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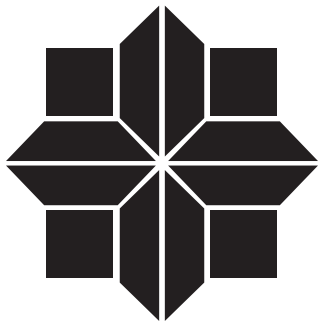
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# news

## Special Charge Conference

A Special Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6 :00 PM for the purpose of selling the property at 803 Clay St. A Charge Conference is defined as members of the Church Council.

## Memorial Day Weekend Service

There will be on service only, May 26 at 10am in the sanctuary.

## Change in Worship beginning June 2

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP** in Sanctuary at 8:30am

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** between services

**TRANSFORMATION SERVICE** in Fellowship Hall at 10:30am

This will be our normal worship schedule through the summer and will be evaluated by our church leadership for this fall.

## Farewell Ben Edwards & Emily Reedy

We will certainly miss Ben as worship leader in our Transformation Service and Emily as our Children's Choir director. They are both graduating from Wartburg. Their last Sunday with us is May 19. Celebrate their ministry with us at fellowship time on May 19.

## Congratulations Ethan Kober!

Ethan has been recommended by the Staff Parish Relations Committee as well as the Administrative Counsel as a Candidate for Ministry in the United Methodist Church. He will attend Harvard Divinity School this fall.

## Card Shower for Evelyn Scott

Pastor Keith Scott and his wife Evelyn served our church from 1987-1998. Pastor Keith has been gone for several years, but Evelyn will be celebrating her 90th birthday on May 28.

If you have a memory to share or simply want to wish her a happy birthday, send cards to:

Evelyn Scott  
712 South Jefferson Way #2201  
Indianola IA 50125



## New Opportunities, New Beginnings

There is something that caught my attention this past Easter season. I think in the past I have been focused on all the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and the celebration of resurrection. This year, I focused on something different.

This is what captivated me. In the accounts of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to his followers, Jesus came to them. They didn't go looking for him, even when they heard from others that he was alive. The women left the empty tomb, not knowing what to do. The disciples hid in a locked room. A couple of guys walked back to their homes in Emmaus.

And Jesus came to them.

In their grief, in their confusion, in their fear, Jesus came to them.

Maybe it captured my attention this year because I can relate, can you?

May is a season of changes and endings. School comes to an end, students graduate and move on, fun and busy church schedules come to an end. Pastor Scott is moving on this summer. The worship schedule changes.

But, May is also a month of new beginnings, schedule changes open up spaces for new opportunities, grad-

uation leads to new beginnings, pastoral changes are the beginnings of new relationships and new ministry opportunities. Yet, there is grief, there is confusion and there is fear.

I believe Jesus still finds us, in our grief, in our confusion, in our fears and says to us what he said to them, "fear not, peace be with you".

You know, in the church, the Easter season actually goes through May. It ends with Pentecost Sunday which is May 19 of this year. That is the time we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church.

So, in this post resurrection season, let's expect that Jesus will come to us and make himself known in the many new opportunities before us. Let's not act like we don't know what to do, we know what to do. Let's not hid away, let's get out there and tell of all we have seen. Let's not walk away!

Let's walk together in the light of the Light of the World.

*Pastor Karen*



# may

## monthly mission

### **\$1000 for Iowa United Methodist Camps**

Remember going to camp as a child? The smell of wood smoke, activities with new friends and eating s'mores. Our goal this month is to continue the experience by supporting Iowa Methodist Camps with \$1000.

Times have changed and so have some of the camping experiences at our Iowa Methodist Camps. Both Wesley Woods and Camp Okoboji offer Adventure Camp that have various themes like Knights, Myth-busters and Go-Karts. Some of the camping sessions specialize like Splash Zone, a camp dedicated to swimming, canoeing, kayaking and other water activities. Horse Camp and Campfire Cooking Camp are two other offerings. There are also abbreviated overnight camps for 6-9 year olds, as well as exceptional person's camp. And you don't have to be a kid to attend camp. There are family camp sessions and a Grandparent and Me Camp. (Ask Pastor Karen about that one!) Several years ago, the Iowa Apportionment System decided that the camping in Iowa needed to identify new sources of support. This is why our goal is to raise \$1000 during the month of May.

You may give to mission projects by dropping your contribution into the Sunday offering plate, or coming in to the church office during business hours. Be sure to specify that it's for Iowa United Methodist Camps.



## One Day Missions

GATHER, GROW, GO



### North East Iowa Food Bank Needs Your Help!

We would like to continue sending two crews a month but the number of volunteers has dropped drastically.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for fun, fellowship and an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. The first group will go Thursday, May 9th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the second group will go on Tuesday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Look for the sign up sheets at the Welcome Center Desk. Rides are available. You will be notified in advance if we're working in the refrigeration area.



### 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.

In particular need now are:

- Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
- Socks 18-24 month size
- New Receiving blankets and bibs
- New clothing 18mo-24 mo/2T, boys and girls
- Baby wash & lotion
- 8oz bottles & sippy cups

Your donations do make a difference. Thanks to all of you who support our "wee ones". The moms are always grateful.



### Community Meal – Desserts Needed

First UMC provides, prepares, and serves the Community Meal the 4th Tuesday of the month.

One highlight for our guests are the delicious homemade bars and cookies for dessert. If you like to bake, consider sharing your culinary gifts with our friends at Community Meal any time a 4th Tuesday comes around.

If you are willing to bake for the meal the 4th Tuesdays of each month, or any month, please contact Maxine Kehret at 319-610-4191.



### Got extra fabric? Bring it in!

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

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



## May 7 - Grief Support

Where: Parlor

When: 2:00 pm

Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, May 7 in the church parlor from 2:00-3:30 p.m. We meet to share, to support one another, and to be on a caring relationship. Please join us as we work together.

## May 9 & 21 - Food Bank

Where: Food Bank

We will continue to send two crews to the NEIFB. The first group will go Thursday, May 9th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the second group will go on Tuesday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Look for the sign up sheets at the Welcome Center Desk. Rides are available.

## May 14 - Card Making Party

Where: Gathering Place

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

Come join the Congregational Care Team. No experience (or special skills) are necessary. Bring a snack to share if you'd like and have the option to stay for Community Meals.

Last quarter's profits from the card rack were \$263.60 and were given to Midwest Mission. This quarter we are donating money to WeeCare to purchase items for babies and toddlers. Watch for our regular cards plus Mother's Day and graduation cards on the card rack.

## May 15th Barn Happy

Join the Grief Support group on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 for a trip to Barn Happy, where we will hear a bit about this unique venue that features gifts from Iowa plus delicious homemade foods. We will meet at church at 9:30 a.m., and travel by church bus.

You'll be able to order brunch items such as quiche, cinnamon rolls, and other baked items, and Barn Happy's own coffees. We can also do a bit of shopping, if desired! Please keep in mind that the floor is original to the 1925 barn and is somewhat unlevel.

Please call Deb Goodenbour at 319-415-0231, or Terri Rogers at 319-240-3271 by Friday, May 10, to let us know that you're interested. Rides to and from church can be arranged.



## May 24 - LifeServe Blood Drive

Where: Gathering Place

When: 12:30-6:00 pm

**A Friday this month!**

Our monthly Blood Drive will be FRIDAY, May 24 from 12:30-6:00. They have quite a few appointments slots to fill, and the need is great. Appointments are encouraged, but not required. Sign up to donate at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800-287-4903.

## May 22 - Crafters Corner

Where: Parlor

When: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Get your crafting project lined up and join the group on the 4th Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 in the Parlor. It's an opportunity to weave mats for homeless. Please contact Crystal Wilken at [crystalwilken@gmail.com](mailto:crystalwilken@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Yoga Mondays

Join us for an hour of yoga on Monday afternoons at 4:45. Bring your own yoga mat (and blocks if you have them) and meet in Fellowship Hall. Angie is an excellent teacher and works to individualize the experience for your own abilities and need. The cost

is \$9 per session, and you can pay Angie each time or she will accept payment at month's end (cash or check only).

## SAVE THE DATE

The Barr's will be having a farewell potluck picnic for Pastor Scott Wednesday June 12th at 5:30 in their backyard. More details and a sign-up sheet will be coming later.

## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAY MORNING

#### Worship Schedule (Until June 2)

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary, live stream at <a href="http://aboutfirst.com">aboutfirst.com</a>
9:00-11:15	Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am	Transformation Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall live stream at <a href="http://aboutfirst.com">aboutfirst.com</a>
10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

Previous services are archived on our First UMC CF YouTube channel.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

5:30-6:00	Filling Station Meal, Gathering Place
6:00-7:30	G3 Youth Ministry
6:00-6:30	FUSION Tonight, Theater Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:30	BLAST, Lower Level
6:30	Small Groups
7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal



# Find your Place in God's Great Story

## Help Needed!

### TECH VOLUNTEERS

Tech volunteers get to use the same cool equipment and do the same important job as our paid staff, but they have more flexibility to pick and choose the Sundays and services they work. We can't do this without volunteers. No experience necessary – we can teach you what you need to know. Email [chris.congdon@aboutfirst.com](mailto:chris.congdon@aboutfirst.com) for more info.

### 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. Email [Jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com](mailto:Jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com) for more info.

### EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jenna Engel and she will be sure to give you a fun filled job! You

can contact her at [jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com](mailto:jenna.engel@aboutfirst.com).

## Reminders:

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

### BUD VASES

Check to see if you have any extra bud vases to donate. Jane Wyck-off uses them as she delivers carnations to our seasoned members to celebrate their birthdays. Bring the vases to the church office anytime and we'll use them to bless others.

### HOSPITAL INFO

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.

## JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP

Our First Friends and Family Facebook group 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.

## DO YOU WANT TO RIDE THE BUS?

If you like the idea of door to door service and live in Cedar Falls, consider riding the bus to church as an option. The bus picks up riders for the 11:15 worship service. Please contact the bus coordinators Janet & Steve MacTaggart at 319-404-0077. They can answer your questions get you on the schedule for rides.



# education

## Thank You!!

A special THANK YOU to, Ginger L'Heureux, Nancy Fransdal, Gen Shafer, Julie Fee, Jan and Dean Hoover, Keisha Lockhart, Linsey Zimmerman, Cindi Know, Jane Wyckoff, Haleigh Ernst, Tiana Oehler, Liz Jones, Justin Greuel and Lorrin Schofield. You all helped make Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings incredible! I love doing this ministry right alongside all of you!



## Vacation Bible School is Coming!

Our theme this year is TWIST & TURNS – Following Jesus Changes the Game!

**Dates:** Thursday, June 13th-Sunday, June 16th

**Times:** Thursday- 5:30-8:00 pm

Friday-5:30-8:00 pm

Saturday- 9:00am-Noon

Sunday - 10:30 VBS Theme Sunday Service.

See next page for the VBS Registration Form!

## Reminder!

Our last Sunday School for the school year is Sunday, May 19. Have an awesome summer!



## Game Night Friday, May 3, 6:00-7:30

Join us for our next monthly game night on Friday, May 3 from 6:00-7:30 right here at the church! Our game nights happen on the Friday before the first Sunday of each month. Please RSVP to Haleigh no later than Thursday, May 2. Bring your friends— pizza will be provided!

The month of May is bringing us TWO game nights, so join us on Friday, May 31 as well, from 6:00-7:30!

## Mission Trip Informational Meeting: May 29 at 6pm

If you are joining us for our summer mission trip to Henderson Settle-

ment in Frakes, KY, join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 29 at 6pm at the church. Parents and youth are invited. We will be going over details of what to pack and what we will be doing on the trip, and give youth and parents a chance to ask any questions they still have. Please contact Haleigh if you are planning to attend the trip but can't make it to this meeting.

## THANK YOU for supporting our Pancake Fundraiser!

Thank you to everyone who showed up and supported our youth pancake fundraiser at the Filling Station on April 17! We raised over \$700 from this fundraiser, all of which goes directly toward our mission trip fund. This summer we are going to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. We are so excited, and we wouldn't be

able to have experiences like this without the support of our congregation. Thank you!

## Crazyfunbusy Wednesday nights are taking a Summer Break

Our crazyfunbusy Wednesday nights are on summer break until September. Stay tuned for some summer youth events to help us stay connected, and we'll see you back for the regular stuff in the fall!

## Last Sunday School is May 19

Join us for Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 10:00! Youth in grades 7-12 meet in the cafe on the third floor. Our last Sunday School for the school year is Sunday, May 19. We'll see you again in the fall!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 13-16

Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives.

Dates: June 13th-16th
Times: Thursday- 5:30-8:00 pm
Friday-5:30-8:00 pm
Saturday- 9:00am-Noon
Sunday - 10:30 VBS Theme Sunday Service.

Participating Child

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ (must turn 3 years old by September 15 to attend this year)
Names of Parents and adults authorized to pick up children. \_\_\_\_\_
Child's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information

Primary phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship (circle): parent / trusted adult
Additional phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship (circle): parent / trusted adult
Additional phone \_\_\_\_\_ relationship (circle): parent / trusted adult

Health information

Please indicate any information about your child that we should know, I.E. allergies, medication, special restrictions, special needs, special friendships we should encourage, etc.

In the event of emergency, I authorize the First United Methodists' VBS Staff consent to appropriate medical treatment for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (signed) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are helping and will be here during VBS you do not have to complete the physician information.

Child's doctor's name and phone are listed below:

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Media release

First United Methodist Church may use photographs and video of my child's participation in VBS activities. I understand that photo and video images will NOT be labeled with children's names.

circle: yes / no initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Congratulations

## 2024 GRADUATES!

**Anna Jacobsen**



*Daughter of Brook  
and Jennifer Jacobsen*

CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Anna plans to attend a four-year college.

**Abby Dvorak**



*Daughter of Barry  
& Chris Dvorak*

CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Abby will attend Coe College to major in both Nursing and Spanish.

**Cian Wenzel**



*Son of Darrell Wenzel  
and Tammy Stevenson-Wenzel*

CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Cian will be attending the University of Kansas pursuing a major in Mechanical Engineering and a career in motorsports.

**Ryan Andrew Johnson**



*Son of Brad and Jodi Johnson*

HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Ryan is attending Iowa State and majoring in horticulture.

**Keegan Thomas Herzmann**



*Son of Tom & Deana Herzmann*

CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Keegan is attending Iowa State University majoring in Ag Business.

**Cole Ryan Wilson**



*Son of Ryan & Laura Wilson*

CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Cole will be attending the United States Air Force Academy.

**Andrew Jones**



*Son of Bill and Pam Jones*

DIKE-NEW HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew will be attending Hawkeye Community College in the fall to begin his journey into the medical field.

**Amelia Bryant**

*Daughter of Ralph and April Bryant*

**Maya Potter**

*Daughter of Tracey Potter*

**Nathan Standing**

*Son of Larry and Paulette Standing*

**Logan Wroe**

*Son of Chad and Laura Wroe*



## Planning Our Future Together!

We are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an on-line instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping our pastors and leaders at Cedar Falls First United Methodist, as they make decisions about the future of our church.

You should have already received an email dated April 25th from our church office with a unique link to the CAT. We are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church.

If you would prefer to take the assessment using a paper copy, please stop by or call the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed

stamped return envelope. Paper copies will also be available on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center desk.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact Staff Parish Relations Committee member and CAT survey leader, Hope Timmerman at 319-240-1508 or mhtimmerman@cfu.net. Many thanks from your Staff Parish Relations Committee: Steve Bernard, Jeremy L'Heureux, Karen Page, Jacob Sandvick, Elana Shinkle, Hope Timmerman, Deb Yankey.



## UWF Unit Meeting Summary For April 2024

United Women in Faith met April 11th for their unit meeting. The program was presented by Mona Rottinghaus who is a volunteer leader for the Black Hawk Chapter of the National Alliance for Mentally Ill (NAMI). Our Local Chapter of NAMI provides free education and support groups for persons struggling with mental illness and their families. Mona became involved in the local NAMI chapter after her adult child was diagnosed with a severe mental illness and Mona felt she was unequipped to care for them. She says that women are often the family caregivers and may encounter anxiety associated with that role. She reviewed several simple tools and tips on mindfulness and ways to reduce anxiety. She also discussed mental wellness and specifically talked about the spiritual aspect of mental wellbeing. She spoke about how faith way key in helping her and her family come through their difficult ordeal. She credits answered prayer for the healing that came.

There is more information about NAMI in Black Hawk County at <https://namibh7.wixsite.com/website>

# New Worship Schedule Begins this Summer

As we head into the summer season, we are launching a new Sunday morning worship schedule, beginning June 2.

- 8:30 worship – traditional service in the sanctuary
- 9:30 fellowship time in Gathering Place – will also be Sunday School time
- 10:30 worship – contemporary service in Fellowship Hall

## WHY:

Currently, our 8:30 and 9:15 services overlap by a few minutes. This is difficult for musicians, tech crew, and pastors who are expected to be in both rooms at the same time. Musicians and techs for 9:15 are not able to do pre-service sound checks. Pastors are not available for conversation with members before and after those two services. Also, those who attend our 8:30 service have an awkwardly long wait for Sunday School to begin. The current overlapping schedule has turned our 45 minute goal into a requirement, which constrains worship planning.

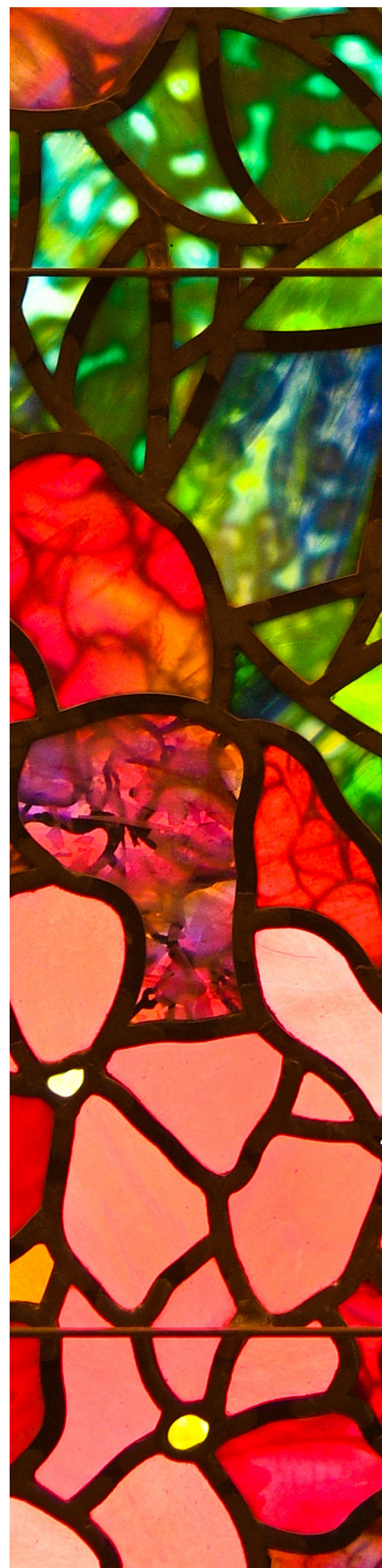
## OUR HOPE:

This new schedule will give everyone some breathing room in their Sunday morning schedule. Pastors will be more available for conversation before, after, and between services. Musicians and technicians will have more time to fully finish one service, and adequately set up for the next. The fellowship and Sunday school time fits neatly between the two worship opportunities. And, worship planners will have the flexibility to extend services beyond 45 minutes on special Sundays.

## EVALUATION:

This new schedule was proposed by the Worship Design Team, and approved by the Administrative Council in April. Current staff and pastors are in agreement with this change and incoming pastor Chad Jennings has offered no objection. We regret the loss of the 11:15 traditional service, but we believe this new schedule will help us to be more focused on each of the remaining services. Our church bus will begin serving the 8:30 service on June 2.

Worship Design Team has been wrestling with this change for over a year, and will continue to evaluate it at monthly meetings. The Team welcomes your feedback, both your initial reaction, and your ongoing opinion when we have lived with the new schedule for a few months. Let us know what you think!





## 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.

**Judy Focht (rm 36),  
Geri Gilbert (rm 39)**  
Martin Suites  
420 E. 11th St  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Tony Lake (rm 9), Homer  
Leymaster (rm 13), Emogene  
Marty, Marcia Simpson**  
Windhaven Assisted Living  
5500 S. Main St  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Barb Spates**  
Thalman Square  
5500 S. Main St  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Wanda Chase**  
Deery Suites  
5301 Caraway Lane  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Betty Goettsch (104),  
Becky Hardman (113)**  
Stanard Assisted Living at  
Deery Suites  
5301 Caraway Lane  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Faye Rohwedder**  
Nation Cottage  
5111 Caraway Lane  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

**Vivian Hill, Donna Hoffman  
(D109), Dorothy Schwab  
(MC4), Mary Shepherd (AL104)**  
New Aldaya Lifescapes  
7511 University Ave  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Donna Tiller**  
CedarStone Senior Living #1304  
4715 Algonquin Dr  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Chet Starr**  
Bickford Cottage  
5101 University Ave  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

**Joy Sires**  
Oak Park Estates #8  
3212 Greenhill Circle  
Cedar Falls IA 50613

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

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

**Charlene "Chuck" Gratten**  
Willow Winds Assisted Living #10  
121 Bremer Ave  
Denver IA 50622

**Dixie Messerschmidt**  
Boysen Heights Senior Living  
765 Boysen Rd NE #115  
Cedar Rapids IA 52402

**Delores Berger**  
613 W. North St Apt 7  
Madrid IA 50156

## 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 QR Code below!



## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Midwest Mission's Rice Packing on April 13th. Whether you were physically there, donated toward paying for the event or prayed for us, your participation was greatly appreciated. We packaged 3500 bags in less than 4 hours allowing 21,000 people to receive a nutritious meal.

Thank you, Lisa Congdon, Julie Fee and the In Missions Committee

To our FUMC Family, We wanted to express our thanks to pastors Scott and Karen, to the staff, and our church family during the recent passing of Bevan's uncle, Richard Lucas and my mother, Deb Belz. What comfort to be surrounded by love and friendship.

Matt Belz

### Quilters Thank You . .

We, the Quilters and Stitchers of First United Methodist Church, have received many donations of fabrics to support our numerous projects for missions and we want to thank everyone who has supported us. We thought you would like to know what a difference your contributions have made. Our quilters have made and delivered to Mid-West Missions 90 Cover With Love quilts since the first of this

year. This is just one of our many ongoing mission projects where your donations have made a difference.

Our thanks to our Affirmation Team members for their dedication in keeping the card rack filled and for organizing and sending cards...Laurene Bernard, Jane Ingraham, and Jean Richardson. We also thank all who donate old cards. We send a special shout-out this month to Bobbette Fortney who organizes the materials going out to WeeCare recipients. Carol Dick, CCT chair

## Sympathy

Genny Van Dorn and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, JoAnn Van Dorn, on March 27.

Mary Cook, Cynthia Lindaman, Laura Wilson and their families on the death of their mother and grandmother, Darlene Williams, on April 3.

Bevan Lucas and his family on the death of his uncle, Richard Lucas, on April 8.

Matt Belz on the death of his mother and Donna Hoffman on the death of her daughter. Deb Belz died April 13. Her funeral was held Thursday, April 18 at Richardson Funeral Service.

Chuck Gratten on the death of her son, Terry, who died April 16.

## Welcome

Welcome to Russ and Marilyn Price, who joined our church on April 14. They have already become involved in our church community by singing in the choir and helping with the rice meal packing event.

## Graduation Open Houses

Ryan Johnson  
Saturday, May 11  
3:00-6:00  
101 Pheasant Lane, Hudson IA

Keegan Herzmann  
Saturday May 18  
11:00-3:00  
Gathering Place at First UMC

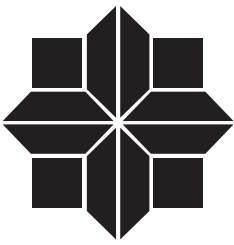
Anna Jacobsen  
Saturday, May 25  
1:00-4:00  
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Abby Dvorak  
Saturday, June 1  
9:00-noon  
Gathering Place at First UMC

Nathan Standing  
Saturday, June 1  
4:00-7:00  
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### Sunday Worship

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00-11:15	Fellowship, Gathering Place
9:15 am	Transformation Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall
10:00 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

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