

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

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

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Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

DECEMBER 1 WORSHIP

Usher	Bill Koellner
Candlelighters	
PowerPoint	Marci Dewar
Pianist	Brenda Miller
Speaking Elders	Dean Phelps & Keith Barnhart
Communion Servers	Syd Harned, Need 3 or 4 volunteers

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)
November 24 attendance – 69	November 24 giving - \$3,090.00
Current monthly total – \$8,250.60	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/>

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

November 18-30	Star Tree Project at both banks
December 1	Blue Christmas Service, 4:00PM @ First Church United
December 2	Blood Drive @ First Church United, 2-7pm

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR FOOD PANTRY

From the VAC Food Pantry:

If you happen to be weeding out Christmas ornaments you no longer want, please consider donating to the food pantry. It's an extra treat for our patrons. Please leave in zip lock bags at the pantry or in the drop off outside box by the Food Pantry door. Someone will check daily. Thank you.

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.fpcmuscattine.org.

**HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE
@ FCU**

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.

**THE
COMMUNITY
THANKS YOU!**

Rotary Club of West Liberty reports the final numbers from the winter clothing drive: 263 coats were given out! A big thank you to the community and congregation for all of your donations, it couldn't have been done without you!