

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

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

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Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

NOVEMBER 24 WORSHIP

Usher	Bill Koellner
Candlelighters	Harper & Elliott Wieland
PowerPoint	Keith Barnhart
Organist	Lori Brooke
Choir	Chime Choir

Final Noisy Offering will take place during worship

Hanging of the greens will take place after worship, and there will be pizza!

NOVEMBER NUMBERS

November 3 attendance – 40

November 3 giving – \$3,035.00 (incl auto-deposit)

November 10 attendance – 48

November 10 giving - \$680.00

November 17 attendance – 47

November 17 giving - \$1,445.60 (incl auto-deposit)

Current monthly total – \$5,160.60

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 this 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 18-30 Star Tree Project at both banks

November 21-23 WLHS presents "The Odd Couple Female Version"

November 23 & 24 Holiday Open House, downtown WL

December 1 Blue Christmas Service, 4:00PM @ First Church United

December 2 Blood Drive @ First Church United, 2-7pm

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

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.'

**BLUE CHRISTMAS
SERVICE -
DECEMBER 1**

Recognizing that the holidays can be a painful time for some, the West Liberty Ministerial Association will be offering a Blue Christmas service of remembrance, open to all in the community who are struggling with grief and loss. The Ministerial Association has scheduled this brief service of compassion and honor on Sunday afternoon, December 1st, at 4:00PM at First Church United. Please join us in remembrance of those dearly missed and those who are hurting.

**CHRISTIAN
CONCERT**

First Presbyterian Church Muscatine (401 Iowa Avenue) is hosting Carrie Newcomer with pianist Gary Walters Saturday, December 7 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$25 and benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the Domestic Violence Shelter. More info at www.fpcmuscatine.org.

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN
YOUTH
TRIENNIAL**

Any High School Freshmen through Senior interested in being a part of the East Iowa Presbyterian Delegation to the Youth Triennial in Louisville, KY July 28-31, 2025, please contact Pastor Deb. More information available in the office.

**THANK YOU
ELVES!**

Leo Villarreal will be delivering our winter wear to the Catholic Church this week. Many thanks to all of the helping hands involved in this project.

Brenda Miller was spotted changing photos in the entry hallway this week. Stop and see what's new! Thanks to the Fair Stand Committee for their financial assistance with this project.

First Church United is so fortunate to have volunteers available in so many ways.