



THE CHIMES

NEWSLETTER

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

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The Lord's Cupboard

As you are reading this issue of The Chimes, we have done a thorough cleaning of The Lord's Cupboard! Volunteers spent Wednesday, January 30, emptying and wiping down shelves, refrigerators and freezers, cleaning and arranging our storage rooms and overall tidying of the space.

The Lord's Cupboard served a total of 1,041 households in 2018—made up of 2,435 people. Each household can receive meat, eggs, cheese, margarine and milk. In addition to canned fruits, veggies and soup, they can also choose pasta, rice, instant potatoes and pancake mix. If available, we also provide fresh produce. Basic items such as bar soap, shampoo, clothes detergent and toothpaste are offered. It is estimated that each client uses approximately 30 plastic grocery bags per visit (everything is double bagged as most clients are carrying their groceries home).

Your donations, whether it be canned goods, monetary donations, or plastic sacks help us continue to provide to those throughout Webster County who utilize our service.

Early in the year tends to be a slow time for donations, so we ask that you put us on your next shopping list and purchase some items to donate. At this time, we are asking for donations of:

Pancake Mix & Syrup (Challenge for FUMC of 100 boxes of pancake mix and 50 bottles of syrup in the month of February)

SUN Powdered Laundry Detergent (Walmart)

10 oz – 12.5 oz Dish Soap

Canned Carrots, Corn, Peas & Green Beans

Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Relish, Mayo)





From Pastor Andrea

I have 3 BIG items to share with you!

I first want to thank each of you, members of First UMC for your generosity in 2018. We went into October with a deficit of almost \$67,000 and by the end of 2018 we had paid our November and December budget and were able to pay down our deficit to \$11,000. We are starting our 2019 year a little behind, but I am so thankful to see our church come together and celebrate the ministries of our past and the excitement for the future. Our One Board approved our 2019 budget in the total of \$449,835. We invite you to come into the church office to see the breakdown of the budget. It is not too late to make a pledge for 2019 or to sign up for EFT. It is important to have as many members participate in the EFT program to ensure the budget is being taken care of each month. If you have questions about EFT please contact me, Jacob Asche, Jerry Schnurr, or the church office.

This coming year we will be working with Iowa Conference Staff in the CAT survey (Congregational Assessment Tool) in the spring of 2019. This survey will provide our CAT team and the One Board with information that will show the energy level, ministry passions, growth areas, and stewardship appeal, and worship excitement. This information will then be used to help us create our next 5 year plan.

We have been selected out of the entire Iowa Conference to participate completely free of charge. All members of our congregation will be asked to go online to fill out the 50-60 questioner or to come into the church office and do the survey. Then the conference will then take this information and provide a written interpretation. They will also lead us in using this information to create a 5 year plan, grow in our weaknesses, and provide ministries in areas we are lacking. All of this is done in consultation of at least one coach from our Annual Conference.

I want to invite you to participate in this survey. You can do a paper copy, you can come into the office and use our computers (we will show you step by step) or you can do it at home. But this is so important as our One Board and CAT team look at creating a new 5 year plan for our congregation.

The year was 1997 when our church made the first deposit into our Endowment Fund. Bylaws were written to make sure that the funds from this account were only used for ministry and building upkeep. No funds could be used for budgetary costs. It was also stated that only the dividends and interest

would be used. The first disbursement from the Endowment was in 1998 for the total of \$19,002. Since then the total dispersed has been \$769,133! These funds have been used for items like the sanctuary remodel, Sunday School carpet, Sidewalk Sunday School, mission trips, elevator repair, organ upkeep, the new sound and technology in the sanctuary, renovation to the nursery, and camperships.

On January 15, the Endowment met to disperse our funds from 2018 which totaled 55,000. The items funded this year are: dome repair, parsonage basement repair, HVAC fund, sidewalk repairs, elevator reserve, parsonage reserve, camperships, Sidewalk Sunday School, Special worship supplies, special study books and DVDs, One Call system, website upkeep, continuing education, Pastors discretionary funds, new ovens reserve fund, Church of Damascus Road, Women at the Well, AFES, Brock/Kies, Gateway to Discovery, Praise band sound equipment.

We are so thankful to the Endowment for help in funding these projects and ministries in our church that otherwise would need to be funded by our church members. We are thankful to the many individuals and families who have included First United Methodist Church in their Estate Planning and their legacy giving. These funds were given through wills, trusts, retirement accounts and life insurance designations.

This can be done by talking with your financial planner, your attorney, or investment agent. All funds given to the Church have tax benefits for you and your family. If you would like more information about giving to our Endowment please contact Pastor Andrea or Bill Thatcher. This is a wonderful way to have your legacy live on for years to come.

Thank you for all that each of you do within our church. So many of you spend countless hours in ministry within our church. Many of you attend worship and special events. We are thankful for your time, the gifts you share, and the financial investment you make to our ministries, the Iowa Conference ministries, and ministries around the world. If I can support you and your walk of faith in any way, please know my door is open. I would love to see us grow in our faith, our membership, and our ministry in 2019!

Pastor Andrea Kraushaar

On January 27th, Pastor Andrea talked to the congregation about an upcoming vote within the United Methodist Church. In February 2019, at a Special Session of the General Conference, United Methodist delegates from around the world will decide how to move forward as a denomination around the issue of human sexuality.

The issue around human sexuality includes the ordination of practicing homosexuals, the ability for clergy to preside over same sex marriage, and the overall inclusiveness of those who are LGBTQ.

A diverse, 32-member "Commission on a Way Forward" that was appointed by the Council of Bishops has spent the past two years working to address the denomination's differences on this topic. The commission recently forwarded two detailed plans to the Council of Bishops for their consideration: the One-Church Plan and the Connectional Conferences Plan. A third plan, the Traditionalist Plan, has also been discussed and will be presented as part of the historical narrative of the commission's work.

Because this is such an important decision in our Denomination our church is creating opportunities for us to gather and talk about the 3 plans and the affect the impending vote will have on our Annual Conference and our local church.

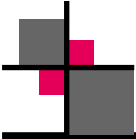
Keep our Members in YOUR Prayers

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Gladys Bittner, Jerry Schnurr Sr, Audrey Metier, Jean Burke, Jim Metzger, Kate Ray (Loree Lee's mom), Marilyn Raine, Jan Olson, Bonnie Kersten, those in nursing homes and those men and women in our armed forces. Please let the church office know of anyone who may need prayers.

December Financials

Monthly Income \$78,698.06
Monthly Expense \$33,792.35
YTD Income \$409,194.19
YTD Expenses \$420,382.32





February/March Helpers

GREETERS				
Date	West Door	East Door	South Door	
2/3	Marv & Ruth Hulse	Tom & Marilyn Brainerd	Joe & Karen Jackson	
2/10	Jane Gibb	Gary & Joan LeValley	Bob & Donna Pearson	
2/17	Lora Hendrickson	Jerry & Beth Schnurr	Cody & Katie Peterson	
2/24	Lynette Pearson	Jacob & Mallory Asche	Jerry & Connie Schnurr	
3/3	Tami Habhab	Iris Jones	Betty Heideman	
3/10	Byron & Diane Chalstrom	Justin & Melissa Olson	Jerry & Linda Beck	
3/17	John & Elizabeth Metier	Bill & Carol Thatcher	Scott McQueen	
3/24	Henry & Clara Brain	Richard & Diane Jones	Mike & Judy Waddell	
3/31	Leroy & Meredith Berryhill	Mary Williams	Mary Lou Fibiker	

Date	Flowers	Coffee Host	Liturgist	Ushers
2/3		Thatcher	Jerry Schnurr	Beck/Metier
2/10		Metier	Pat Bennett	Beck/Metier
2/17		Boyd	Scott Johnston	Beck/Metier
2/24	Main	Pearson/Bennett	Stanley	Beck/Metier
3/3		Trunnell/Wagoner	Beekman	Beck/Metier
3/10		Connie Schnurr	Krass	Beck/Metier
3/17	Beekman	J & B Schnurr	Finke	Beck/Metier
3/24		Andresen	Metier	Beck/Metier
3/31		Jones	Olson	Beck/Metier

Join First UMC and the Iowa Wolves
for their Faith and Family Event

Colton Dixon Concert following game.

Music for all ages!



IOWA WOLVES

VS

RIO GRAND VALLEY VIPERS

BASKETBALL GAME

MARCH 3RD 3PM

WELLS FARGO ARENA, DES MOINES

Tickets \$15 - all ages Tickets must be purchased by Feb 3

Leaving church at approximately 1:00 pm

PosterMyWall.com



FILLING STATION



February 6: Filling Station Dinner and Service (dinner will be lasagna, green salad, fresh fruit, garlic bread, dessert and starts at 5 pm with worship to follow).

February 20: Filling Station dinner and service (dinner will be check breasts with rice, vegetable, salad, fruit, dessert and starts at 5 pm with worship to follow)

February 24: Filling Station Sunday Service (9:45 worship service)

March 6: There will be **NO** Wednesday Night meal due to Ash Wednesday services.



2-4	Todd & Anna Bergstrom	35 Yrs
2-16	Rick & Lana Wagoner	18 yrs
2-25	Aaron & Amy Champagne	13 yrs

Vashti Circle

February 7, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Connie Schnurr
Program: Linda Brown

The meeting will be held at Cana Church, 18 South 3rd Street, Fort

Chancel Choir: February 2019

February 3: Rehearsal and Sing at 8:30 a.m.
February 13: Rehearsal 7 p.m.
February 17: Rehearsal and Sing at 8:30

February Funeral Chairs

Kaye Berry 302-8316
Carolyn Kent 576-3383

Lectionary Reading



February 3

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 10

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 17

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 24

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

*Happy
Birthday*

2-1 Kaye Berry
2-2 Ike Nelson
Amy Champagne
2-4 Esther Clark
Matt Moore
2-6 Mina Jacobs
2-7 Dave Beekman
2-8 Garrett Swanson
Lori Branderhorst
2-9 Wendy Stephan
Taylor Willer
2-11 Maddy Major
2-12 Deb Larson
Kathy Beggerly
2-13 Betty Heideman
2-14 Joe Jackson
2-17 Norma Schmoker
Roxanne Morris
2-18 Betty Olson
Jim Metzger
Mike Sullivant
2-19 Maeleah Sanchez
2-20 Doug Adams
2-22 Norma Grady
James Kramer
Lauren Setterdahl
2-23 Bridgett Setterdahl
2-24 Emily Moore
2-25 Jim Stephenson
2-28 Colin Pearson

*All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need*

This is one of my favorite Beatles songs. It's so simple and so true. Love should surround every aspect of our lives. And come on- you can't beat trombone sounds in a song. You know- the best instrument!

We are heading into February- the month of *love*. Some people embrace it and celebrate the love of their lives. Some think of it as another month and acknowledge Valentines Day and that's about it. And others don't care for it at all!

There is one thing that remains true- we all need love. Love is a universal language. Love brings us together. Love brings harmony. Love brings Jesus.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16. Love was first shown by God giving us his son. His perfect son so we could spend eternity with Him. There is a reason that this is one of the most popular Bible verses. It's because of love and not only does God say he loves us, but he showed us he loves us.

It's one thing to tell someone we love them. It's another thing to show them why we love them. I want to challenge you to not only tell people that you love them, but show them why! Do something different. Show someone you care by an act of service, or a gift. Maybe it's writing a letter to someone you haven't talked to in a while and tell them you have been thinking and praying for them. We have so much love to give. May we remember that during this season of *love*.

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Amy Champagne, Children's Choirs Director
Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir
Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers
Amy Champagne & Gretchen Stanley
Contemporary Service
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
Anna Jones, Laney Jones & Lyndsey Bennett,
and Jenna Lee, Nursery Assistants
Carol Schwarz, Custodian

Radio Broadcast at 11:05am each Sunday - KVFD 1400 AM
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Worship Schedule **Sunday**

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship Service

Office Hours

Mon—Thur 8:00 am-4:30 pm
Fri—8:00 am-Noon

**The mission of First United
Methodist Church is to Love,
Grow and Serve in Jesus
Christ**

Loving: Loving God and
neighbors in all we say, do and
live.

Growing: Growing faith through
worship, prayer, and the study of
God's word.

Serving: Serving others and
sharing God's message.