



Waterloo First Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am– Worship
10:30 am- Fellowship– Cross Cultural Celebration
10:45 am-Sunday School

Monday, January 19

Tuesday, January 20

Herald Deadline
10:00 am - Prayer Walk & Coffee at 1st Congregational

Wednesday, January 21

9:00 am - Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17
5:45 pm– Golden Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm– Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

9:30 am– Food Nook

Friday, January 23 *Office Closed*

7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

Saturday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 25

9:30 am– Worship
10:30 am- Fellowship
10:45 am– Sunday School
1:00 pm– Arlene Wright’s Retirement Open House



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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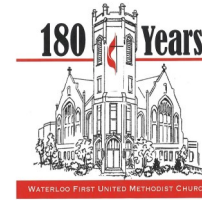
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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

WATERLOO FIRST

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Since 1846

January 18, 2026, 9:30 am

MLK Celebration

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

PRELUDE “Lift Every Voice and Sing” No. 519

WELCOME Rev. Hojin Shin

* OPENING HYMNS

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Vs. 1-3 & 6 No. 117
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” No. 474

MOMENT OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 Arlene Wright

ANTHEM “Lead With Love” Melanie DeMore

Chancel Choir
Emily Forssberg, director ~ Ginger Herndon, accompanist

SERMON “Called to Faithfulness:

Questions– When Prayers Go Unanswered”
Rev. Hojin Shin

OFFERING “You Can’t Beat God’s Giving” Doris Akers

Doxology No. 94

* **CLOSING HYMN** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” No. 431

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Come and Go to the Land Where I’m Bound”

African American Spiritual

John Roberts, pianist

*Please stand if you are able



ALTAR FLOWERS Please sign up for the 2026 altar flowers. The cost is \$37. The flowers brighten our altar and gives the giver an opportunity to honor or memorialize a person or event.



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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

- Searchers - Fireside Room
- Genesis - Dinette
- Youth - 111 Mellissa Warren
- Elementary - 108 Lynn Klobberdanz & Susie Karns



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.



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!



RECYCLE YOUR CARDS

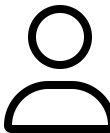
Pastor Hojin would like you to recycle the birthday/anniversary/get-well cards that have been given to you. He would like them to be made into new cards for a new card ministry that sends cards to our congregation for their life events. Cut off the front of your card and, perhaps, the printed message inside. Leaving out any personal notes. Bring these in to the church. We also need people who are willing to make the pieces of these cards into new cards, and others who will send them.

If you’re interested, let the church office know.



FUNDING FOR COMBINED MUSIC SERVICES

Thank you all for contributing to the Christmas Cantata with First Baptist. We still need to raise money for Jazz Sunday and our Spring music service with First Congregational.



NEEDED– USHERS We need another usher...or two. Ushers rotate monthly and serve 3 months/ year. Please see Wendy Potter or call the office if you’re interested in helping.



JANUARY SERMON SERIES: CALLED TO FAITHFULNESS: QUESTIONS

- January 11: Why Do Innocent People Suffer?
- January 18: When Prayers Go Unanswered
- January 28: Commissioning Sunday



CROSSCULTURAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 18
10:30 am

Join us in fellowship time today as we enjoy dishes from around the world brought by our members to celebrate their heritage.



JAZZ SUNDAY– Save the Date

Jazz Sunday is February 15.



RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR ARLENE WRIGHT

Sunday, January 25
1-5 pm
Single Speed Brewery Party Room



FEBRUARY LECTURE SERIES

During the month of February the Searchers Sunday school class will be hosting guest lecturer **Prof. Bob Dise**. Bob was born in San Diego to a Navy family which facilitated frequent moves on both coasts. He was a USAF officer and radar controller in air defense. He graduated from the University of Virginia, majoring in ancient history. He received his MA and PhD from the University of Michigan in Roman history. Bob taught college full time for 38 years, 33 of them at UNI before retiring in May. He was a recipient of the top teaching awards at UNI and has taught a total of 15, 00 students.

Lecture Topics

Feb. 1 – Introduction to Greek Religion

Feb. 8 – Origin of Monotheism

Feb. 15 – Roman Imperial Cult

Feb. 22 – Greco/Roman Mystery Cults

Everyone is welcome to attend these thought provoking and challenging lectures being held in the Fireside Room. Class will begin promptly at 11 am.