37 repeats this illustration, admitting that there are few willing to engage in this large work. The gospel is for all. We simply have to reach those around us, ruling no one out.

Each one can reach someone. It just takes a willingness to be involved. It starts with our commitment to be involved in the ministry of Jesus and the ministry of our congregation. Reaching out can begin with inviting friends and family and following up. It can start by making sure we reflect Christ in our lives. We often hear of the principle, "Each One Teach One," but, before we can teach, we must first reach.

by Tim Smelser



Gardening and Preaching

I have been a preacher for going on 25 years, and involved in gardening for over 50 years. I have come to understand both as a calling, craft and a bit of a mystery.

For instance, why do some of my “best” sermons (on Thursday’s they all look good) on which I have expended much effort fall flat, are greeted by a collective blank look and don’t seem to take root?

And maybe even more of a miracle, why do some of my worst sermons (slapped together on a Saturday night, held together with duct tape and a prayer) succeed? If you would’ve been with me during those weeks and on those Saturday nights you would know why I call that a miracle.

Jesus speaks to all this in his story about gardening and the kingdom of God. (I’ll pause while you read, it’s found in the gospel of Mark chapter 4 verses 26-34).

Surely this is the most careless gardener there ever was who began slinging seed with reckless abandon. Most of the seed was wasted, victim of bad soil and terrible conditions. But wonder of wonders, some of the seed germinated, took root, and produced a fine harvest.

On Mother’s Day weekend I engaged in a spring ritual that is loved by many of us. The ritual of gardening, and I started gardening at a young age in my mother’s garden. To be honest, all of gardening is dependent on “many factors beyond our control.” And, I’ve taken some comfort that gardening isn’t in my complete control. And as a preacher, the challenge of preaching is to invest oneself in a craft in which I, the preacher, am not in control. It’s a gracious gift. God’s inspiration, through the scripture and proclaimed word, is a gift that only God can give.

It’s not on you and me to make spiritual growth happen in the lives of other. The growth is really God’s work. At best we scatter the seed, we reach out in hospitality, even radical hospitality to others, and we invite and let God handle the spiritual growth in a person’s life.

So, here’s my evangelism idea for this summer. Let’s set a goal of 300 in worship in the three services. And here’s our role in that—each **one reach one**. Each attender, no matter the age, bring one other new person to worship or VBS or to some church event during the summer. And we’ll leave the spiritual growth of that person up to God.

These actions of ours, are such small things—tiny seeds cast to the wind. But God takes them, uses them, blesses them, and they become the bread of life broken and given to others.

Blessings,

Pastor Scott



June 7 - Grief Support Session

Where: Church Parlor

When: 2:00 to 3:30 pm

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 session will be held in the church parlor on Tuesday, June 7th 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 along this information. You may call Carol through the church office at 319-266-1713

June 9-12 - Rocky Railway VBS

Where: Gathering Place

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

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

Saturday, June 11th 9:00-Noon

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

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

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

See page 10 for registration form, or visit aboutfirst.com/vbs to register online!

June 14 - Card Making

Where: Gathering Place

When: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

In addition to our regular card makers, we invite anyone who lives in the Western Home Communities to join us this month as we make cards for their Friends Group to sell in their larger buildings. Bring a snack to share if you'd like and have some fun! No experience needed.

June 16 - First Friends Potluck and Fellowship

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:00 pm

First Friends Potluck and Fellowship meets on the third Thursday of the month in the Gathering Space. Come and join us 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.



June 19 - Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors

Where: Gathering Place

When: 10:15 am

If you are new or newer to First United Methodist Church, our pastors want to get to know you! Come have a coffee with the pastors on Sunday, June 19th 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!

June 20 - Crafter's 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.

June 27 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30-6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, June 27 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.lifesevebloodcenter.org. **5**

Save The Dates!

Mandy Event

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

FUMC 2022 Rummage Sale

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

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

Sundays: 8am – 11 am

Mondays: 2pm – 5 pm

Tuesdays: 9am – 12 noon

Wednesdays: 6pm – 8 pm

Thursdays: 2pm – 5pm

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY MORNING

Worship Schedule

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

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

This summer we will continue with our worship times of 8:15, 9:15, and 11:15 for most Sundays. Exceptions are June 26 and July 3 with one worship service at 10:00 in the sanctuary, and August 28 when we will Worship on the Green (outside on the lawn).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Join us in the Fall for more activities!

FACEBOOK DEVOTION

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

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

Bus Service

We are now picking up for the 11:15 traditional service in the sanctuary, instead of the early service. We are offering this ministry for people that 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.

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.



Sturgis Falls Parade Hospitality

Our church opens its doors every summer to welcome participants of the Sturgis Falls Parade to use the restrooms and rehydrate. This is a great way to show our community we care and engage visitors to our church! We need 2-4 people to help in this effort by greeting and handing out water. Volunteers will meet in the Gathering Place at 7 am – noon. You can also help by donating water bottles. Please contact Katie Greuel if you are interested in helping!
katie.greuel@aboutfirst.com

Pastor Steve Hansen is retiring

Steve Hansen was associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls from 1998-2006. Steve is retiring from Trinity United Methodist in Charles City, IA this year and his last Sunday is June 26. His wife, Janet, is asking anyone who remembers Steve to send a letter sharing some special memories. These letters will be presented to Steve on his last Sunday (June 26). Letters can be sent to:

Trinity United Methodist Church c/o Joy Frank
 601 Milwaukee
 Charles City, IA 50616

Steve thoroughly enjoyed his time getting to know each and every congregation he served.

Support For Those Who Grieve

The loss of a loved one is difficult at any time. How can we, as a church family help? Here are a few suggestions:

- Phone someone and listen to his/her story.
- Avoid sharing too much of your own concerns, just listen.
- Send a card, not only a sympathy card, but a follow-up card to let the person know you are still available.
- Offer to bring a meal or treat or go out for a meal.
- Don't forget those whose loss occurred awhile ago. Grief does not end after a few weeks or months.
- Pray for and with your friends. God cares and so should we.

UWF Upcoming Dates

MONDAY, JUNE 6

9:30 UWF BOARD MEETING, LIBRARY



June Bible Verse

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

Philippians 4:4



June Mission of the Month

Our mission for June centers on helping people in the Cedar Valley. With gas prices soaring, many families are having difficulties getting to their medical appointments. Love INC and the Salvation Army have programs that provide gas vouchers, however their budgets have been badly strained and they could use some loving assistance in the form of funds to purchase gas vouchers. Please consider donating this month to extend a helping hand to our friends and neighbors.

A Thank You from In Missions Together

The In Missions' committee would like to thank all of you who so generously give to our monthly missions. In 2022 alone, we have been able to bless others in our community and the world with over \$10,000. Lincoln School with matching funds from the lone Zach Memorial received \$2800 for books and we were able to send UMCOR \$5000 to assist the people of Ukraine. The world is also a little warmer due to our gifts, Church World Services now have 150 more blankets thanks to our January mission.

A special thanks goes out to Cindy Spragg, Karen and Gary Nelson and Lisa Congdon who spent a week at Midwest Missions helping to package food for the people of Ukraine. They were part of a team who prepared 26 pallets of meals that will feed 187,200 Ukrainians. Audrey Westendorf spent two weeks at Midwest Mission as a volunteer leader. Cedar Falls First United Methodist appreciates your strong presence at Midwest Missions.

"Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me." Matthew 25



Community Meal is Back

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

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

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



Meals on Wheels

The NE Iowa Area Agency on Aging could use a few more Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver from the Community Center in Cedar Falls to homes

in our own community. Do you have an hour to spare to deliver meals? You pick the days that work best for you – once a week or once a month. Call or email Elise Bovy at 319-231-6798 or ebovy@nei3a.org



Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

There is always a need for durable/sturdy fabric to make school bags and other stitching projects. The Stitchers &

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



Help the Wee Ones

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

our church every Tuesday afternoon to pick up a supply of much needed baby goods. This gap ministry through LoveINC helps struggling families in our own community stretch their dollars. Diapers of all sizes are always appreciated, along with wipes, baby wash, baby lotion, 8 oz bottles and sippy cups. If you see a good deal on end-of-season baby clothes feel free to bring them in. We have a place to store them until the appropriate season. Your donations do make a difference.

Be a Blessing to Someone – Love INC

People in need will often approach a church for assistance. Unfortunately, many churches are not equipped to meet the variety of needs that are presented. That's not a failure of the churches - at their core, they are faith organizations, not relief agencies. But, the Christian imperative is to help. Love INC works like this: when someone approaches a member church for assistance, they are referred to Love INC. Love INC then conducts an interview to fully determine the need, and which church is best able to assist. Love In The Name of Christ (Love INC) pools the strengths of area churches and agencies to reach out to those in need - our church is one of over 30 that partner with Love INC.

You can be a blessing to someone today by volunteering with Love INC as a Clearinghouse or Community volunteer. If you're interested in serving with Love INC, fill out a volunteer form found at loveinccv.org or call 266-1264. They'll get back to you in the next couple of days.



Vacation Bible School

June 9-12

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

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

Saturday, June 11th 9:00-Noon

Sunday, June 12th 8:15 Service VBS Themed

\$5 a child or \$10 a family

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.

Participating Child

Child's Name _____ Child's Date of Birth _____

Age _____ Grade in Fall 2022 _____ (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

Additional _____ phone _____ relationship (circle): parent / trusted adult

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 _____

education news

Information about our Sunday School and educational opportunities!



thanks!

A special thank you to all of our Wednesday evening and Sunday morning volunteers.

Without all of you we would not have been able to hold our Crazy Fun Busy Wednesday activities or Children Sunday school.

It is so much fun watching you help the children in our church grow in their faith.

I feel so lucky to be able to work with all of you. I appreciate everything you do for me and our church.

Blessings,

Jenna

camps

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

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

vbs

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School.

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

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

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

You can help make this year's VBS a great success by donating some of the following food items (let Jenna Engel know what you will be bringing- jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com) :

- Chicken Nuggets (120)
- French Toast Sticks (120)
- Fries (3 Large bags)
- Carrots (4 bags)
- Celery (2 bags)
- Cucumber (4)
- Ranch dressing (4 bottles)
- Tater tots (3 large bags)
- Red/ Green Pepper (6 total)
- Fruit
- Maple Syrup (5 bottles)
- Popcorn
- M&Ms
- Raisins
- Ice Cream



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. This month, our game night for Friday, June 3 is canceled. Our next game night will be Friday, July 1 from 6-7:30. Meet in the Gathering Space and bring your friends for a night of fun and fellowship— dinner will be provided!



Denver Mission Trip

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

Project to Help the Homeless

As part of our mission trip to Denver, CO in July, the youth are collecting bags of clothing items to donate to the homeless people that we will cross paths with during our time in Denver. It is no secret that Denver has one of the largest homeless populations in the country. Our mission trip is all about doing what we can to extend the love of Jesus to these people. If you picked up a bag for this project, please fill it with the items listed on the attached tag and return to the church no later than Thursday, June 16. If you didn't grab a bag but would still like to contribute to our mission trip, please contact Haleigh at haleighderhammer@gmail.com about our current needs for the trip. The youth are very excited for our trip, and we appreciate your support in making it happen!

Resurrection Gardens

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

G3 on Wednesday Nights

G3 Youth activities have officially slowed down for the summer! We will be meeting one Wednesday per month in June, July, and August. This month, join us on Wednesday, June 8, from 6:00-7:30 for outdoor G3! We will have dinner and lots of games, so bring your friends too. All are welcome! (In case of bad weather we will move activities up to the 3rd floor.)

HELP WANTED!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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.

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 11:00am.

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.

HOME Team is looking for new additions to the 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

Welcome Desk

Help answer questions about the church from visitors. You will hand out our Welcome gift.

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



Send a Card or Note

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chuck Roudebush
Thuesen Cottage
5127 Caraway Lane
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

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

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

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

Kathy Gill
LaPorte City Specialty Care
1100 US-218
La Porte City IA 50651

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

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

Give Through Our Website or Your Phone

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

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

<http://aboutfirst.com/giving>

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



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Thank You

Your cards and prayers are very much appreciated. Every card makes the day a brighter one. Pastor Karen's visit was a bright spot also.

Jerry Fogleman

It meant so much to me to receive greetings from the church staff and a beautiful pink carnation delivered by Jane for my birthday! Thank you so much.

Linda Fitch

A big thank you for the beautiful quilt. I've always admired them and thought that I probably never would get one. Was I surprised when one was brought to me. I will cherish it. I showed it off at the hospital and it traveled with me.

Donna Hoffman

To Haleigh Derhammer and the youth group at FUMC,
Thank you so much for your generous gift to Sole Hope. Your belief in our work means the world to us!
The Sole Hope Team

Dear Cedar Falls First UMC,
Thank you for your 101 "Love" Quilts. We pray that those receiving them will feel surrounded by God's love and all the love you added with each stitch.

In his service,
Midwest Mission Team

Dear FUMC Congregation,
Words cannot even begin to describe the amount of gratitude and appreciation I have for each and every one of you. First United Methodist Church has always found a way to support my family ever since I was a child. As many of you know, I had a rocky childhood and many of you have also been the reason my family has had food on the table and clothes in our closets. When it comes to compassion and wisdom, this congregation glows with God's grace. It's no wonder the support I have received throughout the years for my mental, physical, and spiritual health are the reason I am still here. I want you all to know that every one of you has made an impact on my life in such a way that it's hard to fathom how many people care about me. That's why my previous bake sale for my Costa Rica trip is just another example of how you assisted me in making my dreams come true. There are many overwhelming emotions as the date for my adventure seems to sneak closer,

but financial worry and general anxiety are not either of them. In fact, I feel calm. I know I have an army of God's angels thinking, praying, and cheering me on every step of the way. As I have stated before, I look forward to this opportunity that I have been granted and I'm so excited to share every detail with you all when I return in July. I have truly enjoyed hearing about some of your personal trips to Costa Rica and even about those who have family there. It will be a once in a lifetime experience—All thanks to YOU!

God Bless,
Audrienne Kennedy

To the church staff, and all.
Thank you so much for the lovely pink flower. I appreciated it a lot. This was my 90th birthday.
With my love,
Jean Pierce

Sympathy

Jake DeVoogd died April 6. Keep his family in your prayers.

Shari King on the death of her father, Rev. Jim King, on May 9.

Hospital reminder

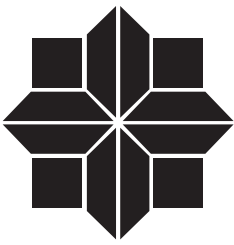
Governmental regulations prohibit health care facilities (this includes hospitals, assisted living and nursing homes) from sharing information about their patients and residents, so if you want your church family to know you need our love and prayers, please call the church office.

Altar Flowers

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

Join the Facebook Group

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



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First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls

Worship

8:15 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
Waterloo (MediaCom) Channel 1
Sundays @ 11:00am & 8:00 pm

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