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Pull That Foot Outta the Grave

I remember my home church in Reynoldsburg, Ohio had a program called Life Center. Children dropped their parents off at the church for a day or part of a day. Life Center was directed by Fran McNew and was a day care for older adults.

You've never seen a person with more positive energy than Fran. You'd see her work with a woman who had a serious stroke and learning to walk again. And as the woman struggled across the floor, Fran was the type to say, "That's the way to go, Emma, come on, pull that foot out of the grave!"

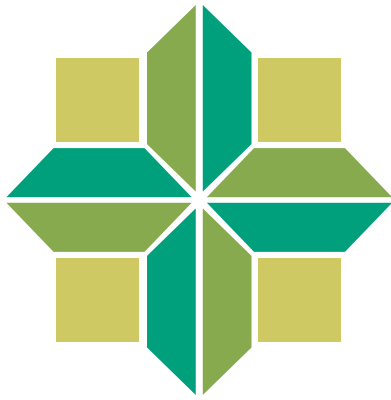
How's that for a job description "assisting persons in pulling that one foot out of the grave." People need someone to tell them that they are not finished yet.

It's been a model for me over the years: drive out the despair and cynicism and loneliness and fear. Fact is it is not age related, I have talked with teenagers and I felt like saying: "Come on, pull that foot out of the grave."

Living in the present has to do with overcoming the shadows and despairs in life. It's about building God's future, believing in things that abide, acting out Faith, Hope and Love—pulling that one foot out of the grave. Do you still believe in the future?

If so, join me in pulling that foot out of the grave and living life to the fullest!

Pastor Scott



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

New Logo for our Church

Our church leaders have recently gone through the process of designing and selecting a new logo for our specific United Methodist church community! There are a few reasons for this as outlined in this adapted piece from Resource UMC, our national church communications entity.

“A updated logo can make a real difference for your church or ministry. Why do we feel so strongly about this, and why does the logo matter so much? Your logo is your face to the community, representing everything your church or ministry stands for. Your logo plays a large role in supporting your church. With an updated logo, you gain a memorable visual identity that is versatile, distinct and immediately recognizable throughout your community.” Watch for exciting new additions of our new logo, and more information on how it was created in the coming months!

“Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being”



This six-part resource leads individuals and their families in a comprehensive journey through earning, saving,

spending and giving all taught from a Christian perspective. This class will provide the tools you need to address the topics of saving, earning, giving, spending, and debt, along with helpful strategies for achieving a sustainable financial life.

Saving Grace is not a one-size fits all resource when it comes to finances. The program tries to address participants where they are in their careers, lifestyles and experiences with money. Financial well-being might look a little different for instance for the individual who works 9 to 5 every day in an office with benefits and a pension versus someone working within the gig economy. The workbook includes tips for creating a spending plan with a variable income.

Saving Grace also talks about debt realistically according to the needs of the person. “A lot of Christian resources out today tell you to avoid debt at all cost. Unfortunately, that is not always an option for all of us, especially among young people. Instead we help people discern when it’s practical or necessary to take on debt and when to avoid it,” said Rev. Anna Guillozet.

The six classes are led by Pastor Scott and begin Wednesday September 15 at 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Cost of participant book is \$12

Disciple’s Path Course

Are you interested in becoming a member of Cedar Falls First United Methodist Church? Are you interested in learning more about the church you are a part of? Would you like a refresher course in what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in the world today? Then join us for a 6 week class led by Pastor Karen Nelson.

A Disciple’s Path is a program that guides individuals to take the next step in discipleship and become dynamic, engaged followers of Jesus Christ. Participants will take a fresh look at our membership vows, develop spiritual practices, discover their unique gifts and become engaged in ministry that brings transformation in their own lives, the lives of others, and the world.

The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the parlor beginning Sunday, September 19.



**Newcomers’ Coffee
with the Pastors
September 19 -
10:15 am**

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

4 events

Welcome home

EXPERIENCE LOVE FIRST

Mark your Calendars!

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER

8

Wednesday Morning Women's Group

When: Begins Wednesday Sept. 8, 9:00 to 10:30 am

Where: Church Parlor

We will begin this fall with the study "Can We Talk, Conversations With God" In this seven -session DVD study Priscilla Shirer teaches how to make our time in God's Word a two-way conversation. Bring your Bible. Contact Jan Hoover with questions.

Drive Through History: Since Jesus

When: Begins September 15 at 6:30 pm

Where: Chapel

Drive Through History - Acts to Revelation. Here's a fast-paced, fact-filled overview of the New Testament, presented in the quirky style of Dave Stotts' Drive Through History series. Each week we'll start with a video lesson, where Dave will take us on-site to the locations of the significant events of our New Testament. After the video, we'll have time to discuss what we've learned and link the lesson to our lives today. We'll look at the day of Pentecost, the growth and spread of the early church, Paul's missionary adventures, Peter's martyrdom, John's exile, and the seven churches of Revelation.

Confirmation is Coming this Fall!

When: Beginning October 3rd

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September 7 - Grief Support Session

Where: Parlor

When: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

If you are grieving a loss, you are welcome. We provide a safe, confidential time to share feelings and thoughts. Please plan to bring along a face covering. If you have questions, please call Carol through the church office at 319-266-1713.

September 8- Welcome Home Event

Where: Gathering Place

When: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

discover your place in our community!

Join us on September 8th to celebrate being together again! It's a time to connect with old friends, and welcome new friends, too! We are more than just a church, we are a home. Let's welcome our neighbors, friends and strangers to share life and God's grace here at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. COME EXPERIENCE LOVE FIRST!

5-7:30 PM

Activities start at 5:00 p.m. & include:

Food Trucks

Live Music

Games & Prizes

Activities for Kids

Information Booths about our programs

Building Tours

Many activities will take place outside.

Join us on the 8th to celebrate coming back together again! We will have food trucks, games, prizes, live music and information about all our church has to offer! Bring a few friends and newcomers! We are excited to celebrate with you!

Regular Wednesday Night Activities start up Sept. 15th. Meal will be served at 5:00pm in the Gathering Space.

September 14 - Card Making Party

Where: Gathering Place

When: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Come join the fun as we make recycled greeting cards to send and sell on the card rack. No experience is needed. This quarter's profits will go to Ingathering for postage.

September 27 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Our monthly Blood Drive will be Monday, September 27. They have quite a few appointments slots to fill, and the need is great. Sign up to donate at 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 this summer on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. (September 13 and 27) If you are looking for a project to do at home, Crystal Wilken is looking for people to do one or more of the bag "processing" steps at home to help with our surplus of plastic bags that are used to make sleeping mats. This might be simply cutting the bags into strips, or looping the strips together to make "plarn" (plastic yarn), or even crocheting the plarn into the mats. She will provide all the materials with step-by-step instructions. Please contact Crystal Wilken at crystalwilken@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

6 worship & digital church

SUNDAY MORNING

New Worship Schedule begins September 12

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

Our Wednesday night begins again on September 8th with our grand "Welcome Home" event. Come out from 5-7:30. Wednesday night Filling station and activities will restart Sept 15.

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/

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

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

New Worship Schedule Q & A's

Worship Times beginning September 12th!

The Worship Time Taskforce met 3 times April 27, May 19 and June 16 and reported to the Church Council on June 29th with following worship times. The Council voted the new times be implemented:

8:15 Sanctuary Worship

9:15 Transformation Worship

10:15 Sunday School for children and adults

11:15 Sanctuary Worship

Frequently Asked Questions

Why not the same worship times as before?

Due to the change in staff and the difficulty of staffing two services at 8:30 (both musical staff and Audio/Visual staff) it was the right time to consider a change.

How many services can we carry with new staffing?

Many churches have 3 or more services and 3 services was what we were used to offering. Our pastors and staff have experience with 3 services on a Sunday and feel it can be done effectively.

Where does Sunday School fit? How do we best serve children/families?

The desire to allow for a stand-alone Sunday School time was seen as an good offering for most families and children to participate. This gives family's an option of worship before or after the Sunday School time.

What if an adult Sunday School wants to meet at another time?

It will be encouraged that small groups (including Sunday School classes) can meet at alternative times that may work best for the group. A Sunday School class can meet at 9:15 if that works for the majority of the class.

Where is time for fellowship?

Fellowship time can still be offer beginning at 9am and ending at 11:15am.

What can the length of service be going forward? What is necessary in order of worship?

The Worship Design Team will be looking to create a 45 minute service for all 3 services. Therefore, we can expect a different look to the services but music and preaching will be a high priority for all the services.

How will online and TV options be offered in future?

The online and TV options will continue to be offered. However, the 11:15am may not be offered as a live stream option in the beginning.

Miss A Sermon?

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

8 monthly mission



SWIM for Him

SWIM for Him International Ministries is our Mission of the Month for September

Safe Water International Ministries (SWIM) seeks to help people create safe drinking water while sharing the love of Jesus with them.

In many countries in the world, there is a critical need for safe water. Drilling more wells is not always the best option because these wells can still supply contaminated water, plus political, monetary, and location problems are sometimes insurmountable obstacles to safe water. SWIM produces and distributes a simple chlorine producing unit (CPU) that generates chlorine from salt and water. Since salt is usually readily available, when added to water, chlorine can be produced as needed without assistance from outside resources. The result is a natural chlorine solution that is safe and is an effective disinfectant, allowing safe drinking water

to be created. In addition to creating safe water – one CPU can provide for an entire village! – people are also told about Jesus.

Many people in remote areas are being reached by having their water needs being met – both physically and spiritually. They are introduced to safe water and to the Living Water in Jesus Christ.

This simple CPU (photo top) turns a puddle like (photo left) this into drinkable water. The CPU costs about \$100.00. Let's see if we can provide CPUs for 15 villages.

Ingathering-November 6

"If it weren't for bad news there would be no news at all." It seems that's the way the last year has gone and still it has passed so quickly. Summer is dwindling and fall is approaching and with autumn comes an important event on the Iowa United Methodist calendar with the celebration of the annual Ingathering now in its 42nd year. While the bad news of this world will never go away the purpose of the Ingathering is to gather United Methodists in mission to serve our fellow human beings in need across the globe. One way we can

accomplish this is through the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois. This UMCOR warehouse is collecting and distributing food and supplies year-round with the help of volunteers whenever the request is made. Several members from our own congregation have volunteered a week of their time and felt blessed for their efforts. The Mission has done a fabulous job of partnering with other faith-based groups and the U.S. military in getting items where they're needed most. During August's mission of the month you may have seen a plea in the About First newsletter for items to fill personal dignity kits and school kits. Don't stop now! If you don't care to shop cash

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 loveinc.org or call 266-1264. They'll get back to you in the next couple of days.

donations are always welcome and someone will shop for you. And here's the good news: "Hearts and hands transforming the resources of God's people into humanitarian relief." That's Midwest Mission's mission statement. Your contribution provides joy and comfort in so many ways. Thank you so much for the gifts you pass on. Kris Rash
Cedar Falls Ingathering Site co-chair
(Pictured Rocks District, formerly Northeast Iowa District)



Stephen Ministers: The After People

LISTENING CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

Some activities are better done alone, like brushing your teeth or playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others.

Stephen Ministry is one of those get-it-done-together ministries. The trained Stephen Ministers meet regularly as a caring listening Christian friend with another person going through a trying time. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another. When the Stephen leaders and Stephen ministers work together, God accomplishes wonderful things for them and the people they are listening to and supporting.

If you are in need of a listening friend to walk with during a difficult time, please call the church office at 266-1713 and you will be directed to one of our Stephen leaders.



CROP Hunger Walk is in September

The annual CROP Hunger Walk happens Sunday, September 26 (registration at 1:30, walk at 2:00). This year the walk will make a three mile loop beginning and ending at the NE Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo. You'll have an

opportunity to tour the facility and to hear about how this agency serves the food insecure not only in Black Hawk county, but 15 other counties in NE Iowa.

Our goal is primarily to raise funds for local projects like the NE Iowa Food Bank Center and to support world hunger projects through Church World Service. During the month of September at a table in the Gathering Place you'll have opportunities to sign up to be a walker, cookie baker-2 dozen, or contribute to the cause. Every \$10 donated will add a footprint to the display. The cookies provide refreshments for the walkers at the end of the walk.

Online donations are welcome, too. Go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/waterlooia>

Contact Jan Hoover if you would like to walk, contribute or bake cookies.

Give Through Our Website or Your Phone

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

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

<http://aboutfirst.com/giving>

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



Or use our handy new QR Code!

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RESPONSE Moment

BRIGHTLIGHTS - These are just two examples of what United Methodist Women are doing across our country. There are more in the issue that is in the church library.



Love thy Neighbor Chalk Art in Kentucky

by Elly Gilbert Communications Coordinator

In the beautiful downtown area of Frankfurt, Kentucky you will find the First United Methodist Church. On September 15, 2020 - between 9:00am and 7:00pm. Sidewalk chalkers were invited to come to the church, pick a square of sidewalk, and leave an inspirational greeting that would

share the “faith, hope, love in action” message to the whole community. An all-day prayer vigil was also scheduled so that members could pray for the mission and their community from the safety of their homes. The people at home were encouraged to chalk their own driveways.

Giving Love Through Groceries in Washington

by Kathy Wright, member of Rachel Circle FUMC, Vancouver, WA

For the past ten years Rachel Circle has purchased groceries and donated funds to Fruit Valley Elementary School’s Food Pantry. The family-community resource coordinator maintains the pantry. Requested items include peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, stews and soups, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, and eggs. During the pandemic, boxes were packed for families to pick up. Monetary donations continued to come in through the mail. Members of Rachel Circle continue to live their “faith, hope, and love” in action supporting neighbors, especially women, children, and youth.

Paraphrased by Stephanie Buchs - Education and Interpretation Coordinator

Church Women United in Iowa

The “UNITER” is the published newsletter of Church Women United and it’s going digital. Those of you wishing to receive an issue four times a year please send your email address to Kathleen Clark at kclarkdsm@aol.com.



September Bible Verse

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Luke 12:34 NIV

Mission Witness

The chorus of a popular Latin American Christian Hymn, “Lazos de Amistad” says, “We will be joined by the bonds of friendship, regardless of color, and rich and poor will sing in kinship, the same song. We will be joined by the bonds of friendship and love will reign and inside the soul, with a feeling of being better.”

Submitted by Belinda Forbes, Global Missionary from the United States serving in Nicaragua and taken from the Prayer Calendar 2021



Global Assembly of United Methodist Women

May 20-22, 2022 in Orlando, Florida

- TURN IT UP!** for spiritual healing & renewal
- TURN IT UP!** for rebirth in a new time
- TURN IT UP!** for women leaders
- TURN IT UP!** for justice for women, children and youth

Get ready for Orlando. Here we come!
 Questions - contact President Chris Werling or visit assembly2022.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 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.

Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 am UMW Board Meeting, Parlor

SEPTEMBER 9

1:00pm UMW Unit Meeting -Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER 18

9:00am - 2:00pm - West Union UMC

SEPTEMBER 23

9:30am - Mary Circle - parlor

SEPTEMBER 23

1:30pm - Joy Circle - parlor

OCTOBER 2

9:00am - Iowa Conference UMW Annual Meeting
 Cherokee UMC(may need to change to live stream)

Registration needs to be completed by September 24th

OCTOBER 11

9:30am -UMW Board Meeting - Library

OCTOBER 14

1:00p - UMW Unit Meeting - Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER 6

Ingathering - same format as last year
 (watch for information on a local Ingathering event @ FUMC on a Sunday in October- direct questions to Kris Rash)

UMW Reading Program

There is a shelf in the FUMC library dedicated to the United Methodist Women's READING PROGRAM



So here is the challenge - begin with PLAN I: 5 books this year. Choose one book from each category: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Good luck and joy in your reading!

12 youth



Helping Youth Learn Discipleship

As everything ramps up again with our church activities, we're excited to be back with youth ministry this fall, too! It takes a village to make it happen, and we have some great ways for you to get involved and walk beside our youth as they grow in their faith.

First, our youth are planning a mission trip to Denver CO for July 2022. We're working on planning our trip fundraisers, and one of our first ones will be fall yard cleanups this October. Stay tuned for info on how you can sign up and help support our youth in this way!

Next, if you have a passion for your Methodist faith and a desire to share it with the next generation, we want you to be a part of our Wednesday night youth ministry! We could always use passionate and enthusiastic small group leaders for our 7-12 grade youth. We'll equip you with everything you need. Just show up on Wednesdays, ready to engage and connect with our youth in meaningful ways. Message our church Facebook page or email youth@aboutfirst.com for more info on volunteering with youth ministry.

Again, we're so excited to kick off another year of youth ministry and we hope that you'll join us! Your involvement is needed and so appreciated by all of us here at CF First!.



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Vacation Bible School Thanks

Thank you to everyone who assisted in Vacation Bible School this year. You made it a fun filled day! The smile on the kids' faces throughout the day was a great reminder why we do what we do here at First UMC.



HELP WANTED!

volunteers **13**

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.

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.

Greeting

As a greeter you are our guest first encounter. You will be responsible for welcoming all who enter our doors. We need greeters at the First and Second Services. Greeters will be placed at the main doors to Welcome our guests as they arrive.

Welcome Desk

Here you will be a point person to help answer questions about the church. When we have a visitor you will hand out our Welcome gift.

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.

Sunday School Teachers

We need teachers to help in our Kindergarten-2nd grade class
3rd-4th grade class
5th-6th grade class
Please consider contributing to the spiritual development of our young minds!

Calling all Singers

Choir is in full swing and now is the perfect time to come and lift your voice. It has been a long year and we are excited to be back together making a joyful noise unto the Lord. If you have always wanted to sing with a group, but have been too afraid now is the perfect time to set those fears aside. 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. Do you sing during church? If the answer is yes, then there is no excuse not to sing in the Chancel Choir! 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.

Wednesday Nights

Worship Tech Team

We'll train you to operate the video and audio systems to enhance the worship experience for those who attend in-person and those who watch online. The Worship Tech Team is a fun way to be a valuable asset to your church. Any adult or youth over 14 yrs. More information at aboutfirst.com/tech

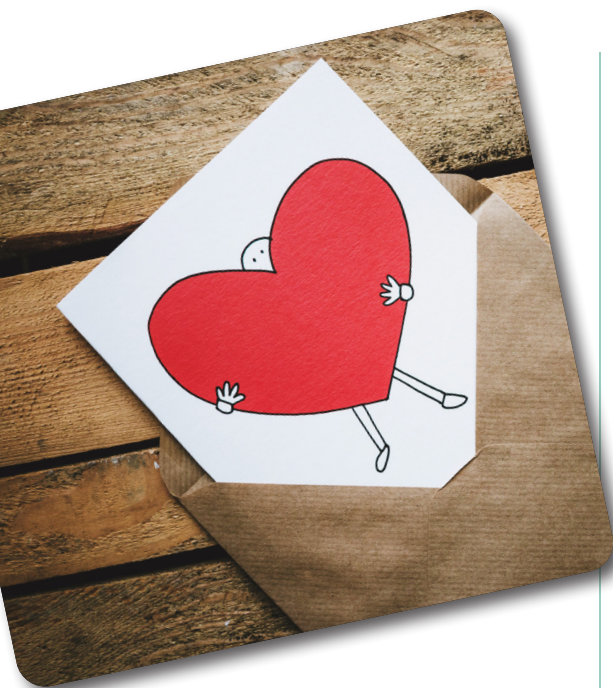
Filling Station

We need assistance serving and cleaning up our weekly meals.

B.L.A.S.T. Volunteers

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

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



Send a Card or Note

Send a card or a letter to our friends in care facilities and unable to attend church. Phone calls and cards are also much appreciated for those who are staying home. Think of who sits around you in worship or in a group, and give them a call or a card. We still have updated photo directories at our Welcome Center.

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

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

**Marian Christiason, Sharon
Kreb, Homer Leymaster,
Emogene Marty, Chet Starr**
Windhaven Assisted Living
5500 S. Main St
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Harold Kreb, 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
Cedar Falls IA 50613

LaVonne Neese
Thuesen Cottage
5127 Caraway Ln
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bus Service Rides Again!

We are now picking up for the 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.

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.

Thank Yous

9 1/2 years ago, when I became the organist at FUMC, I planned to play as long as I could. Little did I know that God had other plans for me. I am proud to say that I played for the most welcoming church I have ever served. When I came to the Cedar Valley I asked God to not send me alone. He sent me Vee and Lisa. He tested me when Vee passed from cancer. I persevered, and continued to serve him and First. It is with greatest regrets I have to step down from this position. This is the end of my playing career. Thank you to everyone for the opportunity to serve at First United Methodist Church; it has been an honor.

Douglas D. Shaffer
Organist

I want to thank my church and Jane Wyckoff for the beautiful rose and all the caring people.

Ann Campbell

Thank you for the rose and the visit for my 85th birthday. It's hard to believe I made it to 85! Thank you again.

Phyllis Aschenbrenner

Thank you to Jane Wyckoff for visiting and delivering the beautiful red rose for my birthday. Also, thank you to the card from the FUMC staff and the Care Team!

Larry Petersen

My appreciation to the quilt ladies for the special quilt they have given to me. It will be well used. Also thanks to the church staff for the cards and prayers. Visits from Jane Wyckoff and Pastor Karen helped make a positive day.

Jerry Fogleman

Welcome

Elouise Grace Everman, who was baptized on August 8. Elouise is the daughter of William and Amanda Everman.

Happy Anniversary Card shower

On Sept. 17th Dorothy & Jim Schwab will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a card shower. Cards may be sent to them at 9902 University Ave, Cedar Falls IA 50613. They are hoping for 60 cards for 60 years

Sympathy

Keep the family and friends of Robert Glasscock in your prayers. Bob died August 4.

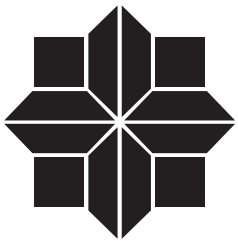
Keep the family and friends of Jim Skaine in your prayers. Jim died August 12.

Hospital reminder

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

Altar Flowers

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



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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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