



THE CHIMES

NEWSLETTER

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

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In 2019, The Lord's Cupboard provided food for 1,080 unduplicated households, made up of 2,474 unduplicated individuals. Almost fifty percent of that number were children under the age of 18. Most of these households took food five times during the year, the number of visits they are allowed to utilize The Cupboard. If your math is good, these statistics add up to over 12,300 people receiving nutritious food from us this past year. And... we continue to see new clients weekly, reinforcing the need to expand our service.

Our goal in 2020 is to remodel a portion of the main floor of FUMC's office building, to make our facility handicap accessible, and to remove the need and liability of having our clients and volunteers go up and down stairs. Due to the increase in numbers, we will also consider adding more hours for the Cupboard to be open to serve clients. Our budget for this remodeling project is \$250,000.00, which will also address the HVAC system, making the restrooms handicap accessible and remodeling and installing an ADA compliant ramp on the northwest corner of the building, which will be the new entrance for the Cupboard.

Please mark Sunday, February 9 on your calendar to come to First United Methodist Church for our first Lord's Cupboard Remodel Fundraiser. We will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar supper from 4:00 to 7:00, along with entertainment and a silent auction of items donated by area businesses and individuals. We will also have our new floor plan on display and volunteers available to answer questions and take your donations. Tickets are \$8.00 for ages 13 and up, and \$5.00 for ages 5 to 12. You may purchase them ahead of the evening from the church office, or they will be available at the door.

As of this writing, we have received over \$20,000.00 to begin our building fund with the Fort Dodge Foundation. If you have any questions in regard to making a donation, please contact myself or Becky at the church office.

Until next time!

Joni Ham-Olson, Director



From Pastor Andrea

February Blessings:

Ephesians 1:15-19: "That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!"

I want to first thank each of you for your continued generosity towards the ministries of our church. In the month of December we brought in 1/3 of our annual budget. If you haven't filled out your pledge card for 2020 or you would like to sign up for direct withdrawal for your monthly giving please contact the office and Becky can help you with the process.

With the new year, we have also welcomed several new members to our One Board Leadership team. Two years ago we went from 11 committees and an Ad Council to having a One Board Leadership team along with supportive task teams. Our board meets every three weeks and these meetings are open to any church member to attend. At the table we have members who support a specific area within our church while others are overall members. The hope and dream of having just One Board is the ability for church members (yep..you and me) to take initiatives to create new ministries without being over-scheduled with committees.

If you have questions, ministry ideas, or suggestions please contact myself or any of our One Board Members. Our members are: Dave Beekman, Lori Branderhorst, Henry Brain, Jacob Asche, Elizabeth Metier, Jerry Beck, Jim Metzger, Jim Stephenson, Kent Eimers, Kati Swanson, Marcia Main, Megan Cassady, Judy Waddell, Nick Cochrane, and Scott McQueen.

At the end of 2019 our One Board created a list of our goals for 2020: 1. grow in our leadership, 2. New opportunities for our members to grow, serve and love, 3. Better financial stability, 4: Continued support of the Lord's Cupboard in their planned renovation.

These goals were not created just for our leadership team to see into fruition, but instead for our leaders to encourage ALL members of First UMC to participate in our successfulness by living out these goals.

So dream, pray, and do. We are called not to be passive in our faith but true faith is active faith. Faith is a willingness to participate in loving God and our

neighbors in all we say, do, and live. Faith is seeking and creating new ways to grow in our faith through new opportunities for worship, prayer, and study. Finally Faith is seeking new ways to share the love of God in our community. How might you be fully active in the life of the church in 2020? How might we take a leap of faith and grow in our love for God and in our community of faith.

Pastor Andrea Kraushaar

Do you or a family member or friend listen to the church broadcast on Sunday mornings on the radio?

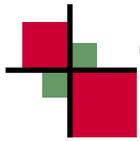
The Board is asking for people to sponsor the broadcast each week. There will be a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the back of the sanctuary where you can sign up to sponsor a Sunday. The cost for a broadcast is \$100.00. Checks can be made directly to the church with a memo for Radio Broadcast.



Keep our Members in YOUR Prayers

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Marlene Osborne's grandson, Nick Osborne a Navy Seal who has recently been deployed, Gladys Bittner, Marilyn Oberhelman, Joan LeValley, Lucile Dellit, Roxanne Morris' sister-in-law, Rhonda, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer, Kate Ray (Lorree Lee's mom), 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.





February/March Volunteers

GREETERS			
2/2	Chad & Katie Swanson	Nick & Heather Cochrane	Lana Waggoner
2/9	Lynette Pearson	Joe & Karen Jackson	
2/16	Rick & Pat Bennett	Tom & Marilyn Brainerd	Iris Jones
2/23	Jane Gibb	Tami Habhab	
3/1	Betty Heideman	Byron & Diane Chalstrom	Justin & Melissa Olson
3/8	Jerry & Beth Schnurr	Jerry & Connie Schnurr	Jerry & Linda Beck
3/15	John & Elizabeth Metier	Bill & Carol Thatcher	Scott McQueen
3/22	Henry & Clara Brain	Richard & Diane Jones	Mary Williams
3/29	Mike & Judy Waddell	Mary Lou Fibiker	Barb Chingren

	FLOWERS	COFFEE HOST	LITURGIST	USHERS
2/2		Berryhill	A. Olson	Finke/LeValley
2/9		Thatcher	Johnston	Finke/LeValley
2/16		Metier	Metier	Finke/LeValley
2/23	L. Olson	J & C Schnurr	Schnurr	Finke/LeValley
3/1		Andresen	Finke	E. Pearson/Mettler
3/8		R & D Jones	Bennett	E. Pearson/Mettler
3/15	Johnston	Anderson	Krass	E. Pearson/Mettler
3/22		Thatcher	Beekman	E. Pearson/Mettler

Financials thru January 27

Year-to Date Giving—\$46,571.83

Year-to-Date Expenses —\$19,620.95

Income Over (Under) Expenses YTD—\$26,950.88



Lectionary Reading

February 2

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Mic 6:1-8

Ps 15

1 Cor 1;18-31

Matt 5:1-12

2-2

2-4

2-6

2-8

February 9

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa 58:1-9a

Ps 112:1-10

1 Cor 2:1-12

Matt 5:13-20

2-9

2-11

2-12

February 16

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deut 30:15-20

Ps 119:1-8

1 Cor 3: 1-9

Matt 5:21-37

2-14

2-17

2-18

February 23

Transfiguration Sunday

Exod 24:12-18

Ps 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matt 17:1-9

2-19

2-20

2-22

2-25



Ike Nelson

Amy champagne

Esther Clark

Mina Jacobs

Lori Branderhorst

Garrett Swanson

Wendy Stephan

Taylor Willer

Maddy Major

Deb Larson

Kathy Beggerly

Joe Jackson

Norma Schmoker

Roxanne Morris

Betty Olson

Jim Metzger

Mike Sullivant

Maeleah Sanchez

Doug Adams

James Kramer

Jim Stephenson

Vashti Circle

February 7, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Linda Brown

Program: Connie Schnurr

Ash Wednesday Services will be held at Trinity UMC at noon and 6:00 pm on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. The noon service will include a light lunch of soup so if you work you can attend and have lunch also.



Marilyn Raine would like to extend a special thank you to all of her First United Methodist Church fiends who sent her cards for her 80th birthday. They certainly made her day so special!

Changes to Wednesday Night Meal!

In an attempt to get people back to our Filling Station meal and service, we are making some changes. Like last fall the first Wednesday of each month will be catered by a local catering company. We will now be using The Fox and the Fork Catering. Their first meal will be Wednesday, February 5th. The meal that evening will be chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll and dessert.

The cost remains at \$8.00/person or a family of 3 or more is \$20/family. Since we are asking a caterer to prepare the meal we must have a good count so that we can order the correct number of meals. Please be sure to sign up on the sheets in the Wesley Parlor on the table on the west wall or call the church by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, February 4th.

Please be sure to join us for this first meal which promises to be wonderful!! A short 30-40 minute service follows the meal and we welcome everyone to stay for this casual Wednesday evening service. This is a wonderful evening of fellowship and service.

Meals-On-Wheels will be delivered by First UMC February 5-7th, April 1-3, May 27-29 and July 22-24. If you would like to help drive or assist with delivery of Meals-On-Wheels, please contact Elizabeth Metier at 408-2874. This is a great ministry and it is fun and easy to do!

**February
Items for
Lord's Cupboard**

Apple Sauce
Peanut Butter
Fruit Cocktail

February Funeral Chairs

Beth Schnurr	570-7619
Carolyn Kent	576-3383

February Anniversary

2-16	Rick & Lana Waggoner
2-25	Aaron & Amy



Valentine's Day: Kids Only!

Got plans with that special someone but don't know what to do with your kids? Here's your chance! There will be a Valentine's event for kids through 5th grade (nursery available for those under Sunday School age) from 5-8:00 pm on Friday, February 14th. There will be crafts, games, and supper will be served.

Please contact Megan to let her know if you child(ren) will be attending. There will be lots of fun for everyone!

From Megan's Desk

Be Still. What do you think of when you hear that word? Most of you would recall the verse "Be still and know that I am God" from Psalm 46:10. So let me ask you another question. What do you *feel* when you hear the words "Be still?" Some of you may feel restful when hearing those words. If you are like me, anxiety fills your body and you start thinking of 98,234 reasons why we can't be still.

God has been teaching me a lot about this topic the last several months. As I have been navigating work, school, and everything in between, God has been drawing me nearer to him as I realize that I cannot do everything on my own. Actually- I think God has been trying to teach me this for a long time, and I have been too stubborn to listen.

It is not only to make the time to be still; it's tough to create stillness in our mind and body. The idea of being still goes against what we naturally, and culturally, do. Our inclination is to step on the gas and go full speed ahead, believing that doing more, and having more, makes us more complete. Instead, God is telling us here to hit the brakes and to be still. If we are busy being busy, God's voice can be nearly impossible to hear, but the problem is that many times we view being still with God as inactivity.

It is critical to our faith to believe this is a lie. What are things that happen when we are being still? We hear God's voice more, we recognize God's activity in our lives, the smaller our problems really seem, the bigger God appear, and the more we follow God's divine purpose for us, instead of just our own agendas, ideas, and abilities.

At the end of February we begin our Lenten season. I encourage you to add this to your routine. Daily rest with Jesus. Spend five minutes in silence, listening and hearing God's voice. Whether you hear something or not, I promise you God will be there and He will bless the time you have together- because no time spent with God is ever wasted.

In His Name,
Megan

Attention All Hockey Fans!

First United Methodist will once again be attending an Iowa Wild hockey game on Sunday, March 15th. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. Tickets for the game are \$15 per person. Please contact Megan or the church office if you are interested in attending the game.



If enough people are interested the church bus and/or van will be taken for those looking to rideshare.

Pastor Andrea will be leading an Advent Study group beginning Monday, March 2nd in the Skylight Room on the North Office Building.. The book is entitled "Entering the Passion of Jesus" and will cost \$9.00. Books can be purchased at the church office.



The youth and their families of First UMC will be going to Seven Oaks Recreation Center on Sunday, March 1st for an afternoon of tubing and fun.

The cost of the event is \$20 per person.
Please contact Megan if you are interested in attending.

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Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers
Amy Champagne & Gretchen Stanley
Contemporary Service
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
Anna Jones, Laney Jones & Lyndsey Bennett,
and Isabel Beekman, Nursery Assistants
Kent Eimers, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor
Carol Schwarz, Custodian



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
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Grow and Serve in Jesus Christ**

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