

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

Join Worship through Zoom **Sunday at 10:00am**

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Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

NOVEMBER 3 Stewardship Theme

WORSHIP

Usher Bill Koellner

Candlelighters

PowerPoint

Organist Susie Lehman

Speaking Elders Leon & Mary Larson

Communion Servers **Need 4 volunteers**

Save your coins!! Noisy offerings will take place Oct 27-Nov 17

DON'T BE LATE !!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR
WHEN GOING TO BED
SATURDAY NIGHT

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

Usually in the fall, Stewardship Sunday typically includes a series of elements that churchgoers have come to know well: personal testimony and talk of budget. Budgets are a necessary planning tool – there is no way around it! We report the giving each Sunday (see below) and openly report how much is needed monthly to be able to achieve the budget (also below).

Exploring stewardship within a congregation is also a spiritual practice, a time to consider how we, as congregants shepherd our lives in serving the church body. Perhaps there is room on the electronic calendar to contribute to a committee – some of them meet often, some not often at all. Maybe you see a creative opportunity and would like to be a part of a team who sees it through. Can you prepare food if someone else plans the meal? There is a need for helping hands in the kitchen!

When each of us grows in the day-to-day work of stewardship in our church, we begin to transform as a collective body. How will you grow in your practice of stewardship?

OCTOBER NUMBERS

October 6 attendance – 35

October 6 giving – \$581.00

October 13 attendance – 53

October 13 giving - \$1,755.25

October 20 attendance – 65

October 20 giving - \$1,381.00 (incl auto dep)

October 27 attendance - 40

October 27 giving - \$10,385.00

Current monthly total – \$14,102.75

Needed each month - \$12,840.58



Many thanks to the Stewardship team for establishing an easy way for all of us to support the church! <https://fcuwl.org/give/>

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

TONIGHT! October 30 4-7PM Harvest Soup Supper @ Cedar Valley Methodist

October 31 6-7:30PM Pastor Deb & Lee Ann giving 'treats' from the church lawn

November 10 6AM-Noon WL Fire & Ambulance Pancake Breakfast

SOUP/CEREAL COLLECTION

WOW program, thru Nov 10, collecting cans of soup and boxes of cereal for an activity, and then donating to food pantry. Drop items off at church!

CHANGE OF STAFF

The Personnel Relations Committee announced the hiring of Kelly Waters as the new, part-time Office Administrator. Kelly will be starting her new role in mid-November. Welcome to the team, Kelly!

WINTERWEAR NEEDED

Winter poses an outerwear challenge to many adults and children who may not be able to purchase warm socks, hats, gloves/mittens, or scarves. Another need:

underwear, of all sizes! Annually, the WL Ministerial Association churches collect winterwear items that many people need to get through an Iowa winter. A collection basket is in the Narthex.



Pastor Deb and the Koellner's started a grief support group on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-5:30pm at First Church United. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming group where people understand the difficult emotions of grieving the loss of a loved one. If you or a friend would value help and encouragement, please contact Pastor and fill out a registration form.

**ELF or SANTA?
VOLUNTEER(s)
NEEDED**

The shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child need to be delivered to a Samaritan's Purse collection point between November 18-25. Would someone like to step up and drive their personal sleigh full of our wrapped boxes?? The nearest drop site is Calvary Church in Muscatine (on the by-pass) and they are receiving boxes each day, November 18-25 from 9:00-11:00AM. (North Liberty and Marion are additional options – the office administrator can get you that information.) Please contact the church office if you can deliver our boxes – THANK YOU!