



Waterloo First Weekly Schedule
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm, (or by appointment)

Sunday, August 23
9:30 am- Worship/ Backpack Blessing
10:30 am- Fellowship

Monday, August 24
9:00 am- Getting Ahead Interviews

Tuesday, Augst 25
10:00 am- Prayer Walk & Coffee at Belmont Park
12:00 pm- Team Waterloo First Mtg.
2:00 pm- Volunteer at the Food Bank

Wednesday, August 26
9:00 am- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17
5:45 pm- Golden Bell Rehearsal
6:00 pm- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 27
9:00 am- Getting Ahead Interviews
9:30 am– Food Nook
9:30 am- Herald Assembly
9:30 am- UW of Faith District Planning Meeting
10:00 am- Fellowship at Friendship Village

Friday, August 28 *Office Closed*
7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

Saturday, August 29
9:00 am- Church Cleaining Day
3:00 pm- Worship on Cedar Falls Public Access 15

Sunday, August 30
9:30 am- Worship
10:45 am- Fellowship/ 180th Hot Dog Celebration
Neighborhood Party
12:00 pm- Church Row Coalition Mtg.



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 10 million members 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 worshiping 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

August 23, 2026, 9:30 am
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!

WELCOME Pam Ulffers & Kathy McFarland
PRELUDE “I Will Bless the Lord At All Times” M.P. Douroux
OPENING PRAYER
*** OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” vs. 1, 2, & 4 No. 89
BACKPACK BLESSING
MOMENT OF PRAYER
SCRIPTURE LESSONS Exodus 1:17, Matthew 16:16, Esther 4:14
SERMON "From Broken Places: The Courage of the Unnamed" Pam Ulffers
OFFERING “When the Saint Go Rockin’ In” Dennis Alexander Doxology No. 95
***HYMN** "Amazing Grace” vs. 1, 4, & 6 No. 378
***BENEDICTION**
POSTLUDE "Christ Is All You Need” Charles H. Gabriel
John Roberts, Ed. D. & Jonah Crouch, pianists

*Please stand if you are able



ALTAR FLOWERS Today's Altar Flowers are given by Larry, Pam, Emma, Tom, and Mary, in loving memory of Linda Hickman on the two year anniversary of her death.



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
VENUCAST™ ASISTIVE LISTENING
DEVICE- AVAILABLE**

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 We will see you on September 13, when Sunday School resumes.



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- over 3,173!



GIVING Leave your checkbook and cash at home. You can now give through our web site on a secure page. Use this for special offerings or your regular pledge. Use the QR code to connect. You can be certain of the confidentiality of your information is safe and secure.



YOUR 180TH CELEBRATION T-SHIRTS Y
T-shirts were ordered on Tuesday, we will let you know when they arrive. Stay tuned...



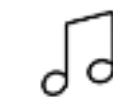
180th Hot Dog Celebration August 30th We will celebrate our 180th Anniversary with 180 hot dogs in the church parking lot after worship. We will invite the neighborhood and have a bouncy house. Help us celebrate and welcome our neighbors!



CHURCH CLEAN UP DAYS It's time to get the church ready for our 180th Celebration on September 20th. We will meet at the church at 9 am on August 29th and September 12th to clean and beautify the building. Bring your own cleaning supplies and pitch in!



CAT Survey The email for the CAT survey went out on Wednesday. Please take time to answer the survey. If you do not have email, hard copies are available in the office. Make sure your voice is heard!



CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN! Rehearsals for the Chancel and Golden Bell Choirs will begin on Wednesday, August 26! New members are welcome!



Chancel Choir- Do you sing in the car with the radio? In the shower where the acoustics are good? You can be a member of the choir! Different voices make a beautiful sound, not everyone needs to sing that high melody. Other members will help you find your pitch.



Choir rehearsal is at 7 pm on Wednesdays. See you there!

Golden Bell Choir- Can you count?

Counting is essential to being in the bell choir. Reading music helps but is not as important as counting. We could use extra people to cover when others are out. Reharsals start at 5:45 pm on Wednesdays. Join us!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR IRVING SCHOOL-

We are purchasing supplies for Irving school. We have some money, but donations are welcome! Make your donation and mark it for school supplies and put it in the offering plate.



CARRIED AND CALLED TO FOLLOW

Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God's tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried.

Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd's role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk and to follow where He leads.

God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead.