**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

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

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| **FEBRUARY 16**  **WORSHIP** | Usher Bill Koellner  Candlelighters  PowerPoint Shaun Kruger  Organist Marianne Phelps  Choir Chancel  Greet/Coffee Hour  Speaking Elders Susan Deahr & Keith Barnhart  Communion Servers Any volunteers?  Jason Thrasher has graciously agreed to fill the pulpit this Sunday! |
| **JANUARY**  **NUMBERS** | February 2 attendance – 55 February 2 giving - $4,651.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  February 9 attendance – 41 February 9 giving - $128.00  **Current monthly total – $4,779       Needed each month - $12,840.58**  A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/> |
| **PASTOR**  **OUT OF OFFICE** | Pastor Deb will be out of the office February 10-17. Email [firstchurchunited@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurchunited@gmail.com) or call the church office (319-627-2989) for pastoral care. Jan and Bill Koellner are available to assist. |
| **FEB 12 ACTIVITIES CANCELLED** | Due to the snow – **all church activities are CANCELLED today.** This includes WOW and choir rehearsals. |
| **WOW MEAL SIGN-UP**    **(NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY 😊)** | **W**orship **O**n **W**ednesday (WOW) is in need of volunteers to help with food on 2/26, 3/12, and most of April.  The menu for each week has already been created and the food is provided. Meal volunteers are responsible for setting up, cooking the “easy meal,” and cleaning up afterward. We have provided a [link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FA8A629A0FF2-50769485-wowmeal?fbclid=IwY2xjawIN6LlleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHTLYBCpJdHL7QeJ9SKHUhn9jIwvRMxQXNGc6R9hGp33uuT84t4E6qBzqNg_aem_sLQ7ZpImWEN3PrKry5qSTQ#/) for your convenience, just click, scroll down to the months of February – April, click “Sign Up” on your desired date, and add your name, email address, and phone number.  Thank you for volunteering and being a part of this important ministry! |
|  | The next 13-week GriefShare Support Group begins Wednesday, February 19 from 5:00-6:30pm at United Methodist Church in WL.  If you are struggling from the death of a loved one, recent or past, know that we are here and that we care. Through videos, small group discussions and workbook, this faith-based program offers comfort, support and encouragement in finding healing and hope.  There is no cost for the 13-week program. Please contact the Methodist Church Office (319-627-2780 or [wlumc@lcom.net](mailto:wlumc@lcom.net)) to register or go online at [**griefshare.org**](http://griefshare.org/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2flCmbcjvvQTiU4lEFAufBUl-gW5eWX5ojh4La8JflEzzMjrI7iAcCWMo_aem_i5wV4krXkPjUJA4JJUg8bg) and enter WL zip code. We value your trust and look forward to accompanying you on your journey. |
| **CYG MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** | CYG is looking for volunteers to help provide food at their gatherings through April 2025. There are several open dates for you to sign up and make a difference!  CYG supplies pizza, drinks, and serving ware. They ask volunteers to bring an easy veggie and a dessert. Volunteers will need to arrive at FCU around 5:30pm to help set up, pre-heat ovens, cook pizzas, and assist with clean-up afterwards. Don't worry—there will be an instruction sheet in the kitchen to guide you through the process!  To sign up, simply scan the QR code to the left. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Cami Jones at camijones@mac.com or 319-330-4988.  Thank you for supporting our youth group! |
| **RESCHEDULED: VALENTINE SOUP LUNCH** | Due to the weather, the WL Ministerial Association's Valentine Soup Lunch has been rescheduled to tomorrow, **February 13** from 11am to 1pm.  Grab your family, friends, and/or special sweetheart and treat them to a nice warm bowl of soup at the WL United Methodist Church. Menu includes: Chicken & Noodle, Vegetable Beef, and Potato Broccoli soups, Relish, Dessert, & Drink.  Cost is Free Will Offering with all proceeds supporting the WL Ministerial Association. |
| **HELP US UPGRADE OUR SANCTUARY TECHNOLOGY** | Dear Church Family,  As we continue to enhance our worship experience, we have identified a need to upgrade our sanctuary computer system. Our current setup is outdated and struggles to communicate effectively with other devices throughout the church, including the projectors, the Zoom operating system, and the office PC.  To ensure seamless connectivity and continuity of services, we are seeking donations to help cover the estimated $2,000 for a new computer system.  If you feel led to support this initiative, please consider donating. We would like to purchase the new setup by the end of month as prices may continue to rise. |
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