



Waterloo First Weekly Schedule

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm, (or by appointment)

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am- Worship

10:30 am- Fellowship

10:45 am- Sunday School

1:30 pm- NE District Conference at CF 1st UMC

Monday, April 27

4:00 pm- Getting Ahead

Tuesday, April 28

10:00 am - Prayer Walk & Coffee at Belmont Park

12:00 pm- Team Waterloo First

2:00 pm- Volunteer at the NE Iowa Food Bank

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 am - Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

5:45 pm- Golden Bell Rehearsal

7:00 pm- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 30

9:30 am- Food Nook

4:00 pm- Getting Ahead

Friday, May 1 *Office Closed*

7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

Saturday, May 2

3:00 pm - Worship on Cedar Falls Public Access 15

Sunday, May 3

10:30 am- Combined Music Worship Service at First Congregational UCC

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



The **United Methodist Church** forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

Who We Are

The **United Methodist Church** is a worldwide connection of approximately 10members in Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States. We are the person next door, the church on the other side of the country, and the worshipping community across the globe. Together, we share a legacy of living as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love both in what we say and how we serve our neighbors. We are the people of The United Methodist Church .

#BeUMC

The **United Methodist Church** is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

WATERLOO FIRST
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Since 1846

April 26, 2026, 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts" Arr. Wood

*** OPENING HYMNS** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No.140

MOMENT OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 22: 34-40; John 15:9-12
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; and 1 John 4:7-18

SPECIAL MUSIC Jonah Crouch, piano

SERMON "Accepting God's Love" Sam Anderson

OFFERING "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
Arr. Hayes
Doxology No. 94

***HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Concerto in A minor" Vivaldi

Susan Feltman, guest organist

*Please stand if you are able



ALTAR FLOWERS Sign up for Altar flowers on the bulletin board in VonLackum lounge. Flowers are \$37.



GUESTS, VISITORS & MEMBERS

Please sign the attendance registration located in the pews. Please include your email address. Then pass it back to your neighbor and introduce yourself to each other. Thank you.



HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Are available, please ask an usher. At the end of the service, please turn them off and return them to an usher.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF WATERLOO FIRST?

If you would like to become a member of Waterloo First United Methodist Church, we would love to have you! Just check the box “wish to join this church” on the attendance sheet or talk to Pastor Hojin. You may also call the office at 319-235-7088.



SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Use the QR code to sign up for Pastor Hojin’s weekly email and prayer requests for our congregation.



FELLOWSHIP Please join us in Hartman Hall following the service for fellowship. Sign up to host fellowship and celebrate a special occasion on the bulletin board in VonLackum Lounge.



SUNDAY SCHOOL All are welcome to join an adult, youth, or children’s Sunday School Class.

- Searchers - Fireside Room
- Bob Dise on "The Origins and Evolution of the Old Testament"
- Genesis - Dinette
- Youth - 111 Mellissa Warren
- Elementary - 108 Lynn Kloberdanz & Susie Karns



SCRIP CARDS FOR EVERYDAY!

Do you eat at Panera Bread or Papa Murphy’s? Do you shop at Target? We have these cards in our inventory. It’s very easy to purchase a card from Kris Stewart at fellowship and use the card when you shop. It doesn’t cost you any extra money.

Check out our card inventory during Fellowship time. The money from the cards adds up for the church. With your continued support, we can do more for Waterloo First UMC. Order your cards now!



180 ACTS OF LOVE: One of the ways we will celebrate our 180th year is by measuring our impact on the community. Please submit all your volunteer hours to the church office (email works) and let us know the impact you are making in the community. We will keep track of the hours and celebrate every time we hit 180 hours. **Don’t forget to turn in your hours! Current hours- 1,278!**



CANTERBURY FORUM

Unfortunately, John Roberts has developed a medical problem that will keep him from presenting his program on the April 26 Canterbury Forum Program. Fortunately, Dr. Robert Dise has offered to speak that evening on The Birth of Monotheism. We are grateful to Bob and will keep Dr. Roberts in our prayers.

Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
The Birth of Monotheism

Dr. Robert Dise

Around the world and across the millennia of recorded history many different types of religions have emerged among human societies. During the last two thousand years the type of religion that has come to dominate the societies of Western Eurasia, and now has spread around the globe, is monotheism, which acknowledges a single deity rather than the many deities that characterized Western societies earlier in their history, and that still characterize some religious perspectives outside the West today. Today, monotheism lies at the heart of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. But the origins of monotheism predate the emergence of those three traditions, lying far back in the ancient Near East.

In this talk, Dr. Robert Dise, will explore the fascinating and all-too-little-known story of the earliest monotheisms, revealing how their core beliefs about the One God still lie at the heart of the great monotheisms of our world today. Bob is emeritus associate professor of history at

the University of Northern Iowa who has taught the history and cultures of the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome.

A link to the April 26 Zoom meeting will be sent a week before the program to all on the Canterbury Forum email list. If you know someone who would like to attend but is not on the email list, tell them to contact us at canterburyforum@gmail.com.



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AVAILABLE- We now have Auracast that will link to compatible hearing aides via bluetooth. Tune your hearing aid with your phone. The list of compatible hearing devices is available on the tables by the doors of the sanctuary. There are also transmitters with headphones available at the sound desk in the back of the sanctuary.



MUSIC COLLABORATION: Sunday, May 3

We will join Fist Baptist Church and meet at First Congregational Church for our annual Music collaboration. The service will begin at 10:30 am. We will not meet at Waterloo Fist UMC that day.



NOISY COIN OFFERINGS

Offerings will be held on May 10th and 17th. The coins collected will be given to the House of Hope. Bring your spare change to worship!