

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

Worship this Sunday will be **ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON.**

Join Zoom Meeting **Sunday, February 25 at 10:00am.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246438945?pwd=ZEsrdUtTODY2VTBjWVJWSndyZ3gvQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

Zoom worship services are recorded. If you would like to watch a service you missed, please contact the church office.

FEBRUARY 25 Usher
WORSHIP PowerPoint Keith Barnhart
Zoom Camera
Candlelighting
Organist Brenda Miller
Choir Chime Choir
Coffee Hour

[Sign Up Here](#) if you are able to help during worship this week.

FEBRUARY NUMBERS February 4 attendance - 43 February 4 giving - \$9,292.00 (incl auto-deposit)
February 11 attendance - 61 February 11 giving - \$504.42
February 18 attendance - 30 February 18 giving - \$1,290 (incl auto-deposit)
Current monthly total - \$11,086.42 Needed each month - \$12,840.58

During the Lenten season, we will be collecting donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian) and Week of Compassion (Christian Church Disciples of Christ) offerings. Envelopes will be available in the pews and on the Narthex table.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR February 21 – Camp Bear Creek presenting & running activities at WOW
March 1 – World Day of Prayer, 1:30PM @ Nichols Christian Church
March 1 - Shrimp Dinner, 5-7PM, St. Joseph's, Knights of Columbus
March 2 – U of I Mobile Clinic, 1-3PM @ FCU
March 3 – Breakfast fundraiser to benefit St. Mary's Church of Lone Tree and Nichols, 8am-Noon @ Lone Tree Legion
March 5 – GriefShare classes @ UMC, 6:30-8:00PM, weekly thru May 28
March 15 – Catfish Dinner, 5-7PM, St. Joseph's, Knights of Columbus
March 16 – Soup Supper @ Nichols Christian Church, 4:00-7:00PM
March 21 – NAMI Family & Friends, informational program, 6:00-7:30PM @ First Church United

50th ANNIVERSARY of FIRST CHURCH UNITED Pastor Deb would like to invite anyone with ideas about celebrating First Church United's 50th anniversary to get in touch with her. Ideally a celebration group would be formed to plan for several ways to showcase the history and impact of the church across 50 years. Please contact Pastor Deb soon.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for DIGITAL SIGN A special project is underway to update the existing corner sign in the church yard. The current metal letter section (3' x 6') will be replaced with an advanced digital message board, displaying on both sides (Calhoun Street and Maxson Ave) providing significant capabilities to promote worship, youth programs, inspirational messaging, our Fair Stand, and special events. To donate, add your check to a donation form available on the usher's table! And, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

LENTEN NOTES FROM PASTOR DEB Lent = a 40 day season within the church that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends right before Good Friday, leading up to Easter morning. It is a time of reflection / prayer / sacrificial giving as we remember the love of God that is poured out

through Jesus Christ. His sacrifice on the cross offers us the gift of eternal life. May we honor His sacrifice with our own dedicated efforts.

Two questions for reflection this Lent:

WHERE is God in my life?

HOW would I define my relationship with God?

Possible ideas for Lenten reflections are listed below.

- Join the Lenten 6 week Bible Study beginning Sun March 3 after worship
- Pick up a Lenten devotional off the front hallway table and read individually or with friends
- Make a dedicated effort to attend the 6 weeks of Lenten worship leading up to Easter on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am
- Plan a dedicated time for additional prayer or Bible study
- Read devotional material available online, apps, podcasts or in bookstores
- Invite a friend or family member to church
- Plan a coffee get together to connect up with faith community
- Journal, meditate or listen to faith-filled music
- Ask a trusted friend or pastor to pray about a burden that is weighing heavily on your heart

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in food insecurity within our community? Do you enjoy helping others? Do you enjoy work that is organized and look for ways to improve services?

After several years of faithful service to the West Liberty Area Food Pantry, Pam Schnittjer is needed at home for other tasks. The Voluntary Action Council is looking for someone, or a couple of people, to direct the operations of the West Liberty Area Food Pantry. If you are interested in serving the community in this way, or know someone locally who might want to take a more active role, please reach out to the church office, or to Pam directly.

SUMMER CAMP @ CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

2024 Dates

May 31-June 1 Family Camp
June 10-15 Junior 1 (grades 3-5)
June 17-22 Chi Rho 1 (grades 6-8)
June 22-23 Grand 1
June 24-29 CYF 1 (grades 9-12)
July 1-3 Beginner Camp (grades 2-3)
July 1-6 Mission Trip to Chicago (grades 9-12)
July 8-13 Junior 2 (grades 3-5)
July 8-13 Chi Rho 2 (grades 6-8)
July 13-14 Grand 2
July 15-20 CYF 2 (grades 9-12)
July 22-27 A.D.A.M Camp (grades 6-12)
July 22-27 Adventure Camp (grades 6-12)
July 29-Aug 3 Junior 3 (grades 3-5)
Sept 16-18 Senior Camp

