

# FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246438945?pwd=ZEsrduTODY2VTBjWVJWSndyZ3gvQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

## DECEMBER 8 WORSHIP

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata "The Gift Goes On" with WOW Kids

Usher	Bill Koellner
Candlelighters	Galvan Family
PowerPoint	Katie Thrasher
Pianist	Marianne Phelps
Greet/Coffee Hour	Galvan Family

## DECEMBER NUMBERS

December 1 attendance – 54

December 1 giving – \$2,670.00 (incl auto-deposit)

**Current monthly total – \$2,670.00**

**Needed each month - \$12,840.58**



A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/>

## FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

For those people that have given to the church in the last year by automatic payments (via automatic withdrawal from your bank) please be aware that for recordkeeping purposes you need to fill out a new 2025 Commitment form or you can send Dinette Myers (1244 Country Heights Lane) a letter stating you would like to continue for the year 2025 and be sure to include the pledge amount.

## SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

Thru December 6 Star Tree Project at both banks

December 13 & 14 Voluntary Action Council & Aquarius Holiday food & toy project

## 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.

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.'

## THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH ELVES!

Rich Hambricht cleaned up the water damage in the northwest corner of the sanctuary and has repaired the woodwork – thank you Rich!

Jan McCrabb made new holiday bows for the sanctuary railing – they are gorgeous, Jan – thank you!

**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!