



The Herald

April 2024

The deadline for the next issue of the Herald is **Tuesday, April 16th**. Information can be mailed to the church, or emailed to media@waterloofirst.org. Please clearly mark the item for the Herald or the bulletin.

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Worship Time:
Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"The Mission of Waterloo First UMC is to be a church of people who live as disciples of Jesus Christ by providing a place for spiritual growth in a caring, inviting community."



FROM OUR PASTOR

Explaining the Gospel

What is the best way to explain the gospel to a friend who doesn't believe in Jesus in one minute? We have Paul, who did a great job.

"Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, ... You are being saved through it ... Christ died for our sins... (1 Corinthians 15:1-3)

Despite being imprisoned, Paul had a simple yet powerful response to those seeking guidance from him.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your entire household." (Acts 16:31)

The Old Testament repeatedly prophesied that Jesus would save us from our sins. However, the gospel does not end there. Paul continues,

"he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:4)

Jesus' resurrection is amazing because his death was the final act; he died as a ransom for our sins. If it had stopped there, God would have been half almighty God. However, God defeated the power of death, sin, and darkness and raised Jesus from the tomb. That is the resurrection we rejoice in, and that is the peak of the gospel.

It was Jesus' resurrection that demonstrated unimaginable power. Therefore, if God can raise his Son from the dead, He can heal anything ruining our life today. This is Paul's prayer, who fully experienced resurrection power. I repeat this prayer for Waterloo First.

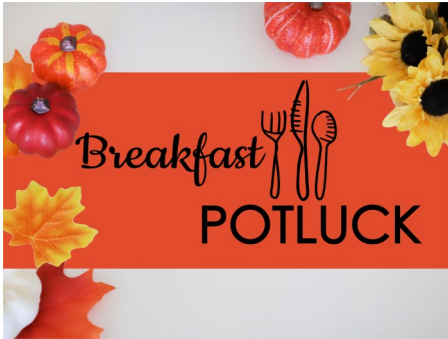
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"I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers..." (Ephesians 1:16)

Jesus Is Risen!

Pastor Hojin



Breakfast Potluck

April 21

9:00 am

Bring a dish to share, table service and beverages will be provided.



Join us for Youth Sunday!

Our collaborative youth group will host a youth Sunday on April 21. They will discuss community and how the Youth Group has influenced them in their communities and with their peers. We will be hearing testimonies from the youth

themselves. Other talents our youth will provide include but are not limited to music, reading, and ushering. This Sunday, the offering will go towards our collaborative youth funds to help support our summer plans and fall festivities.

We will also celebrate Camp Sunday on April 21. A representative from the Iowa Conference of the UMC Camps will be present. Start planning your summer!

February Attendance & Offering



April Ushers

Bill Arndorfer, Kathy Breckunitch,
Don Faris, Larry Baker

Week	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/18/24	2/25/24
Attendance*	77	174	72	75
Pledge**	\$10,677.50	\$42.06	\$4,869.75	\$4,119.50
Capital	\$337.50	\$405	\$1,380	\$50
Misc.	\$599.20	\$918.48	\$258	\$533

**Attendance for these Sundays is taken from Facebook, www.waterloofirst.org, and in-person worship.*

***Stock Donations – If you are donating stock to the church, please contact Dawn at admin@waterloofirst.org or call the office to speak with her. She will make certain this donation is credited correctly to your account.*

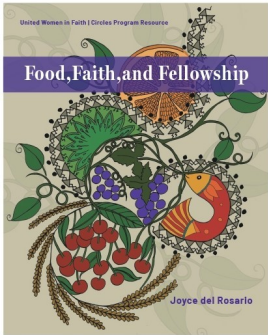
Belong

United Women in Faith

March 2024

Bible Verse: Colossians
3:17 (NIV)

"And whatever you do;
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the
Father through Him."



Thursday, April 4

Executive Board Meeting: 11:00

Thursday, April 11

Sarah Circle: 6:30

Hostess: Sally Thurman

Co-Hostess: Leah Allen

Devotions: Arlene Wright

Program: Power Plate

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
CLASSES**
10:45 am



Elementary– Rm 108

Kathy Cooley

Youth– Rm 111

Melissa Warren

Searchers– Fireside Room

Genesis– Dinette

Use the code **BXWDJR** to sign up and start exploring Amplify Media for your personal bible study and or small group study. Contact Sally at



Wednesday at 5:30 pm

The Youth Group will meet at Waterloo First UMC in April.



The United Methodist
Men will Meet on
Saturday, April 20th
at 8 am.

Join the men at HyVee on Ansborough Ave.
for food and fellowship.

**Fellowship & Coffee Time at
Friendship Village
with Pastor Hojin**



Wednesday, April 24th from 10-11 am

Friendship Village, Lakeview Lodge

312 Southbrooke Drive

Bless



Fellowship Servers

Thank you for signing up to serve fellowship!

April 7– Cravens & Miller/Harris

April 14 Birthday Sunday– Sarah Circle/ Genesis

April 21– Breakfast Potluck

April 28– open

With open Sundays, we will not have fellowship unless some one signs up.



April Pew Cleaner

Thank you, Ginger Herndon for keeping the pews clean in April !



Volunteer at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Thursday, April 18th at 2 pm

Join others to help out at the Food Bank. Let Donna Brown know if you're interested.



We continue to serve large numbers from our Food Nook. Donations of grocery bags, personal care items, one-dish meals are always needed.

New Volunteers are needed! Contact Donna Brown if you're interested in serving.



Living Discipleship

Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was hanged by the Nazis in April 1945, taught that Christianity and discipleship are intertwined. "Discipleship

means adherence to Christ," he wrote in *The Cost of Discipleship*. "An abstract Christology, a doctrinal system, a general religious knowledge ... render discipleship superfluous"

Bonhoeffer continued, "With an abstract idea, it is possible to enter into a relation of formal knowledge, to become enthusiastic about it, and perhaps even to put it into practice; but it can never be followed in personal obedience. Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."



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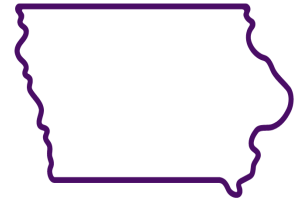
Scrip cards can be taken with you when you do your daily shopping. You don't pay any extra for what you buy, but a percentage comes back to the church. It only takes some forethought to order the cards. Talk to Kris Stewart, Emily Forssberg, or Sally Thurman and order your cards today. You can find a form on the [web page](#) or from the blue mailbox in VonLackum lounge and turn your order in today! Don't forget to include \$1 for shipping with each card.

We also have an inventory of cards. You can see what's available during fellowship.

Are you or someone you know caring for someone with Dementia disease? Perhaps you or the someone you know could benefit from a caregiver support group. The following, taken from the Mayo Clinic's website, describes what a support group is and how it can help caregivers:

"The common experience among support group members often means they have similar feelings, worries, everyday problems, treatment decisions or treatment side effects. Participating in a group allows you to be with people who are likely to have a common purpose and likely to understand one another."

- Benefits of participating in a support group may include:
- Feeling less lonely, isolated, or judged
- Reducing distress, depression, anxiety, or fatigue
- Develop a mutual support system
- Exchange practical information
- Learn about resources in your community.



A new ALZ Assoc. sponsored Dementia Caregivers Support Group will begin April 17th. It will meet from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 312 Village Place (off W. 9th St.) across from Mercy One Hospital. Come in Door A, and the receptionist will direct you. All are welcome. (Please note that this is for caregivers only as there is no provision to care for persons with the disease.)

Jerusalem In the Time of Jesus

Free community lecture by
Jodi Magness, Ph. D.
 Monday, April 8, 2024
 6:30 pm | 109 Curris Business Building
 (John Deere Auditorium)

Archaeology enables us to reconstruct with a great degree of accuracy the city of Jerusalem as it appeared in the first century CE, where Jesus spent his final days on earth.

Join the UNI Departments of Geography and History for a slide-illustrated lecture discussing key sites associated with Jesus in Jerusalem.

Guest lecturer Dr. Jodi Magness is an archaeologist, orientalist, and scholar of religion. She serves as the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Altar Flowers

Sign up on the bulletin board in VonLackum lounge to honor an occasion or memorialize a loved one with altar flowers



Herald Deadlines 2024	
April 16	May 21
June 18	July 16
August 20	September 17
October 15	November 12
December 3	

Herald Assembly 2024	
April 25	May 30
June 27	July 25
August 29	September 26
October 24	November 21
December 12	

Waterloo First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$356.04! You are supporting programs that give single mothers and women who age out of foster care the tools they need to thrive in our community. Currently,

100% of women in the program have stable employment, 83% have dependable transportation, 100% have reliable childcare, and 72% have achieved two debt-reduction goals! Even more women are graduating from House of Hope as homeowners, creating generational wealth that can break cycles of poverty.

House of Hope is completely funded by the community with local grants, individual financial contributions, in-kind donations, volunteers, and fundraising events (no government funding!). Your gift will have a generational impact as cycles of poverty and homelessness are broken for good! Thank you for investing in our community and House of Hope women and families. Please let me know if you want to learn more about House of Hope or schedule a tour of our building. Find us on Facebook @HoHcedarvalley, Instagram @houseofhopecv, Twitter @HoHCedarvalley, Venmo @HouseofHope-Cedarvalley, and www.houseofhopeccd.org.



Empowering Women. Building Futures. Enriching Communities.

Dusky Steele
Development Director

ANNUAL SPRING CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY



Date/Time

Saturday, April 13, 9 am until 10:30 am

Location

Royal Legacy Christian Academy (formerly Sacred Heart School), 620 W. 5th St,

Waterloo. The give-away will be held in the school gymnasium. Enter off of the W. 5th St. parking lot next to the school. Watch for signs.

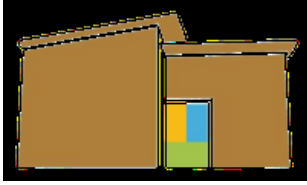
Free To Those in Need

Spring clothing from child to adult sizes and bedding will be available

Sponsored by the Church Row Neighborhood Coalition

Drop off times:

- Saturday, April 6, before Masses (3:30-4 pm and 5-5:30 pm) at gym door off of Randolph parking lot.
- Sunday, April 7, before Masses (7:45-8:15 am and 10:15-10:45 am) at gym door off of Randolph parking lot
- Tuesday, April 9, from 3-4 pm at east door of school off of W 5th St
- Wednesday, April 10, from 9:30-10:30 am at east door of school off of W 5th St
- Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 6 pm at east door of school o Friday, April 12, from 9 am-1 pm at east door of school **(during sorting of clothing/bedding)**



Threehouse Third Semester Update

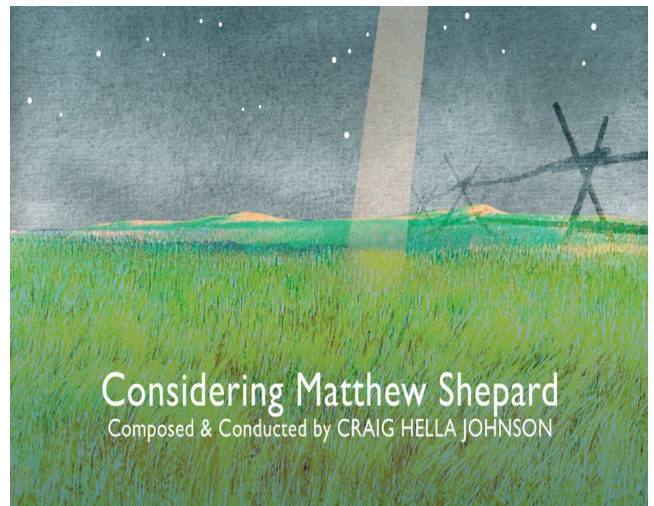


April 7, 6:30PM in Lang Hall at UNI

Come see **Colby Martin**, author of *Unclobber* and *The Shift*, who will be telling his story and discussing what LGBTQ Affirming Christianity looks like. Colby will be meeting with students at ThreeHouse the following day.

April 20, 7:00PM at GBPAC- Considering Matthew Shepherd

ThreeHouse is co-sponsoring (along with the Tyler Greene Legacy Fund) this event. "In October of 1998, Matthew Shepard, a young, gay student at the University of Wyoming was kidnapped, severely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in a lonely field under a blanket of stars. His death sparked a worldwide and ongoing conversation about the costs of hate and the importance of acceptance. This three-part fusion oratorio speaks with a fresh and bold voice, incorporating a variety of musical styles seamlessly woven into a unified whole. A collaborative project with UNI School of Music."



May 6-9, Finals Week Breakfast—Volunteers needed!

8:30 am: Grab N' Go Breakfast available

9:00-11:30 am: Hot breakfast begins-something different every day

To volunteer or donate, sign up here: (We need/love your help!)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KHMjM3-FqKrbUyW5m_8AwyutTu7FvaJjPEDZZSbowhQ/edit#gid=0

Item drop off by 4 pm Friday, May 3 or call 319-266-4071 /email ross@threehouse.org





Excerpts from the
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETING
March 21, 2024

**If you'd like a complete copy of the minutes, please contact the office. There was no Administrative Team Meeting in December.*

Leading –

Lay Leader – The Pictured Rocks District Conference will be on May 5th at 4:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Jesup to talk about district business. Specific leaders of the church are encouraged to attend in addition to all other Ad Team members.

Prudy Klinger will be the Delegate at Large from Pictured Rocks district to the Annual Conference in June. Melissa Warren is the delegate from our church.

Leading - Committee Reports

Education –

Pastor Hojin and Kathy Cooley attended the Youth collaboration meeting. In March their fundraiser board is in Von Lockum lounge. The congregation is encouraged to take an envelope and fill it with the dollar amount corresponding to the number on the envelope. Money will be used for their summer project of visiting a church in the Twin Cities. The board will be moved to Hartman Hall during Fellowship for easier accessibility.

The Youth Group will be meeting at WFUMC during the month of April. The Education Team will be providing meals.

April 21st will be a combined Youth and Camp Sunday. A potluck breakfast will precede the service in Hartman Hall. The youth will lead the worship with a representative from the Methodist Camps to speak about camping and camperships.

Church Row churches do not feel that there are enough children to host vacation bible school this June. The Grace Project has indicated that they could get quite a few Burmese kids to attend. Kathy will take back for discussion.

Finance – Monthly financials were e-mailed for review.

A letter thanking members for their pledge contributions will be sent with a quarterly letter and statement. Graphics will be included for financial comparison of the previous couple of years.

Financials are steady but down just a little. Three apportionments have been paid.

Jeff Foulk, Kris Stewart, and Donn Harris will meet with Dawn Lowe to review accounts and identify what is going in and out of specific accounts.

Foundation

The foundation has assisted in the payment of about \$2,000 in utility bills last month.

Matthew 25 – Continues to be very active with the following opportunities

NEIA Food Bank help on March 21 from 2-4 pm.

Volunteers to help distribute neighborhood newsletter starting April 2nd. There will also be a "Rock the Block" trash clean-up and a clean-up for larger items in the church parking lot on May 4th

Habitat Women's build breakfast on April 24th. WFUMC will sponsor the Habitat Women's Build with donations currently being accepted. A build day will be scheduled for a later date.

The clothing give-away at Sacred Heart is on April 13th with donations to their church on April 12th.

Snacks will be provided to Irving students who will be testing in April. Irving Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10 with donations to the teachers. If anyone is interested in helping to write teacher appreciation notes, let Donna Brown know.

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Nominations

Committees are reminded to review their Committee Job Descriptions and return the questionnaire to the office. Vicki Bjortomt will e-mail the job description and questionnaire to Lois Miller.

Technology

Pam Ulffers, Gary Brown, and Sally Thurman met with Maximum Sight and Sound. They will be submitting a bid to run the sound system from a desk in the back of the sanctuary where there is already electrical. It will be run off an iPad. Included will be new speakers to be placed by the TVs and under the balcony, an amplifier, multidirectional microphone for the bells and replace the sound board. Once the bid is received, a fundraiser will follow.

Trustees

Both boilers have been installed.

Radon mitigation for the offices has been installed in the office and test came back at a low risk level with no further action needed. The area down the hall where the Little Iron Moms meet is at an unacceptable radon level. After a discussion on the restricted designation of the boiler and roof funds raised, it was decided that those overages could be utilized by the Trustees to cover the cost of the additional radon mitigation.

Amotion to use up to \$5,000 from the remaining roof and boiler funds for the radon mitigation and rename the fund to Trustee Fund was seconded and passed (Gary Brown/Larry Dodge).

The pilot lights in the kitchen stove were repaired as they kept going out.

Youngs Plumbing and Heating will finish a repair to a recent water leak that damaged some of the memorial information in Von Lockum Lounge.

Ryan Rickles will do some work including repairing ceilings that are falling on the third level.

Worship Committee

Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday (March 24)

Maundy Thursday-Potluck at 5:30 with a service at 6:30.

Good Friday service will be at 6:00 pm at WFUMC

Easter Sunday March 31st - Easter Egg hunt for kids and worship service

John Roberts will preach on April 7th

Camp and Youth Sunday will be April 21st. Youth will participate with representatives from United Methodists camp. A breakfast potluck will be held before the contemporary service.

Music Sunday – May 5th at the First Congregational Church also in collaboration with First Baptist Church.

Methodist Men –Next meeting will be April 20th at the Hy Vee on Ansborough.

United Women in Faith – Will help pay for refurbishing the bells which are in need of repair. They will be sent to Pennsylvania for this service. A fund raiser will be included in the Herald.

Communication –

Pastor Hojin was asked to officiate the funeral service for Ursella Claas at no charge. It will be held in the Sanctuary on April 11th or 12th. Kathy McFarland will organize cookies and bars for fellowship time after the service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Wright Recording Secretary



Introducing....

Birthday & Anniversary Sunday!

Beginning in April, the second Sunday of the month is ***Birthday & Anniversary Sunday!***


There will be a specially decorated table at fellowship in Hartman Hall with a cake for those whose birthdays or anniversaries are that month. If your name is on the list below, come to fellowship on April 14, sit at our special table, and partake of the special cake. We will sing to you, and everyone will congratulate you on your special day. This special fellowship

celebration is brought to you by Sarah's Circle and the Genesis Class, who host fellowship every second Sunday. If you'd like to host your special fellowship celebration, sign up on the list in VonLackum Lounge; if it's a second or third Sunday, the group hosting will be happy to help you with your celebration! Happy Birthday and/or Anniversary Everyone!



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| 1- Linda Hickman | 24- Jack Locke | |
| 3- Callista Clark | 25- Kaylissa Arndorfer | |
| 4- Ben Bockenstedt | 28- Don Faris | |
| 6- Bonnie Humble | 29- Gloria Lee | |
| 10- Randy Walker | 30- Scott Cooley | |
| 11- Chris Dean | Jill McCool | |
| 13- Ollie Thurman | | |
| 15- Charles Mattson | | |
| Mary Ellen Warren | 5- Randy & Ann Walker | 38 |
| 17- Miles Forssberg | 15- Eric & Shasta Locke | 18 |
| Sandra Warren | 22- Bian & Kim Butz | 29 |
| 23- Atiana Harmon | | |
| Ryan Rikkels | | |

Waterloo First United Methodist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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Please join us for a **Free Public Event** to honor

Crime Victims' Rights Week

with keynote speaker Potty Wetterling.

Memorial presentation for those who have lost their lives to homicide.

Resources available for crime victims.

The reception will follow with vendors, resources, and light refreshments.



Monday, April 22, 2024
9 pm-12 pm
Central Rivers Area Education Agency
1521 Technology Pkwy,
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Sponsored by



Patty Wetterling is a national advocate and educator on the prevention of child abduction and exploitation. Patty will share her memoir of the decades-long search for her son Jacob.

Patty Wetterling, co-author of the book "Dear Jacob: A Mother's Journey of Hope" with Joy Baker.

For questions or additional information, call

Amy Neisen (319) 239-9236

- Event Partners:
- Friends of the Family
 - Waypoint
 - Riverview Center
 - Homicide/Other Violent Crimes (DSAOC)

Dated Materials



Golden Bell Refurbishment

Do you enjoy the Golden Bells? As a member of the Golden Bell choir myself, I can tell you we all enjoy making music in the choir and hope that the congregation enjoys it too. Lately, we are having problems with the octave of bells you see in the picture above. The parts are getting old and wearing down. When you ring some of them, you get two tolls of the bell instead of one, because the worn out parts let them clapper ring both sides of the bell, which gives us extra notes the composers did not intend. These bells need to be sent to Schulermerich in Pennsylvania to be refurbished. This presents us with two problems: the cost of getting the bells to Pennsylvania and back, and the cost of the refurbishment. The United Women of Faith is able to cover some of the cost, but we are asking the congregation to chip in. The refurbishment has been estimated at \$4000. We are unsure of the cost of getting the bells to Pennsylvania. If you're traveling that way, let us know. We would like to have this done this summer, so they can be ready to be rung in September.



If you can help, please mark your donation for the Bell Refurbishment.

Thank you!
Sally



Donna Brown at the "Mat Marathon" at Cedar Falls First UMC.

The mat is mad of plastic grocery bags!

Please use the envelope included in this newsletter to send in one check, using this form and your check memo line, to divide your donation, in whatever manner you chose.

_____ Pledge _____ Capital Improvement

_____ General Budget _____ Bell Refurbishment