

# 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.

### GREENING OF THE CHURCH



The **First Sunday of Advent** is **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the church must be ready for Christmas by then. Groups; please decorate your area of the church between **November 26** and **December 2**.

## 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**

**Genesis– Dinette**

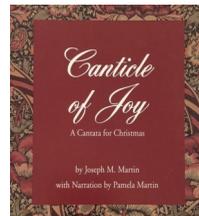
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**Wednesday**  
**5:30 pm**  
**First Congregational**

## Canticle of Joy

December 10 at 10:15 am  
First Baptist Church  
434 Baltimore St, Waterloo, IA 50701



Come to First Baptist Church on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am, to hear the combined choirs of First Baptist Church, First Congregational Church and Waterloo First United Methodist Church perform Canticle of Joy by Joseph M. Martin.

*\*\*There will be no worship service at Waterloo First UMC on December 10*

## 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.

### 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 Janice in the office 235-7088 or [admin@waterloofirst.org](mailto:admin@waterloofirst.org) or Sally at [media@waterloofirst.org](mailto: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](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**.

## HERALD DEADLINE

The next Herald deadline is **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
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)

## 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

## *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

Join us for a special service of Lessons and Carols on December 17 at 9:30 am. There will be Christmas Hymns to sing and special music by the Golden Bell Choir and the children.

## UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday founded by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund. Today, United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith.

Every year, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards an average of \$5.5 million in financial aid to United Methodist students. The offering taken on United Methodist Student Day is one opportunity to support these scholarships. Every dollar – yes 100% - received goes towards supporting and educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. Supporting this Special Sunday is truly an investment in our future.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral United Methodist students. Financial support for all General Board of Higher Education and Ministry scholarships come from five primary sources: 63% from endowments; 22% from wills and annuities; 13% from United Methodist Special Sundays and 1% from online gifts and fiduciary income. All donations received empower and encourage our students that we are investing in them and our future.

We are blessed to support thousands of students through scholarships, but we would like to do more. Our funds are limited, and every awards cycle we end up with a large pool of qualified candidates who we are unable to help because there was no money left to give. You can help us change that! Donate now and help more students answer God's call to higher education.

## Waterloo First United Methodist Church



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

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

#### Sunday, November 26

9:30 am– Worship  
10:30 am– Fellowship  
10:45 am– Greening of the Church

#### Monday, November 27

11:00 am– Nest

#### Tuesday, November 28

6:15 pm– Intensified Prayer  
7:00 pm– Bishop's Advent Study

#### Wednesday, November 29

9:00 am– Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17  
10:00 am– Fellowship at Friendship Village  
5:15 pm– Golden Bell Rehearsal  
5:30 pm– Youth at First Congregational  
7:00 pm– Chancel Choir Rehearsal at First Baptist

#### Thursday, November 30

8:00 am– Church Row Prayer Walk  
9:00 am– Food Nook

#### Friday, December 1

*Office Closed*

7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

#### Saturday, December 2

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

#### Sunday, December 3

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