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## Celebrating All Saints

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 7th.

I want to suggest that All Saints Sunday is about honoring those who strove to be faithful stewards. Saints you know weren't perfect, but they all point us in a direction of the good life and reveal the image of God found in each saint. Have you ever wondered what it means to be born in God's image?

Familiar to most Christians (and many non-Christians too) is the verse from the gospel of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The verse reminds us about God's loving and generous character. "God so loved that God gave the Son..." First God loved and then God gave. Because of God's love, God gave us a generous gift, Jesus the Christ.

And when we pair this with what we learn from Genesis 1—that we were created in the image of God, we have a sense of our role as stewards. Because we were born with the characteristics of God, it follows that we were born to be loving and generous, too. We were created to give from a loving heart.

We are to be inherently loving and generous. Giving generously out of love is ingrained in us from our birth. We are all born to be generous. And in being stewards of a generous gift—the good life is found. For all that we have, and all that we are, we owe thanks to God.

On this All Saint's Sunday we gather around the table to remember and give thanks.

Love First,  
*Pastor Scott*

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## Welcoming New Faces

If you see some new faces around the church, you may be seeing some of our new staff we have hired recently. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that we have added to our team the following people (and positions):

Patricia Harkin (Finance Manager)

Hannah Stolper (Accompanist)

Mariko Marita (Organist-late service)

Patty Payne (Assistant custodian)

Phoenix Jones (Technical assistant)

Bevan is also now officially serving as the Organist for our early service, as well as our Music-Choir Director. We are still searching for a Worship Leader to step into the Transformation service. Sam Barr will be stepping back from those duties later this year.

Please do what you can make everyone feel welcome in our church, whether new staff or visitors.

Stay safe and stay strong.

*Mark Frandsdal*

SPRC Chair

## Now Hear This!

If you are one of the many people who live with hearing loss, don't let that stop you from attending worship. Our sanctuary is equipped with listening assistance devices. They are small, personal radios that pick up the pastor's microphones and amplify the signal for you. The radios plug into an earpiece (furnished), or you may bring your own headphones. Also, those with telephone-enabled hearing aids may request a wire "necklace" (T-Loop) that transmits the signal directly into the hearing aid - no headphones necessary! There is no charge to use these devices. If you'd like to try one of these devices, ask an usher, or talk to Chris, our First UMC Technical Director.

## 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.

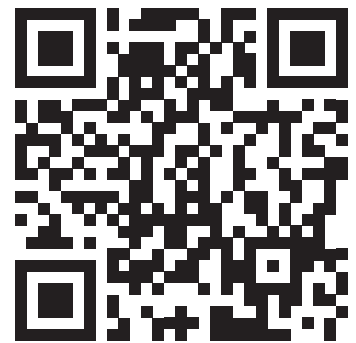
## Give Through Our Website or Your Phone

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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# November

## November 2 - Grief Support Session

**Where:** Parlor

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

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

## November 9 - Card-Making Party

**Where:** Gathering Place

**When:** 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Come join the fun! Come-and-Go and Come-as-You-Are and help us make cards to sell on the card rack outside the church office. Cards are just \$.50 each and this time profits go to Ingathering for postage. Bring a snack to share if you'd like.

## November 14 - Intergenerational Study

**Where:** Gathering Place

**When:** Sunday School Hour

Join us for a mixed-age study on Fruits of the Spirit.

One of our pastors will help kick off our time by sharing a quick lesson. Each table will have talking points. Along with materials to help further the discussion.

It is our hope that our adult members will enjoy this opportunity to help teach our younger members a little more on what the Fruit of Spirit means.

## November 12 - Girl's Movie Night

**Where:** Theater

**When:** 6:15 pm

Mark your calendars now! TJ's Christian Book Store invites all ladies - moms, grandmas, girls, sisters, friends and more - to a great GIRLS' MOVIE NIGHT night - with a special showing of the fun and family-friendly Christmas movie - the Farmer and the Belle.

With a special message just for us from Jenn Gotzon, one of



stars of the movie, and a great opportunity to see what local vendors have to offer this holiday season...you don't want to miss it!

Ladies - invite your friends and neighbors - and join us on November 12. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., with the video showing on the big screen at 7:00. No charge for this event... it's a gift from TJ's Christian Bookstore and First UMC.

## November 28 - Advent Wreath Youth Fundraiser

**Where:** Gathering Place

**When:** 3:00 pm

The youth from Cedar Falls First UMC will be sponsoring an Advent Wreath-making event!. The cost is \$30 and will include all the materials you need to make an Advent Wreath for your home. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Trip.

You also have the options of purchasing an Advent Wreath kit to put together at your home for the same price of \$30.

Please sign up to attend the event or purchase your kit by Sunday, November 21 by emailing [youth@aboutfirst.com](mailto:youth@aboutfirst.com).

We want to make sure we have enough supplies!

## November 29 - LifeServe Blood Drive

**Where:** Gathering Place

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

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, November 29. 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).

## 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.

## Save the Date! December 5 - Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program will be held during the Sunday School Hour this years. Stay tuned for more details!



## Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - Nov. 21, 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, November 21 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
6:30-7:30	Saving Grace class, library
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

A devotion is offered on Facebook each Tuesday at 6:00pm with a rotating cast of characters.

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

## 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.

# Advent

## IS ON ITS WAY

### Memory Tree

As part of the holidays this year, the First UMC Grief Team is sponsoring a memory tree in the Gathering Place as part of our Christmas tree walk. All congregation members and friends are invited to bring a special ornament to honor your loved one/ones who have died. We will have tags available to write names and attach to the ornaments starting on November 29th. You may remove the ornament after the holidays or leave it for us to use again next year. Please call Carol through the church office with questions.

### Christmas Tree Walk returns in Dec. 2021

Any individuals or groups are welcome and encouraged to bring and decorate a tree starting December 1st. All trees will be located in the Gathering Place. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center, after Thanksgiving. Contact Linda Kennedy with any questions.



### Advent Wreath Youth Fundraiser

The Advent Wreath is a tradition of many Christian congregations as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. The wreaths can range from simple Styrofoam circles with candles and greenery to handsome brass stands with tall, thick candles. There are always four candles for the four Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The candles can vary in color. They can be all one color, like blue, red or purple or a variation of three purple candles and one pink. Often

a white candle, referred to as the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas eve.

The youth from Cedar Falls First UMC will sponsor an Advent Wreath-making event on Sunday, November 28 at 3:00pm in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$30 and will include all the materials you need to make an Advent Wreath for your home.

All proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Trip. You also have the options of purchasing an Advent Wreath kit to put together at your home for the same price of \$30.

Please sign up to attend the event or purchase your kit by Sunday, November 21 by emailing youth@aboutfirst.com. We want to make sure we have enough supplies!

## Be a Blessing to Someone – Love INC

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

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

## AARP Tax Aide program

The AARP Tax Aide program could use some more local volunteers. This service provides free tax preparation for citizens, with an emphasis on providing services to low income and elderly populations., FUMC hosted one of the preparation sites last tax season, but there are also local sites at the Salvation Army and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo.

We need people who are willing to train as tax preparers, as well as people who will work as client facilitators and appointment schedulers. If you have basic computer skills, and don't mind talking on the phone, you would be able to work from home as an appointment scheduler. If you have good people skills and don't mind opening envelopes, and helping people fill out their questionnaires, you might make a good Client Facilitator. If you like numbers and detail, you can train as a tax counselor. All positions are volunteer. The tax preparation season begins around February 1 and runs until April 15. The time commitment is two half days a week during the season, plus training before tax season begins. Training for appointment scheduling takes just a couple of hours. Client facilitators have a couple of hours of training and will have to take a couple of on-line certification trainings. Tax counselor training and certification can also be done mainly online, and takes more time, depending on your prior experience with tax preparation.

This is a valuable service to members of our community. If you are interested in volunteering in one of the positions, please contact Martha Kroese at [mkroese@cfu.net](mailto:mkroese@cfu.net), 319-269-4198, and she can help you get connected.

## 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.

## 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.





# Mission OF THE Month

## The Giving Tree

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

### House of Hope:

This agency provides

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

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

### Salvation Army

The Salvation Army gives out around 1300 bus passes each year to low income clients. This service helps people in the Cedar Valley get to work, school and to doctor appointments.

### Heifer International

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

### Wee Care

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

### Women at the Well

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

“The King will  
reply, ‘Truly I tell  
you, whatever you  
did for one of  
the least of these  
brothers and sisters  
of mine, you  
did for me.’”

Matthew 25:40

# YOUTH NEWS

## Intergenerational Study!

We will be hosting an intergenerational one time study on Sunday, November 14. This will be held in the Gathering Space during the Sunday school hour. Tables will be set up and we will have a mix of ages at each table.

One of our pastors will help kick off our time by sharing a quick lesson on the Fruit of the Spirits before turning it over to the group for discussion. Each table will have talking points. Along with materials to help further the conversation.

It is our hope that our adult members will enjoy this opportunity to help teach our younger members a little more on what the Fruit of Spirit means.

## Kid's Creation Corner

Kid's Creation Corner is a new ministry we have started up. In Kid's Creation Corner we invite the kids to join in the chapel just off the Gathering Space. During this time they will have fellowship with their peers and will complete the weekly activity. Kids are welcome in the room at 9:15 and will be walked down to the Sunday school area at 10:00am.

In order to make this new ministry work we need two more volunteers. Please reach out to Jenna Engel at [jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com](mailto:jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com) if you are interested in volunteering.



## Trunk or Treat was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening. It was a wonderful evening. We just love seeing everyone enjoying themselves and having a little fun.

*Trunk or Treat*



*Save the date!*

Children's Christmas Program Sunday Dec. 5th during the Sunday school in the Sanctuary.

# 3 YOUTH



Our youth have been very busy since we started things back up in September! We're excited to be doing ministry together on the 3rd floor again. We've been enjoying our Wednesday night programming with Fusion, games, and small group connections, and we're so glad to have 7 youth participating in Confirmation on Sunday nights to take the next step in their faith journeys. On October 16th, we had some fun fellowship while going through a haunted maze together at Harris Haven, and on October 27th we hosted a couple of trunks and other activities at our Trunk-or-Treat fall festival. We've also been busy fundraising for our mission trip to Denver, CO next summer. Our first big fundraiser is fall yard cleanups. Sign up at the Welcome Desk if you'd like to support us in this way! We're looking forward to more fun this year as we continue to gather, grow, and go together!

## UMW Upcoming Dates

**NOVEMBER 3 - WEDNESDAY**

MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30PM, PARLOR

**NOVEMBER 6 - SATURDAY**

HOST PICTURED ROCKS DISTRICT INGATHERING

**NOVEMBER 8 - MONDAY**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BOARD MEETING, 9:30AM, LIBRARY

**NOVEMBER 10 - WEDNESDAY**

MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30PM, PARLOR

**NOVEMBER 13 - SATURDAY**

THE BLESSINGS OF PLAY, 1:00PM-2:30PM, SPONSORED BY IOWA/WEST OHIO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST.

**NOVEMBER 15 - MONDAY**

DEBORAH CIRCLE, 10:00AM, PARLOR

**NOVEMBER 17 - WEDNESDAY**

MORE THAN MOMS, 6:30PM, PARLOR

**NOVEMBER 18 - THURSDAY**

MARY CIRCLE, 9:30AM, PARLOR

**NOVEMBER 18 - THURSDAY**

HEARTS AND HANDS - 4:30PM, GATHERING SPACE



### November Bible Verse

And now these three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13



## Your Faith Needs A Jump Start

- Learn to SEE the Christ among us
- Learn to BE the Christ among us
- Live with a new sense of purpose
- A great opportunity for everyone, including YOU

Take a long weekend to re-focus on your faith. Tune-out life's usual distractions and jump into activities that will instill a new sense of purpose, and encourage you to live out your faith in new ways. This is the Walk to Emmaus. Walk weekends are being planned for March 2022 in the beautiful, natural setting of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca near Solon, Iowa. You'll be amply fed, comfortably housed, and you'll have plenty of time for a good night's sleep. Break times allow opportunities for private meditation, social interaction, and fresh air.

People often ask, "How far do we have to walk?" The answer: you don't really have to walk anywhere. The "walk" is not an actual physical challenge. The name Walk to Emmaus refers to Luke 24:13-35 where Jesus walks with two travelers who do not, at first, recognize him. In this weekend, you'll learn to recognize Christ in the world around you, and will be inspired to be an instrument of His love.

If you have interest in learning more about the Walk to Emmaus contact the church office. Many in our congregation have already been!



## Thankfulness Leads to Hope

The Thanksgiving holiday is here again, to remind us to give thanks. Recent hurricanes and wild fires have caused unbelievable damage and heartache. Barbara was a person who lost her home and almost everything in a Californian wild fire. She was only able to salvage three boxes of photographs and her grandfather's cuckoo clock. But she tried her best to be thankful and participated in a worship service held for that purpose. She was truly thankful that no one in her family was hurt.

On the day before the worship service, as Barbara searched through her home's ashes, she discovered a sundial her husband had given her. The following message was engraved on it, "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be." Barbara thought to herself, "That says it all doesn't it? We have a lot to be thankful for and we will have a future."

Hopefully it was also easier for Barbara to be thankful because there were people around to encourage her and help keep the whole situation in perspective. The same is true when we find ourselves in difficult circumstances. We are fortunate here at FUMC that our Stephen Ministers have been trained to help bring a healthy perspective to difficult situations. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister to walk along with you, now or in the future, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 319-266-1713. Your conversation will be kept in strict confidence.

# 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.

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

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

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

**Mardy Hermann**  
Thalman Square  
5500 S. Main St  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Marilyn Geesaman,  
Virginia Van Tassel**  
Nation Cottage  
5111 Caraway Lane  
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**Nola Kelly, LaVonne Neese**  
Thuesen Cottage  
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**Linda Rundall**  
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## Bus Service

We pick up for the 11:15 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.

## *Card Party for Chet Starr!*

Help Chet Starr celebrate his 90th birthday this November 4 by sending him a birthday card. Chet's address is:

Bickford Senior Living  
5101 University Ave #110  
Cedar Falls IA 50613



## Thank You

Thank you for the birthday rose that Jane delivered for Allan last week. We had such a lovely visit on our deck.

Sincerely,

Carolyn and Allan Nyhus

Thanks for the lovely pink rose that Jane delivered for my 83rd birthday. Her visit was so special. Thanks also to the church and others for the many birthday cards. I also want to express our thanks for all the cards, prayers, and the neat quilt that Bud has received during this difficult time. It definitely lifts his spirits. FUMC is a very caring and thoughtful church with great people!

Love and hugs,

Buelah Stock

Dear friends at First United Methodist Church, Bob and I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. They have had a positive effect many times! It is a slow process but Bob appears to be getting a little stronger. We are praying for good results from a feeding tube that will allow him into a rehab program. Special thanks to Pastor Scott and Pastor Karen for their care.

Bob & Dianne Peterson

Thank you so much for the beautiful pink rose that was delivered by Jane Wyckoff for my birthday from the Congregational Care Team. We always look forward to Jane's visit. Also, thank you to all the staff for their card. It is nice to be remembered in this time of separation from usual activities and friends.

Marilyn Roudebush

Thank you to the staff at FUMC for the rose and the card for my 80th birthday.

Gary Korte

Church family,

Thank you for your continued cards, thoughts and prayers. They are working. Haven't had any major issues since July when I was found to have medically induced diabetes and was on insulin four times a day. Once I got off the steroid that caused the diabetes I was able to stop taking insulin. Colleen is still putting drops in my eyes 10 times a day. I can't see well, have had this since June. I miss not being able to drive. I was able to get my Covid shots and received test results that indicate that I do not have any Covid antibodies. My eyes are failing, I am still in quarantine, but I am getting better with each

day so all is good. Thank you again for all the prayers.

Michael R. Stafford



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued prayer support for our family and in particular for our littlest granddaughter Evelyn. They call her "Evee-Lyn"! She is 22 month old. She

remains at UIHC hospital and will be there no doubt for months. They are trying to get her cancer free so a bone marrow transplant can be done in Minneapolis. So we would appreciate your continued prayers. She has had a couple of tough months this fall and only by God's grace and love is she still with us!

Doug & Maxine Kehret

## Sympathy

Dave Harris and his family on the death of his brother, Lee, on September 29.

Family and friends of Stephanie Buchs. Stephanie died October 5.

Rowena Hardinger and her family on the death of her sister, Lydia, on October 10.

Family and friends of Betty Jo Wilcox, who died October 18. Betty Jo was instrumental in developing our bell choir program at First UMC when her husband, Wilbur Wilcox, was appointed here.

Dianne Peterson and her family on the death of her brother, Harry, on October 20.

Family and friends of Richard Fanning, who died October 21. His funeral was held Monday, October 25

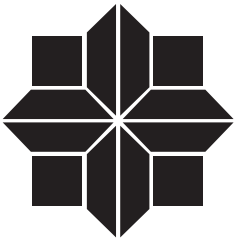
Family and friends of Rosalee McMullen, who died October 25. Her funeral was held October 29.

## Welcome

Chloe Cleone Overstreet, who was baptized on October 3. She is the daughter of Will and Laura Overstreet, and the great-granddaughter of Shirley Bolin.

## 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.



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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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