

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

Join Worship through Zoom **Sunday, December 22 at 10:00am and Tuesday, December 24 at 8:30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246438945?pwd=ZEsrduTODY2VTBjWVJWJSndyZ3gvQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

**DECEMBER 22
WORSHIP**

Usher	Bill Koellner
Candlelighters	
PowerPoint	Susan Deahr
Pianist	Brenda Miller
Greet/Coffee Hour	Vince & Letha Ottaway
Speaking Elders	Missy Johnson & Dean Phelps
Communion Servers	Syd Harned, Need 3 or 4 volunteers

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE
DECEMBER 24 @
8:30PM**

Usher	
PowerPoint	
Pianist	Lori Brooke
Assisting Elders	Missy Johnson, Dean Phelps, Bill Koellner
Communion will be by intinction	

Poinsettias can be taken home after the evening service.

DECEMBER NUMBERS



December 1 attendance – 54
December 8 attendance – 81
December 15 attendance – 155
Current monthly total – \$6,271.46

December 1 giving – \$2,670.00 (incl auto-deposit)
December 8 giving - \$886.45
December 15 giving - \$2,715.01 (incl auto-deposit)
Needed each month - \$12,840.58

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

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th.

NO WOW/CYG Both WOW and CYG are done for 2024 – they will resume again in January, 2025.

**FROM THE VAC
FOOD PANTRY** The Pantry will be closed December 19 & 21 but will be open as normal December 26 & 28. Happy Holidays to all!

**NEED A
CHRISTMAS
GIFT?** How about a Nichols Christian Church 150th Anniversary Cookbook? Cost is \$20 and they are available to purchase through Kay Cline or Charles has some in stock at Three B's Floral. If you'd like to take a look before deciding, there is a copy for viewing in the Church Office.

**ANNUAL
MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS** First Church United will conduct its annual business meeting on Sunday, January 12, immediately following worship. We are blessed to have so many who are willing and able to share their time volunteering for a committee. Thank you all.

**BEAR CREEK
THANK YOU** I have attached a scanned copy of a letter from Bear Creek thanking our members for our continued partnership in providing children the transformative experience of camp.

**VITA
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY** United Way Muscatine County plans to bring the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program back to Muscatine for the 2025 tax season!

The VITA Program provides free tax aid to those who make \$67,000 or less. Last year, VITA volunteers prepared 21 tax returns during two sessions, saving clients \$4,200 in preparation fees and bringing \$28,899 in refunds!

This year, they hope to serve even more clients and plan to offer three sessions at MCC for individuals in our community to get their taxes done for free. The first one will be February 7th from 9am-2pm, the second one will be March 7th from 9am-2pm, and the third one will be April 3rd from 3pm-7pm.

Volunteers are needed to make this happen. Free online training will be available through the IRS for volunteers, and we will provide that information to volunteers once they have signed up. We need to build a database of interested volunteers who can commit to one, two, or all three of the sessions listed above. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up [HERE](#) or email hilary@unitedwaymuscatine.org.

I've attached their fliers for additional information.