**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

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

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| **MARCH 30**  **WORSHIP** | Usher Bill Koellner  Candlelighters  PowerPoint Marci Dewar  Organist Lori Brooke  Choir WOW Kids  Greet/Coffee Hour |
| **MARCH**  **NUMBERS** | March 2 attendance – 66 March 2 giving - $3,407.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  March 9 attendance – 64 March 9 giving - $654.00  March 16 attendance – 47 March 16 giving - $3,756.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  March 23 attendance – 55 March 23 giving - $795.00  **Current monthly total – $8, 612.00**  **Needed each month - $12,840.58**  A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/>  During the Lenten season, we will be collecting special offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian) and Week of Compassion (Christian Church Disciples of Christ) offerings. Envelopes will be available in the pews and on the front table. |
| **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE** | West Liberty Aquarius Club is sponsoring a community blood drive on Monday, March 31st from 2-6:30 p.m. at FCU. Please schedule an appointment by  contacting Rhonda Jensen at 319-430-8299 or [rhonda\_jensen@hotmail.com](mailto:rhonda_jensen@hotmail.com). |
| **MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD DRIVE** | During the month of April, area churches in the Ministerial Association are working together to collect donations for the Food Pantry. First Church United will be collecting specifically Hamburger Helper and Ramen noodle packages. There is a table in Fellowship Hall to place donated items. |
| **EASTER LILIES** | For the Easter season, church family members often wish to purchase an Easter Lily or other spring potted plant to decorate the altar and baptistry area. Please contact Three B’s Floral, either by phone or in person, to purchase a flower and have it delivered to First Church United.    Easter Lily = $20 (6-inch container wrapped with a bow)  Other options include: Ivy baskets $25, Hanging ivy basket $35, Azaleas $40, Tulip garden $20, Daffodil garden $20, Hydrangeas $40, Calla Lily $36 |
| **VITA TAX ASSISTANCE** | Muscatine will be hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site on Thursday, April 3, 2025 from 3:00-7:00pm at Muscatine Community College’s Career Advancement Center located at 152 Colorado St.    VITA sites offer free tax preparation services for households earning $67,000 per year or less. **Registration is required**. To register, please contact Mason at 563-223-8497 or [mason@unitedwaymuscatine.org](mailto:mason@unitedwaymuscatine.org). |
| **BINGO NIGHT** | The Congregational Life committee would like to invite you to a fun filled night of BINGO on **March 28**!Pizza will be provided starting at 5:45 and Bingo will start at 6:00.  Participants should bring a white elephant gift for the prize table.    Please let us know how many will be attending (to help with the pizza order) by clicking this link:  <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14oyWQfOahXWS11LAthf7LdlEO6JaJRivWeeGMZq19LE/edit?usp=sharing> |
| **SYNOD SCHOOL** | Synod School is a leadership development ministry of the Presbyterian Church. The annual school opportunity provides learning and personal enrichment experiences for people of all ages. The week is designed for laity, clergy, individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.  2025 Synod School’s theme is 'Re-Forming “Normal”: Expanding HOPE.’ Synod School will take place at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa from July 20-25. A brochure is available in the church office or you can view the course catalog [here](https://www.lakesandprairies.org/_files/ugd/2f3070_0b7fa421cf074712af3abb8926fbee41.pdf?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_11_5_2021_14_40_COPY_01)). The Endowment Committee of First Church United supports tuition reimbursement if you’d like to attend. Registration will open April 1st at noon at:  <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/> |
| **SUMMER CAMP INFO** | Many of our church families are thinking about/have already signed up for summer 2025 church camp! We are so fortunate to have the ability through the Endowment Fund to contribute to the faith development of our youth. In 2025, the Endowment Committee will continue to have the family out-of-pocket expense be $100 per child registered, with endowment money covering the balance that would be due for each child.  The “You and Me” camp, which is a 24-hour camp experience for an adult and child together, will be fully funded by endowment dollars. An information sheet & Endowment Request form are attached.    **Camp Bear Creek:**<https://bearcreek.camp/programs/>    **Christian Conference Center**: <https://www.newtonccc.org/scsessions> |