

# Announcements

## Become

### GUESTS, VISITORS, AND 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.

### ATTENTION PARENTS

In accordance with our "Safe Sanctuary" policy, children are to be attended by an adult whenever they leave the sanctuary during worship or at any other time.



### SERMON SERIES FOR JANUARY

**The First Good News**

January 1– Matthew

January 8– Mark

January 15– Luke

January 22– John

January 29– Acts

## Belong

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**  
10:45 am  
No Sunday School today



Start planning your Sunday School and small group studies with Amplify Media!

**Elementary– Room 8 Kathy Cooley & Susie Karns**

**Youth– Room 111 Melissa Warren**

**Searchers– Fireside Room: Dementia Friendly Community**

**Genesis– Dinette**

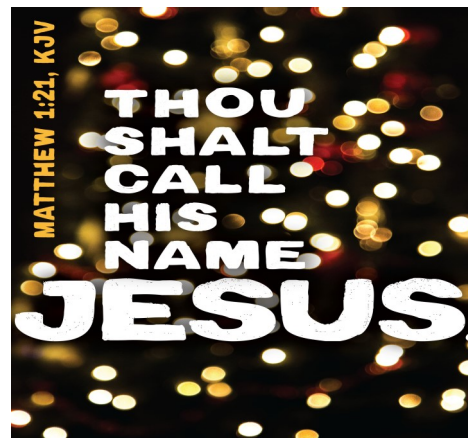
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**YOUTH GROUP**

**Wednesday at 5:30 pm.**

Youth group meets at First Baptist



## Bless

### FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in Hartman Hall following the service for fellowship. Sign up to host fellowship on the bulletin board in VonLackum Lounge.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ◆ Members of our congregation who are coping with the loss of loved ones.
- ◆ Members of our congregation who have been recently hospitalized or who are undergoing on-going medical treatment.

### LET US PRAY FOR YOU OR A LOVED ONE

By using the pink prayer card, found in the pew rack, you can request that the pastor will mention the prayer concern during the pastoral prayer; and/or is placed on the prayer chain. Also, the person we pray for will receive a card from our card ministry. If you are asking on behalf of another, you must have their permission before you make their concern public, since we want to honor everyone's privacy. To be added to the prayer chain, contact Dawn in the office 235-7088 or [admin@waterloofirst.org](mailto:admin@waterloofirst.org)

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR EMAIL

If you have moved recently or have a different winter/ summer address or changed your phone number, please notify the office so we have updated information on file for mailings! You can also sign up for emails online at [www.waterloofirst.org](http://www.waterloofirst.org)

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement you wish to appear in Sunday's bulletin, please turn it into the office or email it to Sally at [media@waterloofirst.org](mailto:media@waterloofirst.org) by **Wednesday** of each week.

## HERALD DEADLINE

The next Herald deadline is **Tuesday, January 17**. Articles can be dropped off during business hours, mailed to the church office: 614 Randolph St., Waterloo, 50702, or emailed to Sally at [media@waterloofirst.org](mailto:media@waterloofirst.org)

## RAISERIGHT© formerly SHOP WITH SCRIP

There are new cards in the scrip inventory, perfect for back to school. Check and see what's available. Also, ordering your own cards is easier than ever with your smart phone. Ask Sally or Emily how to do it.



**The 2023 God's Creation Calendars are here! The youth will be selling the calendars for \$10 until they are gone.**

**THE FOOD NOOK** is serving our neighborhood, giving away 500 lbs. of fresh food, milk, bread, and non-perishable items three times a month. Our need is rising, and there is an urgent need for :

- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Hand Soap/liquid soap
- Hand lotion
- Household cleaning items
- Laundry detergent
- Canned Fruit

Please help if you are able! If you have hotel-size personal hygiene items, those work great too. We do have homeless clients.



## Welcome Heather Gillis to Waterloo First UMC

Heather Gillis is a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa, where she is pursuing a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. She teaches private and group piano lessons in central and northern Iowa, and is an active church and event musician.

## PROOF OF LIGHT



On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, "It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy' is joyous. If a man were to say, 'It is not joyous to me,' he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidness. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself."

## Waterloo First United Methodist Church



Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am-1:00 pm,  
Fri.: 9:00 am-12:00 pm (or by appointment)

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

#### Sunday, January 1

Happy New Year!  
9:30 am– Worship  
10:30 am– Fellowship

#### Monday, January 2

#### Tuesday, January 3

9:00 am– Staff Mtg.  
6:00 pm– Intensified Prayer Group via Zoom

#### Wednesday, January 4

9:00 am– Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17  
9:00 am– Workshop for Others  
5:30 pm– Youth Group at First Baptist

#### Thursday, January 5

8:00 am– Church Row Prayer Walk  
8:30 am– LSI Staff Meeting  
9:30 am– Food Nook  
10:00 am– Book Club  
4:15 pm– PIE at Irving Elementary

#### Friday, January 6

7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

#### Saturday, January 7

3:00 pm– Little Iron Mom's Celebration  
3:00 pm– Worship on CF Public Access Chanel 15

#### Sunday, January 8

9:30 am– Worship  
10:30 am– Fellowship  
10:45 am– Sunday School