

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

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

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Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

NOVEMBER 17 WORSHIP	Usher	Bill Koellner
	Candlelighters	
	PowerPoint	Bill Koellner
	Organist	Susie Lehman
	Choir	WOW Kids
	Speaking Elders	Missy Johnson & Dean Phelps
	Communion Servers	Need 3 or 4 volunteers

Noisy Offering will take place during worship

NOVEMBER NUMBERS	November 3 attendance – 40	November 3 giving – \$3,035.00 (incl auto-deposit)
	November 10 attendance – 48	November 10 giving - \$680.00
	Current monthly total – \$3,715.00	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/>

POINSETTIA FOR ADVENT

Holiday decorating at First Church United annually includes beautiful poinsettias, gratefully purchased by church families. Three B's Floral will have various colors of poinsettias at a cost of \$15. Please stop in and purchase one, or call the floral shop at 319-627-3233 to order, to be delivered to the church. Many people request a florist card be added with the name of a loved one to be recognized as a memorial. After Christmas Eve service, you are welcome to take your purchased poinsettia home to enjoy.

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Deb will be out of the office next week, November 20-22, attending a retreat. Call the church office for pastoral care. Jan and Bill Koellner are available to assist.

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

November 18	Star Tree Project begins at both banks
November 21-23	WLHS presents "The Odd Couple <i>Female Version</i> "
November 23 & 24	Holiday Open House, downtown WL
December 1	Blue Christmas Service, 4:00PM @ First Church United

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 for one more week – it will all be taken to a central point next week!

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK

For 5 weeks (Nov 17, Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22) Pastor Deb will guide an Advent bible study group using The Journey by Adam Hamilton. The group will meet after worship on Sunday mornings, for an hour, in the lounge.

**Please let the office know if you are interested so we can make sure to have enough materials.

A synopsis of the series: 'It's a story you know by heart, but The Journey combines historical information and archaeology with Adam Hamilton's thoughtful,

conversational teaching style to give you a new perspective on the story of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. He shares new insights into a world-changing event and shares 10–15 minute video vignettes retracing the actual path of this journey during each study session.'

**HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE
@ FCU**

November 24 Hanging of the greens after worship Pizza lunch provided
November 24 3:30PM Chime Choir @ WL Public Library
December 8 Chancel Choir Cantata + WOW Kids!
December 15 Children's Christmas Program during worship
December 15 CYG Live Nativity (evening)
December 15 5:00pm Family caroling – meet at church, caroling at Heath
Manor/Simpson Home/Asst Living, return to church at 6:30 for cocoa & snacks
December 24 8:30PM FCU Christmas Eve Service

**TAKE AWAY
HUNGER
PROGRAM**

We have had a number of church family members passionate about the Take Away Hunger Program over the years. It's a great group activity to engage people in packing food, systematically, for shipment to others who are in need of a nutritious and balanced food source. We store all of the operational process items at the church. Syd Harned had become the contact person in the community, if a group wished to have a 'packing night' activity. Due to other commitments, Syd would like to step down and turn this project over to another person. It does not require much time.

If interested, please contact Pastor Deb or Syd.