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In the Bible we have reports of God speaking so clearly to prophets and leaders of Israel. What has changed from the old days in the wilderness? God's voice or human listening?

Most people conclude it is our hearing that has gone awry. We are the ones who have stepped away from God and can no longer hear as you could.

I have taken some interest in the labyrinth as a tool for prayer and pilgrimage.

When used as a spiritual tool, the object of a labyrinth is not to confuse, but to enlighten. It can be a means for prayer and meditation for one's Christian life.

The Chartres labyrinth is located in a cathedral in the small French town of Chartres. The community of faith used the labyrinth as a tool for meditation, discernment and pilgrimage.

I'm interested in how the journey on a labyrinth resembles our faith journey as well. One minute seeming to be close to the center and bordering on knowing the fullness of God. The next far from the center and not able to grasp the life God is offering. Perhaps too far to hear well God speaking to us.

Lent is a journey to the cross. A journey of surrender, surrender of self in order to realize our true selves, our true center in union with God. For at our true center we meet God, the image of God within us. My Christian spiritual life has been for me a labyrinth journey.

At times it may seem like a maze of confusion as I feel far from my center in God, and there are times I would like to bypass the path and jump to the center, but that cheats the journey out of effecting me to its fullest.

As I return to the path my steps are guided to the center where I meet God and return to the world with a renewal of purpose with trust in God to be with me in the journey.

*Pastor Scott*



# gps



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## GATHERED UP IN JESUS

The season of Lent is essential for those who truly seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because a part of what we learn in this time of self-examination is that we are what might be most in need of transformation. We might find that what might need to grow in faith and discipleship is the church and that the transformation of the world begins with building bridges and gathering up rather than with condemnation. Join us for one our small groups listed here!

### Sunday Morning 10:15 am

Kaleidoscope (at capacity) 058

### Sunday Morning 10:15 am

Christ-Centered Families 056

### Monday Night 7-8:30 pm

Youth Cafe, Led by Lorrin Schofield  
(20-30 year olds)

### Wednesday Morning 9:00 am

Library, Led by Jan Hoover (women only)

### Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

Library, Led by Scott Kober  
Online Zoom option available, link online

### Thursday Morning 9:00 am

Library, Led by Karen Nelson  
and Lisa Congdon

### Thursday Evening: 6:00pm

Chapel, Led by Jake Sandvick

## 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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# march

## March 1 - Grief Support Session

**Where:** Church Parlor

**When:** 2:00 to 3:30 pm

“He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.” Psalm 147:3 Our next group grief support session will be held in the church parlor on Tuesday, February 1st, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. This is offered for anyone who is experiencing a loss in life. There are many kinds of losses, each of which can carry with them many different emotions. In these sessions, participants will have an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings in a safe, non-threatening environment. No reservations are required.

## March 1 -Youth Mission Trip Deposit Due

**Where:** Church Office

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! If you are in 9th-12th grade and are interested in joining us for this fun-filled trip, a deposit of \$50 is

due in the church office by March 1 in order to reserve your spot. (If you missed the deadline for submitting a deposit and would still like to go on the trip, please get in touch with Haleigh at [haleighderhammer@gmail.com](mailto:haleighderhammer@gmail.com)!)

## March 2 - Ash Wednesday

**Where:** Sanctuary

**When:** 6:00 pm

Come mark this important day in Lenten Season with us.

## March 6 - Girl Scout Sunday

We would love to have Girl Scouts of ALL ages as greeters and ushers for all 3 morning worship services.

Please wear your uniform and/or GS Pins and arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to the service. Questions? Contact Crystal Wilken at [crystalwilken@gmail.com](mailto:crystalwilken@gmail.com) or 319-610-2069.

## March 8 - Card Making Party

**Where:** Gathering Place

**When:** 1:00 to 4:00pm (Come-and-Go)

No experience is required. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. If you haven't yet checked out the beautiful cards on the rack by the office, take a look. They sell for only \$.50 each and profits go to a local organization. We also use the cards to send to members of our congregation during times of joy or



## Save the Date! April 3 -Intergenerational Study

**Where:** Gathering Space

**When:** 10:00 am

We are so excited to host another Intergenerational Study. We will be focusing on the story of Easter. Each person will have a part to play. Be sure to join us as you will get to help tell the story alongside our Sunday school kids.

challenge. We hope to see you on March 8th!

## March 28 - Crafter's Corner

**Where:** Parlor

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

Get your crafting project lined up and join the group on the 4th 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.

## March 28 - LifeServe Blood Drive

**Where:** Gathering Place

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

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, February 28 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).



## Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - March 20, 10:15am

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, March 20th at 10:15am to hear about what is happening at First United Methodist Church and how you can begin to take next steps in getting connected. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SUNDAY MORNING

### Worship Schedule

8:15 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary
9:00-11:15	Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am	Transformation Contemporary worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30-10	Kid's Corner, chapel
10:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary

Masking inside the church building is recommended for all as Covid numbers continue to rise. Please continue to take precautions and social distance when possible.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT Your Church Night

### Come out from 5-7:30.

5-5:45	Filling Station meal, Gather Place
6-6:30	FUSION Tonight, theater
6:00	younger BLAST kids in gym
6:15	Tower Bell rehearsal, sanctuary
6:30	WOW AA, 055
6:30-7:30	BLAST, gym and lower level
6:30	Youth group, 3rd floor
6:30	Gathered Up In Jesus GPS Group Library (begins March 9)
6:30	More Than Moms, parlor
6:30	Drive Thru History, chapel
7:30	Chancel Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

## HOW TO WORSHIP ONLINE

### Option 1

Facebook Live Stream

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

### Option 2

[aboutfirst.com](https://aboutfirst.com)

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

### Option 3

Youtube Channel

Go to [aboutfirst.com](https://aboutfirst.com) and click the 'sermons' graphic for a link to our channel

## FACEBOOK DEVOTION

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

## FIRST UMC IS ON CABLE TV

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

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

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

## Miss A Sermon?

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



## School Counselor at UMW Unit meeting on February 10.

The United Methodist Women (UMW) met at 1:00 pm on Thursday, February 10 in the parlor. It was a pleasure to have Jennifer Jacobsen, School Counselor for Lincoln Elementary, as the guest speaker. Jennifer, a Cedar Falls High School graduate, grew up attending FUMC. She and her husband Brook, have three children; Anna, Ethan, and Emily, all in the Cedar Falls school system. Jennifer has been a counselor for twenty years; eleven years in Waterloo and nine years in Cedar Falls. Jennifer enjoys music, singing, reading, and hopefully traveling in the future.

Jennifer helped the UMW group better understand the church's partner, Lincoln school, who FUMC has had a close working relationship with for many years. Students in Kindergarten through second grade have known school much differently than many church members. Because of the pandemic, they have had school at some point online, and see that as normal for learning. They manage the technology and working virtually without hesitation. This has not been the case for older students who have had to move in and out of virtual learning and basically do school in a completely different manner

than they were used to. The challenge for teachers and counselors has been very significant as students have a variety of needs and barriers to learning. It is extraordinary what the staff at Lincoln and other schools have done to make the best learning environment possible during these difficult times. We thank for all they do.

Jennifer was able to share a couple of short videos of the students taken during assemblies. One group of students made "rockets" and flew them across the gym, hoping theirs went the farthest. Another video showed Kindergarten students explaining what a Win-Win situation looks like. Lincoln elementary is a "Leader in Me" school where they use the character education program based on Franklin Covey's 7 Habits of Effective People. Habit #4 is: Think Win-Win, was the habit they explained in their own words. These videos showed the students engaged in their learning activities and gave the UMW group a fun way to see Lincoln school in action. Jennifer's presentation was very much appreciated.

## UMW Upcoming Dates

### MONDAY, MAY 10

9:30 - 11:00 BOARD MEETING, LIBRARY

### THURSDAY, MAY 13

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

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



## March Bible Verse

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25



## March Mission Focus: Books for Lincoln Elementary School

Lincoln Elementary School is First United Methodist's Partner In Education. Because of this partnership, many students have received age-appropriate books to assist with their reading education. Reading continues to be a major focus for all of our students, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide them with the gift of reading. Thank you for your generosity!" The pandemic has impacted Lincoln Elementary in many ways and one close to the hearts of FUMC members is the inability to provide reading assistance through our Reading Buddies. This has been a difficult loss for the school. We hope to resume Reading Buddies soon! One way FUMC can make a positive impact for their major focus on reading is to provide students with at least one book by the end of the school year in June. Let's donate money to purchase books to allow each of the 412 students to have their own book. We have been able to meet the goal in the past, so I know that we can do it again this year! To donate, you can write a check to First United Methodist Church and put "books for Lincoln School" in the memo area. Bring or mail your donation to the church office. Your generous donation will be doubled through an endowment from Bill and Ione Zach. What a great way to show you support reading and the education of our children!





## Meals on Wheels

The NE Iowa Area Agency on Aging could use a few more Meals on Wheels drivers to deliver from the Community Center in Cedar Falls to homes in our own community.. Do you have an hour to spare to deliver meals? You pick the days that work best for you – once a week or once a month. Call or email Elise Bovy at 319-231-6798 or [ebovy@nei3a.org](mailto:ebovy@nei3a.org)



## Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

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



## Help the Wee Ones

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

Your donations do make a difference.

## Be a Blessing to Someone - Love INC

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

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

# G

## YOUTH news



## A BIG Thank You!

Thanks to Bob Condra and Jim Larson for painting the Youth Cafe and parts of the 3rd Floor hallway! It looks awesome!

## 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! If you are in 9th-12th grade and are interested in joining us for this fun-filled trip, a deposit of \$50 is due in the church office by March 1 in order to reserve your spot. (If you missed the deadline for submitting a deposit and would still like to go on the trip, please get in touch with Haleigh at [haleighderhammer@gmail.com](mailto:haleighderhammer@gmail.com)!)

## G3 on Wednesday Nights

ALL youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to join G3 youth ministry for our Wednesday night activities! We start with Fusion in the theater at 6:00, and then we continue with games and small groups from 6:30-7:30. Join the fun and bring your friends!

## Fun Friday Game Night

Each month, the G3 youth get together for a Fun Friday Game Night. Our next one is Friday, March 4, from 6:00-7:30 at the church! Meet in the Gathering Space. Dinner will be provided, so bring your friends for a night full of games and fellowship!



## Lock-In Fundraiser!

Our next big fundraising event for the Denver mission trip will be a lock-in and bake sale the weekend of April 2-3. Come to the church at 6:00 on Saturday April 2, spend the evening playing fun games and helping us bake LOTS of goodies, then spend the night at the church and help us sell our baked goods the next morning (April 3) between services! All money raised will go directly toward our Denver mission trip. If you have any questions about the lock-in, email Haleigh at [haleighderhammer@gmail.com](mailto:haleighderhammer@gmail.com).



# DENVER YOUTH MISSION TRIP

7.21.22 - 7.27.22

## ABOUT THE YOUTH TRIP

We are joining West Des Moines United Methodist Church youth this summer to take on Denver, CO. We will be working with Open Door Ministries with a program called Urban Immersion. The trip is for 9th-12th graders. Youth that will be in 9th grade in the Fall can join.

## ABOUT URBAN IMMERSION

Urban Immersion is more than just a volunteer program – they desire to give teams a holistic view of what it's like to do ministry in Denver. Their program is structured around three key attributes:

1. Community Involvement
2. Service Projects
3. Learning Opportunities

## TRIP AND MEETING TIMELINE



## TRIP COST - \$300 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

This includes travel, lodging, food, and day trip to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

## WEEK OF TRIP

- July 21 -----Travel Day
- July 22 -----Work Day
- July 23 -----Work Day
- July 24 -----Work Day
- July 25 -----Free Day
- July 26 -----Free Day
- July 27 -----Travel Day



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Prayer does not come naturally or easily for us just because we are followers of Jesus Christ. If it did, the first followers, Jesus's disciples would not have had to ask Jesus to teach them how to pray! (Luke 11:1)

Here's some things some brave Christians have admitted about prayer.

I don't know how to pray

I don't know what to say

My prayers feel like a to-do list for God

I'm afraid to ask for what I really want

What's the purpose of prayer if there are no results

PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME PRAY OUTLOUD!

Those are all valid.

The Lenten season in the church is a time of reflection, repentance and prayer.

Would you like to learn more about prayer, learn about some prayer practices that are a part of church tradition? AND NO, YOU WILL NOT ASK YOU TO PRAY OUTLOUD!

Each Sunday in March, Pastor Karen will be introducing a new prayer practice in the parlor at 10:15. Grab a cup of coffee from the Gathering Place and join us.

We will explore ways to actually pray for others and not just say we will.

If you are a visual person, we have a pray for you.

We will discover how every step we take can be a prayer.

We will learn to listen to God, we don't have to do all the talking!

Maybe your Lenten practice this year will be prayer. This is a great place to begin.



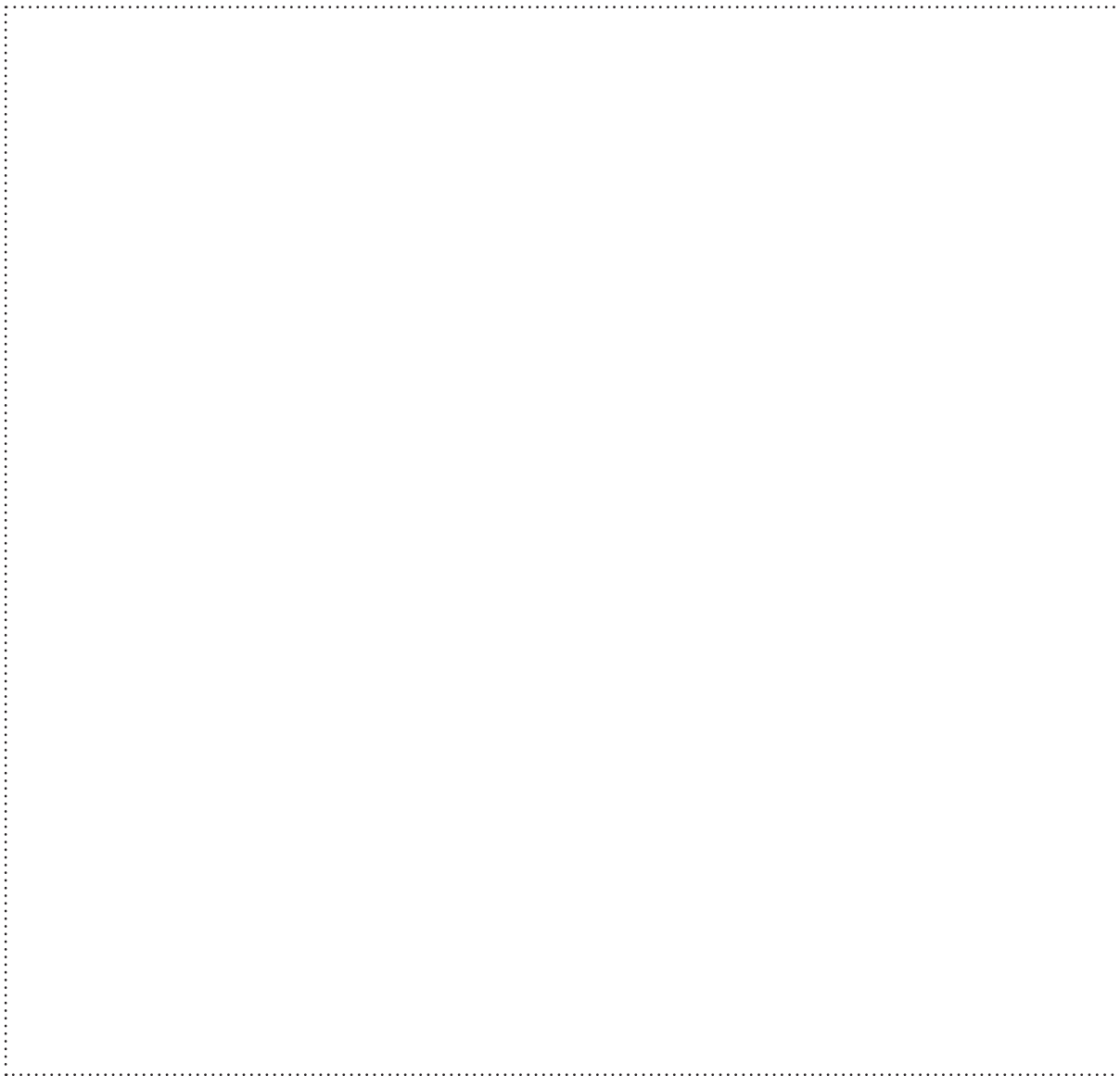
## Easter lilies

Lent begins March 2, and that means that Easter is on the horizon. Once again we are inviting you to purchase a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may come into the church and find an order form at the Welcome Center or in the office, or you can mail your check to the church and include a note clearly indicating who the lily is in memory or honor of, and by whom. Cost for each lily is \$12. Checks can be made out to FUMC. The deadline to order your lily is Thursday, April 14.



# EXCEL-*LENT* PRAYER PROJECT

Lent is coming and we'll have some chances to gather and grow together. During this season of reflection and transformation, we ask you, our church congregants to participate in a church-wide prayer project! Through the next several weeks, we will be collecting your handwritten prayers to pray over and use for surprise project to be unveiled Easter morning! Use the square below to write your prayer, cut around the dotted line and bring it back to the church. You can add your name, or it can be anonymous. We will have drop off points at the Welcome Desk and office. Thanks in advance for your participation!



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# education news



Information about our Sunday School and educational opportunities!

## 3rd grade Bible



I would like to thank the families that participated in our family 3rd grade Bible class. Everyone brought so much to each class and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. I would also like to give a special Thank you to Crystal Wilken and Laurene Bernard. Crystal took the lead with class. She did a fantastic job. Laurene Bernard made the gift of a fabric Bible cover all of the kids.

## camps

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

## take note!

Sunday school & Creation Corner: There will be NO children's Sunday school or Creation Corner on Sunday, March 13th and Sunday, March 20th due to Spring Break.

**FYI:** The last Wednesday night for Filling Station and B.L.A.S.T will be April 6th.



## Save the date!

We are so excited to host another Intergenerational Study. We will be focusing on the story of Easter. Each person will have a part to play. Be sure to join us as you will get to help tell the story alongside our Sunday school kids.

**Date:** April 3rd

**Time:** 10:15 (During the Sunday school hour)

**Where:** Gathering Space

# THE NEXT BIG THING

We are a congregation with a history of doing big things and we have much to celebrate. Our missions have touched lives around the world in the name of Jesus. Here at home, we've done big things to maintain our facility as a safe, functional and pleasant headquarters for our worship, fellowship, education, and outreach. Just this year we replaced the roof over Fellowship Hall, and nearly two years ago, just as the pandemic began, we paid-off the mortgage on the major remodeling and construction project of 2011-14.

Maintaining our church home (like the home you live in) is a never-ending series of improvements. Let's take a look at the Next Big Things.

1. Tower entrance stonework. We have some crumbling stone and concrete near our historic doors on the corner of 8th & Washington. This is a safety issue as well as an aesthetic one. The work to repair the stone and concrete has already begun with intentions of being complete before this winter's snow.

2. HVAC improvements. While much of our infrastructure is up to date, we still have some older air conditioning and air handling units which are failing. Among them is the AC in the sanctuary. To ensure our ability to comfortably function through the next summer's hot weather, the time has come to replace these antiquated and unreliable units.

3. Fellowship Hall Refresh. The Scott Fellowship Hall was built in 1996, and still has the original carpet, paint, wall coverings and chairs. This space was built to be used and we've used it hard! Outside groups meet there, our church groups meet there, FirstKids uses it as their indoor playground, youth groups play there, and years of community meals have been held there. The room has hosted concerts, conferences, athletic events, and all of this use has taken a toll. The floor covering has gouges and evidence of spills, the wall covering has stains of food and drink, wood veneer is peeling off the closet doors, and most of the chairs have ragged edges on the upholstery . . . there's a reason we worship with the lights off in there! After 25 years of hard use, it is time to refresh this space with a new look that we can be proud of.

The three items are the Next Big Things for maintaining our church home. Costs are expected to be in the \$280,000 - \$300,000 range. You have an opportunity to participate in making this happen through a special pledge to be fulfilled between now and 2024. Early pledges and funds presently in-hand have already topped \$100,000 so we're off to a great start! Watch for information on how you can pledge. Thank you for helping us accomplish the Next Big Thing!

# HELP WANTED!

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### 9:30 Kids Creation Corner

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers. Each volunteer would have one Sunday a month. In this new ministry our volunteer will lead the kids in a craft, outside play, games and help them display their creation on our new Kids Creation Board that will be located outside of the Chapel.

### Sunday School Teachers

We need teachers to help in our Kindergarten-2nd grade class. Please consider contributing to the spiritual development of our young minds!

### 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.

### Welcome Desk

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.

### Calling all Singers

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

### 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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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

Spend some time mentoring and having a good time with our church's younger members.

### 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.

Email [jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com](mailto: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.

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

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

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

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

**Nola Kelly**  
Thuesen Cottage  
5127 Caraway Ln  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

**Darlene Jordan**  
Pinnacle Care  
1223 Prairie View Rd  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Betty Fanning, Chet Starr**  
Bickford Cottage  
5101 University Ave #110  
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

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



## Bus Service

We pick up for the 8:15 traditional service in the sanctuary. We are offering this ministry for people that have been vaccinated and are willing to wear their masks on the bus. To allow for social distancing, only six passengers will be allowed. Call Steve and Janet MacTaggart at 319-404-0077 to let them know you are interested.

## Thank You

Jane Wyckoff appeared at my door with a vase of fresh flowers from the church folks for my 96th birthday. I enjoy the color that adds freshness to the white Iowa winter scene. She had time for a chat, and I enjoyed her warmth and greetings from First. Also, I commend the First Care Group who planned a coop lunch that brought people together on Jan 30. The committee welcomed those of us experiencing grief for a chance to share food and fellowship, a special treat for another winter of being confined. Thank You.

Rowena L Hardinger

A "Thank You" to the quilting group who designed and made the lap quilt I received. Thanks, too, to Jane for delivering it. It is a beautiful piece, just the right size and nice and comfortable.

Thank you also for the cards and notes I have received. They are most appreciated.

Nick Teig

Thank you to my church family for the beautiful flower delivered to me for my recent birthday! Thanks to Jane for the delivery and visit; it's always a pleasure to have Jane visit. To receive a card from the church staff was extra special! Thank you!

I feel Blessed!

Donna Cuvelier

One of the things we really love about our church family is the care they show to each other. Craig and I want to acknowledge and thank you for the cards, prayers and calls of condolence at the deaths of Craig's sister, Hyla, and my aunt, Margaret. Every little bit helps.

Craig and Kris Rash

Thank you to Jane Wyckoff and the congregational care team for the pretty flower delivered to my home.

It is nice to be remembered on a birthday. Equally appreciated was the lovely chat with Jane. I love my church family!!!

Karen Page

## Sympathy

Mick and Hope Timmerman on the death of Mick's

brother, Jay, on February 2.

Family and friends of Vera Sullivan. Vera died Feb. 3.

Family and friends of Linda Rundall. Linda died February 10 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Ruth Tucker and her family on the death of her son, Jim.

## 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.

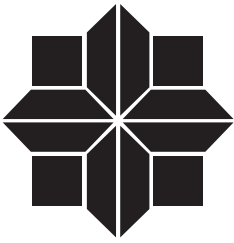
## Join the Facebook Group

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.

## FUMC Bell Program is Turning 50!

Our handbell program at FUMC will be turning 50 in 2022! To celebrate this milestone in our church the bell choirs have commissioned a brand new arrangement from famous handbell composer Cathy Moklebus to premiere at the May Concert. If any church members would like to contribute to this project as a donation or by designating a donation in honor of a loved one or family please send your donations to the church office and label it for the bell choirs. Checks can be made specifically to the church for the FUMC Bell Fund. Thank you all for your many years of support to our program!

*Aaron & Nancy*



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### Worship

8:15 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary
9:00-11:15	Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am	Transformation Contemporary worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30-10	Kid's Corner, chapel
10:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Traditional worship service, sanctuary

### Television

#### Cedar Falls (CFU) Channels 18 or 95.5

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

#### Waterloo (MediaCom) Channel 1

Sundays @ 11:00am & 8:00 pm

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