**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

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

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| **MAY 18**  **WORSHIP** | Usher  Candlelighters  PowerPoint                          Bill Koellner  Organist                               Brenda Miller  Greet/Coffee Hour  Speaking Elders                   Keith Barnhart & Susan Deahr  Communion Servers           **Volunteers Needed**    Pastor Deb will be out, and the church office will be closed on Friday, May 23rd. |
| **SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 1, 2025** | First Church United will conduct a special congregational meeting Sunday, June 1, immediately following worship.  The FCU Board will present a proposal to withdraw principal funds from the **Watters Memorial Fund** to help finance the cost of the new roof. This proposed use is consistent with the donor’s original intent for the fund, which includes support for building projects and maintenance within West Liberty.  As outlined in the fund’s guidelines:  *“…the investment will be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors for projects within West Liberty such as mission work,****building projects or maintenance****, or debt retirement. Principal money can be used only by a 2/3*  *vote of the congregation.”*    All members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important decision. |
| **MAY**  **NUMBERS** | May 4 attendance – 32 May 4 giving - $3,625.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  May 11 attendance – 44 May 11 giving – $652.00  **Current monthly total – $4,277.00**   **Needed each month - $12,840.58**  A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/> |
| **LAWN MOWING** | Spring has sprung and the church lawn is growing right along with it!  We could use help to keep it looking fresh and welcoming for all who walk through our doors.  Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EEblgNQlIHfsIQv7nqfiHSozHT-4iaivQw1BZZCJGGY/edit?gid=0#gid=0) to mow prior to a Sunday worship service. Brief instructions within the link. |
| **MUSCATINE COUNTY FAIR STAND SIGNUP** | We are so grateful to be part of a congregation full of gracious helpers! Your energy, commitment, and sense of community truly shines during county fair week. It’s a great opportunity to roll up our sleeves together, have some laughs, and support the important ministries funded by our food stand proceeds.    This year, big thank-yous go to Mary Larson for creating the spreadsheet and Lisa Murphy for stepping up to coordinate our volunteers—their time and care are deeply appreciated!    To see available shifts and sign-up, you can find the schedule on the table in the fellowship hall, you can contact Lisa at [joelandlisamurphy@gmail.com](mailto:joelandlisamurphy@gmail.com) or 319-321-3602, [OR CLICK HERE](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aQfCl8dNzZMtgWAA38g6vRVp528blJTwo5YMh3M6e-U/edit?usp=sharing). Let's keep the tradition strong and make it another year to remember! |
| **BIRTHDAYS**    **ANNIVERSARIES** | Jan Koellner & Rolo Galvan (15), Karlie Jenks (20)    Deborah Mann & Lee Ann Maas (14), Jonathan & Kara Wieland (18), Scott & Angie Brooke (19) |
| **FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES** | The Ministerial Association is continuing their food drive for the month of May! Please help collect ***Hamburger Helper & Ramen Noodles*** for the Food Pantry. There is a table in Fellowship Hall to place donated items. |
| **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | May 16 | 11:00am-7:00pm | Lynne Morano showcase @ Brick Street Gallery | | May 25 | 7:00pm | Baccalaureate Service @ WL Christian Fellowship | | June 1 | 1:00pm | WLHS Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony | | June 2 | 2:00pm-6:30pm | [Community Blood Drive](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/135017) @ FCU | |  |  |  | |
| **CAMP BEAR CREEK INVITES YOU…** | **Worship in the Woods**  **June 1st**, we invite you to worship with the camp community as we celebrate 65 years of Camp Bear Creek! We will also take time to commission the summer staff as they embark on the upcoming summer program. We will run activities starting at **1pm** for individuals and families to enjoy and begin our outdoor worship at 3pm. Please bring a camping chair for the outdoor worship. There is no cost for this event. Come out and enjoy an afternoon at camp! Please [RSVP](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczzetYy3z2pcRMPc-_ttoT0jztS9D7KxjI65nXZ85idlLpew/viewform) or by phone at 563-488-3893 by May 23rd.  **65th Anniversary Celebration Weekend**  We invite you to a celebration of the Camp’s 65th Anniversary over Labor Day Weekend (Friday, August 29th to Monday, September 1st). This will be a memorable event with traditional camp activities and some new additions such as our climbing wall and zip line. We hope you plan to attend this celebration weekend to re-connect with your camp friends, rekindle your relationship with the camp, and enjoy the spirit and community that is Camp Bear Creek.  Get more information and reserve your spot at [https://bearcreek.camp/retreats-events/](https://bearcreek.camp/retreats-events/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAYnJpZBExMkRyZTlBNHljTWlidmU3WAEemahAZdKEKmeB3pXpZrC0380Eqb6v2DJWVTSvEuhWAOxQ6Bpvcs7J6CGkDNY_aem_6x2ax8DvQHjTtrnZL_0olg) |