

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.

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 call the office at 319-235-7088.

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.

2024 PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have turned in their pledge cards! If you haven't turned one in yet, it's not too late! There are red pledge cards in the office and on the tables by the doors of the sanctuary. Fill one in today!



FINAL 2023 OFFERING

Make sure your final offering for the year is in by Sunday, December 31.

Belong

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 10:45 am

Plan 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

Adam Hamilton series on Advent

Genesis– Dinette

Amplify access code: BXWDJR



See you next year!

GOLDEN BELL/CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 pm

Hartman Hall

Bring your favorite Christmas treat and join the choirs for a Christmas party!

Chancel Choir rehearsal will follow at 6:30 pm

Bless

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. Thank the Third Sunday group for serving today!

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 Kristy in the office 235-7088 or office@waterloofirst.org or Sally at media@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

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 by **Wednesday**.

HERALD DEADLINE

The next Herald deadline is **Tuesday, January 16** 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

THE FOOD NOOK

Donations of personal care items and one dish meals are still welcome.

Also, they are in need of grocery bags. Donations may be put in the hampers by the stairs in VonLackum Lounge.

Thank you so much for considering a donation. Food insecurity is definitely a community problem, and one our church can be proud of lending a helping hand.



SCRIP CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Scrip cards make perfect Christmas gifts! Get a gift card for that special someone from their favorite retailer! Talk to Kris Stewart, Emily Forsberg, 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.

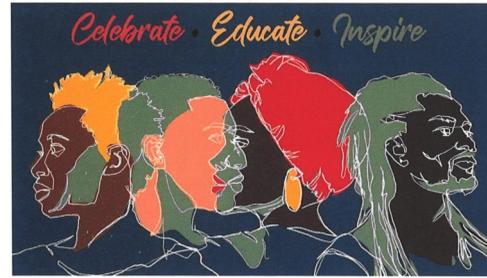


2024 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS

are here!

The children's Sunday School Classes are selling the calendars. \$10

JUNETEENTH FAITH & FREEDOM By: Our Daily Bread Ministries



Film Showing and Discussion

Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom is an hour-long film that explains why June 19th is celebrated as "America's Second Independence Day", starting on June 19th, 1865 when Black Americans in Texas were told they were free. What were they freed from? How did the law of Absolute Equality impact their lives...from literacy, to housing, to faith?

Join participants to validate the struggle of liberation.

Tuesday, January 9th, 2024
5:30 –7:00 pm

Impact Church of Hope
710 Broadway St., Waterloo, IA 50703
Either door to the main worship space

In partnership with Waterloo First UMC, Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, Impact Church of Hope, & Orchard Hill Church



Waterloo First United Methodist Church



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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am– Third Sunday of Advent/ a Service of Lessons and Carols

10:30 am– Fellowship

10:45 am– Sunday School

1:00 pm– Girl Scouts, troop #3419

Monday, December 18

5:30 pm– Trustees

Tuesday, December 19

9:45 am– Getting Ahead Board Mtg.

10:30 am– Youth Group Meeting at Kimball Ave. UMC

5:50 pm– Finance Committee Mtg.

6:15 pm– Intensified Prayer

6:30 pm– Church Row Neighborhood Assoc. Mtg.

7:00 pm– Bishop's Advent Study

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 am– Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

5:30 pm– Golden Bells/ Chancel Choir Christmas Party

6:30 pm pm– Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 21

8:00 am– Church Row Prayer Walk

9:30 am– Food Nook

9:30 pm– Herald Assembly

2:00 pm– Volunteer at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Friday, December 22

Office Closed

7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24

9:30 am– Worship/ Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30am– Fellowship

7:00 pm– Candlelight Christmas Eve Service