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



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Listening to the Saints

November 1st is the day the church celebrates as All Saints'. It is a day when the church remembers the saints—the ordinary, unspectacular believers who walked the path before us. It is through the testimony of the saints, through scripture, that the saints speak to us. One of the best ways to keep going forward is occasionally to look back.

As G. K. Chesterton said, one of the difficulties of modern life is that we keep talking about how free we are. We've freed ourselves from our past. "All that does," said Chesterton, "is make us become slaves to that arrogant oligarchy of those who just happen to be walking about at this moment." Chesterton also said that being a "traditionalist" means a determination not to automatically dismiss any one opinion outright just because he happens to be your father.

I worry about some churches that are becoming so contemporary that they do not listen to the past. And I worry about churches that are so stuck in the past that they are no longer relevant to contemporary life.

A sign on the Winchester cathedral in England says, as you enter the church, "you are entering a conversation that began long before you were born and will continue long after you're dead." To be a Christian partly means that we don't have to reinvent the wheel, morally speaking. We don't have to make up this faith as we go. The saints will teach us, if we will be present and listen.

Ever notice that the word "listen" and "silent" are made up of the same letters? We must be silent to listen close to the saints those who have gone before.

Built right into our Christianity is the courageous determination to be traditional, to sit in the presence of the saints, and thus participate in one of the most revolutionary acts of the church.

We need to be present to encounter what the saint may teach us.

It is with gratitude we gather this All Saints' Day to celebrate and honor those who have gone before and call us to be saints as well.

Rev. Scott Kober



Our New Stephen Ministers

Please join us in congratulating and praying for our newly commissioned Stephen Ministers: Laura Bruess, Jane Wyckoff, Mary Schlicher, Deb Yankey, Jim Reidy, and Terri Rogers (not pictured as unable to be present). They completed their training and are now equipped to assist our pastoral staff in caring for members in need. They are an empathetic, caring and listening group ready to support their peers during life's stresses and challenges. Our FUMC team of twelve Stephen Ministers welcome them and also wish Jim Reidy well as he moves from Cedar Falls, and will be greatly missed. Please contact the church office, 319-266-1713, if you or someone you know is in need of support.



Building the Next-Level Broadcast Team

Get your hands on techy tools, and grow with an ever-improving ministry at First UMC. We invite you to explore a place on the Production Team. We will train you from the ground-up to learn as much as you wish in: camera operation, livestream production, worship projection, and audio operation.

Our goal is to build a production team which produces professional-grade broadcasts for our remote attenders. We're looking for people willing to grow into a new technical ministry role and to have some fun doing it.

If you think this might be an interesting way to serve your church, contact Chris in the media office to learn more. He'll show you some pretty cool equipment, tell you more of what we're trying to accomplish, and give you a picture of how you can fit in to this ministry opportunity.

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Miss A Sermon?

If you miss a Sunday message from Pastor Scott or Pastor Matt, you'll find it on our youtube channel.

Go to our website at aboutfirst.com and scroll down to the "sermons" graphic, which will link you to all of our sermons and public videos.

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HOPE FOR THE HARD TIMES

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Hope For Hard Times

Rock bottom. The end of the road. Hard times. We've all been there. But the message of the Bible is that God is with you, and you can get through this.

Hope for Hard Times is a teaching series where we'll look at the Biblical heroes Elijah and Elisha. We'll walk through their trials and their most difficult days. We'll see the strength and courage they gained from their faith, and we'll find ourselves in their stories.

Whatever you are going through, don't give up and don't lose faith. God is with you, and you can get through this. God is hope is with you, even in the hard times.

Join the Facebook Group

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

Small Groups May Meet Again

Some small groups are meeting again. Groups smaller than 10 persons may contact the church office to reserve meeting space. Wearing masks and social distancing policies apply to small group gatherings. Cleaning supplies are available in meeting spaces for you to disinfect tabletops before you leave.

30 QUESTIONS

Trivia Night
Nov. 4th
6:30pm

Calling All Trivia Buffs

Wednesday, Nov. 4

How many rings make up the Olympic logo? In a deck of cards which King is the only one without a mustache? How many books make up the Old Testament? Do you think you have what it takes to compete in a virtual trivia night? Join us on Zoom, November 4th at 6:30pm for 30 Questions. Host Bevan Lucas will have all the questions and answers. Players will compete in three rounds of ten multiple choice questions. Some of the questions will be easy, others will leave you scratching your head. We'll share a link to the event on the church Facebook page. We ask that all contestants join the meeting at least 15 minutes prior to the event. Rules and game play will be explained before the broadcast.

New Communication Position Filled

We're excited to announce Katie Greuel has joined our church staff as our Director of Communications and Online Media. Katie has 20 plus years working as an Art Director and Graphic Designer for her own company and organizations such as National Geographic and Biltmore Estate. She and her family have been members since 2017.

This new position has been created to move First UMC forward in its marketing and engagement, and will allow current Media Coordinator, Chris Congdon, to become our Technical and Creative Director and focus full-time on the production and technical demands of producing our livestreams, live events, and recorded programming.

We believe that this pandemic year has brought new importance to our ability to reach people both inside and outside the church. We also believe that it will remain essential to engage people through online means after the pandemic has passed. We have a message of hope, grace, and love that has never been more necessary to share. Now is the time to step boldly forward and use all available media assets to turn this pandemic into a growth opportunity for the Kingdom of God. Chris and Katie will become a 2-person media department, working collaboratively to engage our current members and reach new people who may or may not ever attend in-person. Welcome Katie to our First UMC CF staff!



Newcomers' Coffee with the Pastors - November 15

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 15 on Zoom 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

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

9:35 Sunday School for kids - virtual Sunday School, join us online!

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

Children's Sunday School Online This Fall

Sunday School will be virtual this fall. You can join us on our Facebook page where we will go live at 9:35. During our time together we will have a mini-lesson and an activity. Supply packets will be available for you to pick up ahead of time. We hope that you will follow along with us on Sunday morning.

If you would like a packet(s) please let Jenna know.

The packets will be ready to pick up at the church on November 4th.



Youth Make A Difference was a Success!

First UMC youth gathered for a mission work session October 21 to work on two projects: one global and one local.

A. SoleHope project: This project involved a "Shoe Making Party" through SoleHope.org. A group cut out shoe patterns, which will be sent to Uganda. Thousands of vulnerable people in Uganda suffer from a crippling parasite. A simple pair of shoes can help them live a healthier, happier life.

B. Gift basket project: This project involved assembling and delivering baskets of needed supplies along with encouraging/affirming notes to local Cedar Valley charities such as The Boys and Girls Club, House of Hope and The Salvation Army.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

your church night

Have your mid-week church night online for a quick and easy connection and spiritual pick-me-up. Tune in each Wednesday night at 6:30 on Facebook. Be sure to use the comments to tell us that you're watching, share some discussion, and to say "Hi" to your friends from First UMC.

November 4: Trivia Night. Tune in to Facebook Live at 6:30 pm and watch as six contestants match wits in our 30 Questions Trivia game. Play along at home as our host Bevan Lucas tries to stump you and the players in the studio. Questions will come from history, science, pop-culture, movies, sports and our faith.

November 11: Join us on Facebook Live as Lorrin, Haleigh and Jenna teach a lesson.

November 18: First UMC cooks Thanksgiving Dinner! Watch from a safe distance (Facebook) as Chris fries a turkey and Jenna makes two side dishes from the First UMC cookbook. We will be picking a recipe out of the UMW cookbook. We will post the recipes in advance so you and your family can follow along with us. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

November 25: Join us on Facebook Live for a lesson with Jenna, Lorrin and Haleigh.

Our First UMC Legacy on Fusion Tonight

Fusion Tonight is our weekly worship talk show where we tell the stories of people being Christ for one another in these difficult days. This month, we are catching up with people whose history connects them to First UMC, who have active ministries going today.

November 4: Jon Cooper, our host tells his story of lay ministry in the UMC

November 11: Jordan Derhammer, grew up at First and is now a UMC pastor

November 18: David Ursin's father is a former First pastor, and now David travels the world preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

Join us on Facebook or our Youtube channel, Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm.

How to Help a Grieving Loved One During the Holidays

(From the National Hospice Foundation)

While most of us look forward to the holiday season, for those who are grieving, this season can be especially difficult. Often friends and family members are unsure how to act or what to say to support their grieving loved ones. Here are twelve practical tips:

- Be supportive of the way the person chooses to handle the holidays. Some may wish to follow traditions, others may choose to change their rituals. There is no right or wrong way to handle the holidays.
- Offer to help the person with baking and/or cleaning. Both tasks can be overwhelming to one trying to deal with a death.
- Offer to help him or her decorate for the holidays.
- Offer to help with holiday shopping.
- Invite the person to attend a religious service with you.
- Invite the person to your home for the holidays.
- Help your loved one prepare and mail holiday cards.
- Ask the person if he or she is interested in volunteering with you over the holidays.
- Donate a gift or money in memory of the person's loved one. Remind the person that his or her special person is not forgotten.
- Never tell someone that he or she should "get over it." Instead give the person hope that, eventually, he or she will enjoy the holidays again, perhaps in a different way.
- If he or she wants to talk about the deceased loved one or feelings associated with the loss, LISTEN. Active listening from friends is an important step to helping him or her heal. Don't worry about being conversational, just listen.
- Remind the person you are thinking of him or her and the loved one who died. Cards, phone calls, and visits are great ways to stay in touch.

Some of the above suggestions may need to be modified due to our current COVID emergency. I challenge you to find ways to reach out to your loved ones who are grieving in creative ways. In general, the best way to help those who are grieving is to let them know you care. Say the loved ones name, let the person tell the story as many times as is needed. Thank you for being Christ for each other.

Holiday Cheer!

With the holidays approaching we want to spread some cheer. Please write a card, a letter, color or draw a picture. Drop them off in the office with Jenna. She will then send them out to our members along with a sticker that has been designed by one of our youth, Tula Greuel.

Thanks for making Trunk or Treat a success!

On Wednesday Oct. 28th we held our annual Trunk or Treat. We want to thank everyone that hosted a trunk. It was wonderful to see you all and we know the kids and families loved seeing the creative trunks. Thank you for helping us put on a safe and fun event!



Be a Blessing to Someone - Love INC

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

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

Attention Volunteers!

As the volunteer callers have been trying to contact people, they are finding several whose phones are disconnected, probably because they have switched to cell phones. Please remember to contact the church office if your phone number or address has changed.



Send a Card or Note

Many care facilities are not allowing visitors, even family. Send a card or a letter to our friends who are isolated right now. 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.

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Jeanene Kemmerer, Marilyn Pape
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Darlene Prashak
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Mason City, IA 50401

November 3 - Group Grief Support Session

Where: Church Parlor

When: 2:00pm -3:30pm

If you are grieving a loss, often it can help to meet with others who care and understand. Our next monthly support session will be Tuesday, November 3 in the church parlor from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Please wear a face covering. These sessions provide a safe, confidential setting in which to share your feelings and concerns.

November 23- LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30pm - 6:00pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, November 23 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.

November 24 - Crafters' Corner

Where: Gathering Place

When: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Attention crafters! Join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 in the Gathering Place. This is a laid back and hands-on group for all skill levels. Bring your own craft project to work on or volunteer your time and talent to make sleep mats for the homeless, handmade essentials for those in need, or prayer shawls. Please contact Crystal Wilken at crystalwilken@gmail.com with any questions.

November 4 - 30 Questions for Trivia Buffs

Where: Facebook Live

When: 6:30pm

Join us on Facebook Live, November 4 at 6:30 pm for 30 Questions. Host Bevan Lucas will have all the questions and answers. Players will compete in three rounds of ten questions. Some of the questions will be easy, others will leave you scratching your head. We'll share a link to the event on the church Facebook page on the Monday before the event.

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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QUILTS FOR AUCTION

TicTacToe is a funky, light-hearted quilt that would enhance both classic and contemporary decor. The front features 16 blocks reminiscent of the classic paper-and-pencil game, and the back is an asymmetric montage of dots, stripes, and stitch lines. Hang it as a focal point, or fold it on the couch as a cozy, colorful accent. TTT's versatility makes it a great gift for anyone! Measures 54 x 54 inches.



I Spy is a warm and fun children's quilt. The back is cozy flannel and the front features 56 squares that can be used to play games or as a teaching tool: "can you find the train?" This quilt makes a great gift for new parents, or boys aged 3-5. It is insulated, has a blue border. Measures 40 x 46.



News from The FUMC Quilters and Stitchers

The Quilters and Stitchers of FUMC want to send a big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated fabric to us. It is not uncommon for several bags of fabric to be left at our quilt room door [Room 59] or in our box by the mail boxes; usually with no name! We often don't know who to thank, so if you are one of those who have made donations, please know we are so grateful and we do put it to good use. If it is something we cannot use, we pass it along. It takes a lot of fabric to keep this group of quilters busy! Keep the fabric coming and we will keep on quilting!

The Quilters have been busy during this time of social distancing. In 2020, so far, we have given 14 quilts to Veterans (*thank you Fely and Tim Houts for seeing these quilts get to the right place*) and 20 comfort quilts to church members and families or friends (*thank you Carol Dick and Jane Wyckoff for collecting these and seeing they get to those in need*). We donated 3 quilts to new Habitat Home families at the dedication of their homes. (*thank you Dorothy Brecheisen for taking care of this*). We haven't had many baptisms this year, but we are ready. We have several baby quilts in our inventory.

Fall is the time we donate youth quilts to the fall adoption day and to the Cedar Valley Angels who distribute quilts to Kaden's Klostet and other groups who work with foster families. While there won't be an adoption Day this year, we will still get our children's quilts to these families. (*thank you Pam Jones*) We also will be donating youth/kid quilts to Lincoln School family Christmas baskets.

Usually this is the time of year we are getting quilts ready for the Mission Ingathering quilt auction. We are offering a quilt a month to a Silent Auction through the Church's website. This month, the money will be given to Mission Ingathering. Check out the link on the church website and make a bid. <http://aboutfirst.com/quilt-auction>

We have a sizeable inventory of Comfort Quilts – average size 50" x 60" (*considered lap quilt size*), youth/children's quilts, and baby quilts. For grandparents looking for birthday or Christmas gifts we have some really cute children's quilts in our inventory that we would sell as well as lots of interesting lap quilts and some small wall quilts and table toppers. If you are looking for a quilt for yourself or for a gift contact Lisa at the church office and she will get your contact information to us; or, come by the quilt room on Tuesday morning (*wearing a mask, of course*). Proceeds from quilts we sell will be used to buy supplies and to support our church missions.

Other than quilts, our quilters and stitchers are busy making school bags for Mission Ingathering and we have 330 filled bags ready to go. We use heavier weight fabrics for these such as denim and drapery weight fabrics. We also have 50 hygiene kits and 6 layette kits ready to go.

Our group were quick responders to requests for face masks. With at least a dozen quilters and stitchers making masks, the number of masks made has well surpassed 1000 masks since April.

These quilts can be yours in the November Quilt Auction. Auction is online only at aboutfirst.com. November 3 - 24. Proceeds from quilt auction support the First UMC Mission of the Month.

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 Ingathering 2020 is a go!

It will look different this year due to Covid 19 concerns and restrictions but our purpose of showing the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs will carry on.

YES, we will partner with Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in Pawnee, Illinois, to collect kits at all of the Iowa Ingathering sites on Saturday, November 7, 2020. These kits are vitally important this year due to all of the disasters that have happened. MMDC is providing phenomenal assistance at each of our collection sites. MMDC is an UMCOR affiliate.

NO, we will not be hosting large group activities; such as, youth retreats, bazaars, mission presentations, luncheons, bake sales, quilt auctions, and worship services.

Mission Ingathering will be a “drive through” process this year. We will not be repacking boxes onsite as we have in the past. Volunteers will meet vehicles from churches across northeast Iowa, take their kits, collect their remittance forms, off they go, and our team will load the truck for Midwest Mission.

Cash donations accepted and needed! Please consider donating funds for the Mission Ingathering 2020. Much of the money for these District Hunger Grants comes from auction, bake sales, luncheons, and bazaar sales, none of which can happen this year on site. That will leave a huge void. These grants, available in January each year, assist Iowa food pantries and help fund community meals right here in our conference. Last year, \$32,000 was granted to Iowa churches from Ingathering giving to go back into their communities. How sad it would be to have to cut back our work right here in Iowa.

Our 41st Mission Ingathering will be like no other. We can be flexible, because our purpose is clear – *to show the Love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs*. We can and will be difference makers. Peace and joy to you all from

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THE GIVING TREE

Our monthly mission is **The Giving Tree**. Last year, we set up the Christmas tree and hung envelopes for 5 different missions. People grab an envelope and donate to the charity of their choice. This year is going to be a little different. You can donate by sending a check to the church office or coming in and selecting an envelope off of the tree. Below, a brief synopsis of each mission.

House of Hope

Our mission statement was and continues to be: "The House of Hope, a temporary shelter, provides advocacy and care for homeless families. Rooted in a belief in God, and under the direction of an ecumenical board, it seeks to affirm the dignity of life to all who are served. By joining the House of Hope family, you'll receive:

- A permanent home for two years.
- Support and resources for finding work and/or completing an education.
- Child care.
- Mentoring for your children.
- Transportation assistance.
- Personal case management assistance.
- Life skills education.

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

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 need of such items. This is a part of the Love Inc. ministries organization.

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.

Women at the Well

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



Photo Courtesy: Heifer International

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

Getting Together Again

This is still a transitional time. While in-person worship is available, the livestreams will continue and we will still consider online worship to be our primary worship experience. If you choose to attend in-person, expect

- to submit to a health screening as you enter
- to be asked to wear a mask
- to observe social distancing
- to not have refreshments in the Gathering Place
- changes in how we sing, pray, and offer gifts together

Please make good decisions regarding church attendance based upon your vulnerability to infection, and your likelihood of being a transmitter of the COVID-19 virus to others.

First UMC is on Cable TV

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

Cedar Falls (CFU) Channels 18 and 95.5, Friday @ 8:00 pm, Sunday @ 9:00 am
Waterloo (MediaCom) Channel 17, Sundays @ 11:am & 8:pm

Tune In To Evening Reflections

Every evening at 6:00, a church staffer or volunteer will be live on our Facebook page with a reflection for the day. Gather the family and tune in for a word of encouragement and something to think about. Feel free to share comments with others who are watching ñ it's good to hear from each other!

Thank Yous

I wish to thank the Congregational Care Team and particularly Jane Wyckoff for the rose that was delivered to me on my 80th birthday. The rose and visit with Jane on our front porch was deeply appreciated.
Nick Teig

On behalf of Allan, I am sending a heartfelt thank you for the lovely rose commemorating his 80th birthday.
Carolyn Nyhus

We would like to thank the Congregational Care Team for the beautiful roses that Jane Wyckoff delivered for our birthdays, and the birthday greetings received from the staff and other church members, We always look forward to Jane's visit and the greeting cards are always enjoyed.
Chuck & Marilyn Roudebush

To the quilters...
Thanks for the beautiful quilt that was delivered by Jane. It was a pleasant surprise and I have a place in my living room to enjoy it.
Hube Gaard

On behalf of the Veterans and families who benefit from our programs, we would like to thank you for donation of handmade quilts lovingly made by the quilters group to Black Hawk County Veterans Affairs. Your generosity and support helps Veterans in our community in many ways, including Veteran Operation Christmas.
Yolando Loveless, Director

"Thank you" to the Quilters and Stitchers for the beautiful quilt for our little granddaughter Evelyn! It was a very loving, caring gesture to think of her and her parents, as well as we grandparents at this difficult time.† A special "thank you" to Jane Wyckoff for bringing it to us as well. Little Evelyn is home now, but will be returning frequently for more treatments for the next three years. Thank you to our church family for all the prayers and cards you have given to us. We are so Blessed!
Doug & Maxine Kehret

A big thank you for the prayers, cards, etc, sent my way during my knee replacement surgery and convalescence.† Thank you, Quilters & Stitchers, for the comfort quilt that Jane Wyckoff brought me yesterday. I will be putting it to good use between therapy sessions for the next few months. I will hope we will soon be able to be back together in person soon.
Ruth Tuckert

Sympathy to:

Pat Powell on the death of her nephew, Mark Rewerts, on September 26.

Family and friends of Pat Ackerman. Pat died October 2.

Joe and Linda Bohr on the loss of their grandson, Sean Carroll, on October 12.

Ronda Rapp on the death of her father, Lawson Little, on October 13.

Carol Farrell and her family on the death of her great-grandson.

Hospital reminder

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

Altar Flowers

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

Furniture Needed

First UMC has a need for two items of furniture –

1) A desk or work table suitable for our communication dept to use as a graphics and creative workstation.

2) A quilt rack which would be used to display the monthly auction quilts in the church office.

If you have something that might work for either of these, contact chris congdon in the media office at 319-266-1713 or chris.congdon@aboutfirst.com.

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First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls



Worship

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

Sunday, noon Video and worship resources at aboutfirst.com

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

Television

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

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

Our Pastors

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