**FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS**

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

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| **MAY 25**  **WORSHIP** | Usher Bill Koellner  Candlelighters  PowerPoint Katie Thrasher  Organist Lori Brooke  Greet/Coffee Hour  The church office will be closed Friday, May 23 & Monday, May 26. |
| **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. |
| **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.    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! |
| **MAY**  **NUMBERS** | May 4 attendance – 32 May 4 giving - $3,625.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  May 11 attendance – 44 May 11 giving – $652.00  May 18 attendance – 38 May 18 giving - $1,227.00 (Incl. Auto Deposit)  **Current monthly total – $5,504.00**   **Needed each month - $12,840.58**  A giving tab is included on the church website: <https://fcuwl.org/give/> |
| **LAWN MOWING** | WOW – Praise Be! **Every week of summer lawn mowing is FILLED** – thank you to our wonderful volunteers. If you need to cancel your slot, please contact the church office and we’ll help find a replacement.  View/edit the schedule [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EEblgNQlIHfsIQv7nqfiHSozHT-4iaivQw1BZZCJGGY/edit?usp=sharing). |
| **BIRTHDAYS**  **ANNIVERSARIES** | Ryan Deahr (23), Bob DeSpiegelaere (24), Deb Mann & Brooks Reed (25)  Jason & Katie Thrasher (27) |
| **COMMUNITY CALENDAR** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | May 25 | 4:30pm | Confirmation Class | | May 25 | 7:00pm | Baccalaureate Service @ WL Christian Fellowship | | May 28 | 11:00am | Lunch Ladies | | June 1 | 1:00pm | WLHS Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony | | June 1 | 1:00pm | Camp Bear Creek [Worship in the Woods](https://bearcreek.camp/retreats-events/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAYnJpZBExMkRyZTlBNHljTWlidmU3WAEemahAZdKEKmeB3pXpZrC0380Eqb6v2DJWVTSvEuhWAOxQ6Bpvcs7J6CGkDNY_aem_6x2ax8DvQHjTtrnZL_0olg) | | June 1 | 4:30pm | Confirmation Class | | June 2 | 2:00pm-6:30pm | [Community Blood Drive](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/135017) @ FCU | | June 5 | 6:30pm | FCU Board Meeting | | June 8 | 10:00am | Pentecost Sunday – Confirmation Sunday – Reception Following Worship | |  |  |  | |
| **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 the Fellowship Hall to place donated items. |
| **CAMP BEAR CREEK 65th ANNIVERSARY** | 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/> |