

**(UPDATED 05-24-2023)**

**Our Deepest Sympathy (Please keep their family and friends in your prayers):**

- Death of Edwin "Jerry" Madison (age 86), died on May 8. Jerry is the brother of Dori Young.
- Death of Kenneth Payne (age 92), died on May 4. Kenneth is the father of Anthony Payne.
- Death of Corinne Fae Down (age 99), died on May 7. Corinne is the sister of Helen Suttie.
- Death of Ruth Martin (age 86), died on April 18. Ruth is the mother of Pam Banks.
- Death of Geneva Miller (age 98), died on April 20.
- Sandy Call (age 83), died on April 12. Sandy was the wife of former pastor of First UMC, Rev. Dr. Allen Call, who served here from 1995-2003.
- Mary Lou Culbertson (age 90), died on April 5. Mary Lou is the mother of Bob Balias.
- Kay Croiser, died on April 7. Kay is an older sister of Cheri Wood.
- Bev Tullis (age 84), died on March 23.
- Rennie Batcheller (age 106), died on March 26. Her service will be at a later date. Keep sons Doug, Jimmy, & Chuck in your prayers.
- Death of Mike Wood (age 77), died on Feb 10. His wife is Cindy. His service will be at a later date.
- Death of Jack Taylor on February 3. Jack is the brother of Jerry Taylor.
- Death of Bob Jacobson on Jan. 10. Bob's wife is Marian.
- Death of Jack Sorensen on Dec. 11. Jack's wife is Sally.
- Death of Jeanette Davis (age 54). Jeanette died on Nov. 25. She is the niece of Pharyce Eslick.
- Death of Marialice Sandison (age 91). Marialice died on Oct. 11. Services are pending.
- Death of Alan Smith. Died on October 18. Alan is the husband of Patty Smith (our church treasurer).
- Death of Tony Amo (age 49). Died on August 15 in an auto accident. His wife is Shari, children Sonny, Isabella, & Brady. His in-laws are Larry & Nancy Wiese.

**Weekly Worship Opportunities at First UMC**

- In-person Worship, Sundays @ 9am (Traditional) and 11:15am (Casual)
- Holy Communion is served, at both services, the first Sunday of each month.
- (There is a Staffed Nursery at both services for kids 5 years and younger).
- Online Worship, Sundays @ 10am on our Facebook Page (First United Methodist Church - Sioux City)
- Worship Any-day @ Anytime online (and Sunday's by 9am) on our Website (siouxcityfirst.com).

**First United Methodist Church Calendar**

Wed: (05-24)	7:00 am 11:00 pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall/N. Peck OAM Study-Library/N. Peck Personal Care Cupboard Open Youth @ First
Thurs: (05-25)	10:00 am 2:00-3:00pm 7:30 pm	Book Club-Library Personal Care Cupboard Open NA-Fellowship Hall
Sat: (05-27)	9:00 am	Online Worship Recording Rustic to Refined using our church parking lot
Sun: (05-28)	9:00 am 11:15 am	<i>Memorial Sunday</i> Traditional Worship Casual Service
Mon: (05-29)		<i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Offices Closed</i>
Tues: (05-30)	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Staff Meeting PEO-Mason Room/L. Cadwell
Wed: (05-31)	7:00 am 5:00-6:00pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall/N. Peck Personal Care Cupboard Open Youth @ First VBS Prep. Music Potluck Mike Wood memorial service in the large lodge at Stone State Park

**If you have a prayer request or information to share, you can call the church (712-258-0119) or email us ([scfirst@msn.com](mailto:scfirst@msn.com)).**

**Graduates Honored May 21st** - ConGRADulations to those students who completed Confirmation here, or relate to our church, who have graduated:

**High School:**

Haden Collett (SC West)  
Kirk Houts (SC West)  
Delaney Johnson (SC North)  
Zoey Kolbe (SC West)  
Adrianna Rodriguez (SC West)  
Emma Wiese (Dakota Valley)

**College & Post-Grad:**

Grace Wiese (Morningside Univ., Biology)  
Madisen Payne (ISU, Dr. of Veterinary Med.)  
Courtney Smith-Hernandez (ISU, Kinesiology)  
Shelby Deck (Western Iowa Tech., Medical)

**Memorial Sunday Service at  
9:00am this Sunday (May 28)**

This Sunday (May 28) at the 9:00 Traditional Service, we will be honoring those persons who have been members of our church (or relate to our church in some way) and have died since last Memorial Sunday. We will have a special time of remembrance in honoring each person with the reading of their name, blessing their remembrance candle, and the tolling of the bell. You can see a listing of those we will be honoring in this week's All-Church Wednesday email, the Newsletter section of our website as well as a printed listing available in church. We will also be honoring those non-members in which Pastor Roger or Neil officiated their funeral. This part of the service will be recorded and available on our website at (siouxcityfirst.com).



**The following is a list of the persons who have died since last Memorial Sunday and we remember them this year on Sunday, May 28:**

**Members and/or Regular Attenders of First UMC:**

- † Sally Conner (6/6/22)
- † Tony Amo (8/15/22)
- † Sandra Buster (8/17/22)
- † Jack Sorensen (12/11/22)
- † Linda Groetken (1/04/23)
- † Bob Jacobson (1/10/23)
- † Mike Wood (2/10/23)
- † Bev Tullis (3/23/23)
- † Rennie Batcheller (3/26/23)
- † Geneva Miller (4/20/23)

**Non-members (Rev. Roger Madden officiated):**

- † Kathryn Evans (6/24/22)
- † Cindy Krumwiede (7/2/22)
- † Steven Davis (8/22/22)
- † Joy Fischer (9/18/22)
- † Tom Ritter (11/3/22)
- † Patricia Rains (1/12/22) graveside 11/14/22
- † Michael Reiners (1/17/23)

**Non-members (Neil Peck officiated):**

- † Carol Campbell (5/26/22)
- † Joanne Heeren (6/1/22)
- † Adeline Johnson (6/10/22)
- † Keith Sorgdrager (6/14/22)
- † Kathy Perera (7/2/22)
- † Betty Schwarte (8/12/22)
- † Dorothy Muxfeldt (9/24/22)
- † Doris Skinner (10/9/22)
- † Fred Guffy (1/2/23)
- † Bradley Rowe (1/20/23)
- † Melvin Shadbolt (2/28/23)
- † Anne Camerer (4/12/23)
- † Evelyn Lundquist (4/23/23)
- † Gertrude Johnson (5/8/23)
- † Sherry Loomis (5/11/23)

**We are dedicating the following memorials for use to serve God through First United Methodist Church. The person who the gift to God was given in memory of is listed below:**

**Endowment**

Sally Conner  
Jack Sorensen

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

Sally Conner  
Karla Puttman  
Gene Hagen  
Bob Jacobson  
Jack Sorensen  
Patricia Rains  
Fran Laedtke

**Personal Care Cupboard**

Tony Amo

**The Music Academy**

Corinne Down

**Music and Fine Arts**

Dee Gee Blair

**Building Fund**

Jack Sorensen

**The Plaque for the Adjustable Organ Bench**

*(The adjustable organ bench was dedicated last Memorial Sunday)*  
Janet Chobar

### **Thank You from April, 2023 Monthly Mission – SafePlace**

Dear Friends, your generosity is so appreciated. Thank you for your incredible gift of \$1,010.85 received on May 12, 2023. Right now, there are 17 adults and 12 children residing in our safe shelter. These families are seeking refuge from domestic violence, and they turn to us to provide safety, advocacy, and support. Without you, we would not be able to meet the needs of these families. Most come to us with just the clothes on their backs. Your gift helps us provides food, clothing, medicine and other basic needs. Your donation makes a positive impact on survivors of violence in Siouxland. Survivors are given a chance to feel safe and start to build a new life. Thank you for being a part of this movement to provide safety and end domestic violence. You are appreciated!

### **Remember a Loved One on Our Memorial Wall**

First United Methodist Church is offering the opportunity for individuals to have a loved one's name placed on our Memorial Wall. The Memorial Wall is intended to provide opportunities for First UMC members and friends to remember their loved ones near their church home. The price is \$200 per inscribed plaque. You can reserve a space (or spaces) by filling out a "Plaque Inscription Agreement" form (You can get the form in the church office).

**Help a Kid Go to Summer Camp** - From today until May 31, we are helping the youth from our church raise money for attending summer camp (the average cost for 1-week of summer camp is now over \$500). You can mail in, drop off, or use your bank's app or website and they will get us your donation to help pay for a kid to go to summer camp this year. If you wish for more information, contact Pastor Roger.

**Kids, Interested in Going to Summer Camp?** The United Methodist Church has 2 camps in Iowa: Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods (which is located by Indianola). Each summer, there are opportunities for children and you to attend a summer camp. You can see what camps are offered at their website ([www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps)). We here at First UMC want to make camp a possibility for those who are interested in going. Contact Pastor Martha or the church office if interested.

### **We Are Creating an All-church Non-picture Directory to Distribute**

It has been awhile so we are updating our membership records. We are asking everyone to fill out a yellow worship response sheet for family (and children not living at home) that you wish in the directory if you attend worship. Otherwise, call the church or send us an email with your name(s), address, phone and email. This will all be put into a directory for us to distribute.

### **Monthly Mission for the month of June - Lila Mae's House**

Lila Mae's House began in Sioux City in 2019 with the mission of providing a safe, healthy environment where adult survivors of sex trafficking can rest, heal, recover and develop life skills necessary to become empowered, independent, and self-sufficient women. Lila Mae's House will offer more than just a home, "we offer a place for survivors of sex-trafficking to heal and learn skills to help them become independent, self-sufficient and empowered women."

Nestled in the rolling hills of Northwest Iowa, their program offers a safe and supportive environment with knowledgeable staff. Here, women have an opportunity to regain their voice, control and power with 24/7 support. Our staff help coordinate medical care, trauma therapy, legal needs, job training, life skills and much more, to help survivors become independent, self-sufficient women.

You can find our more information about Lila Mae's house on their website ([lilamaeshouse.org](http://lilamaeshouse.org))

You donate at church, mail it in or use your bank's "Billpay" to make a donation for this monthly mission.

**Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday (June 4)** at both services.

**First Sunday for Food @ First is Sunday, June 4** - We are collecting non-perishable food items for Grace United Methodist Church Food Pantry, which serves Sioux City. Our help is certainly needed and appreciated.

## **Vacation Bible School**

I will be here Wednesday nights to organize for VBS and would love company! Let me know if you can come at 712-898-6854.

~Your Friend in Faith, Pastor Martha

## **Monthly Mission for May - Vacation Bible School**

This Summer, our annual summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be from Monday, July 24 through Thursday, July 27. We do not charge anything for children to attend yet there are costs involved so we seek donations. During May, our Monthly Ministry chosen is our Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Treasured, Discovering You're Priceless to God". VBS impacts 30-40 kids each year along with volunteer youth and adults. With our continued outreach to Hunt Elementary this year, we are expecting even more.

Last year's 5:30-6:00pm supper was very popular with our families so we want to offer that again. One memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day — making it easy to apply long after VBS is over.

At Treasured, kids discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold – it's them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Treasured is for kids from ages 3 through 5th grade and will run from 6:00-8:00pm each night. To make it a good event for everyone, we need lots of volunteers from Middle School through our seniors. For more information, call or text Children's Pastor Martha at 712-898-6854.

We need your financial support. If you are not attending worship, you can mail in or drop off a donation for this important and vital ministry we do at First UMC.

## **Music Academy @ First – April Update**

Katie Copple, evening news anchor, contacted me about doing a news story on the Music Academy @ First and how the academy brings free music lessons to Sioux City students. She interviewed several students and teachers, as well as Pastor Roger and myself. She also took video of students during their piano lesson. If you haven't seen it, check it out. Here is the link to the KMEG story which aired on April 7th:

<https://siouxlandnews.com/news/local/new-academy-brings-free-music-lessons-to-sioux-city-students>.

The third session of the Beginning Piano Lessons for Hunt Elementary students will be completed on Monday, May 1. We will be having a recital where all of the piano students will perform a song that they have learned. The recital will be on Monday, May 1 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are available, you are welcome to come and hear the students and see the Music Academy at work.

The two handchimes groups at Hunt Elementary School continue to get better for only meeting once a week for 30 minutes. Each group is working on two new songs and playing with dynamics (loud and soft). Jody Nieuwendorp, the Hunt Elementary music teacher is working to get a time for each group to perform sometime in May.

We have just added another student starting private violin lessons this past week. So now we have 2 students taking private lessons on piano and 4 students taking string lessons. The piano students will be playing on the May 1st recital at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We are planning a recital for the string players on Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you are available, you are welcome to come and hear the students and see the Music Academy at work. So far this year we have had 86 students participate in the music Academy between the Beginning Piano Lessons, the Handchime groups, and private lessons.



~Gene Wagner, Director

Music Academy @ First

email: [musicacademy.first@gmail.com](mailto:musicacademy.first@gmail.com)

### **Celebrating Those Who Share Their Gift of Music**

As you have heard said many times by Pastor Roger, "Music touches the soul the way nothing else can." I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all those who have given of their time and musical talent this year. I appreciate the time you give, your dedication, and hard work to share your musical gifts. Thanks for being part of the ministry of music here at First. - Gene Wagner

### **Celebration Bells**

Jill Beck	Amy Madden	Other players/Subs:
Cindy Becker	Maggie Mauch	Anne Cowley
Phil Becker	Joan Peterson	Sam Fleuger
Kandi Custer	Carolyn Rants	Pat Harm
Cindy Lewin	Myrna Sorensen	Liz Madden
Bonnie Lohry	Terri Treft	Organ Accompanist:
Peggy Mace	Judy Wannad	Jane Sibley

### **Jubilate Choir**

Sopranos:	Altos:	Tenors/Basses:
Jill Beck	Patty Ikenberry	Mark Custer
Kandi Custer	Judy Lilly	Sam Fleuger
Carol Sitzmann	Peggy Mace	Lonnie Gustafson
Nancy Wiese	Marce Wagner	Gail Linke
Accompanists: Pat Harm and Jane Sibley		Roger Madden
Flute: Liz Madden		

### **Organists/Pianists for Services**

David Chobar, Pat Harm, and Jane Sibley

### **Music Academy Teachers**

Beginning Piano Teachers: Janet Gross, Pat Harm, Emily Jasman, Roger Madden, Tom Padgett, Carolyn Rants, Nancy Rosston, Jane Sibley, and Jami Whitney

**String Teachers:** Sean Fenenga and Eleanor May-Patterson

**Hunt Elementary Handchimes Teacher:** Gene Wagner

### **The Music Academy @ First is looking for Donations of**

**Instruments** - For students who cannot afford to buy or rent an instrument, we are looking for band and orchestra instruments, especially violins, violas, cellos, and string basses because we will be focusing on string lessons to start. If you, or anybody you know, has an instrument that is sitting around gathering dust, please consider donating it to the Music Academy. You can contact Gene Wagner with any questions at the church (258-0119) or his email at [[musicacademy.first@gmail.com](mailto:musicacademy.first@gmail.com)].

### **Music Academy @ First Featured on KMEG (Channel 14) / KPTH (Fox 44)**

A local TV station did a story on our Music Academy this past week. You can watch it on their website or on our church's website (on our home screen).

### **Check Us Out on Facebook (First United Methodist Church - Sioux City)**

You can "Like" us, receive our daily "Prayer Prompts from Pastor Roger", find out about upcoming events, and see what has happened, on our church Facebook page. Pastor Roger will also be reminding us of the previous week's sermon message as well as give us a question or two, later in the week, for the upcoming Sunday's message.

### **Skylar Durston and Sarah Wagner are our Nursery Workers Every Sunday**

- We are very pleased that we have both Skylar Durston & Sarah Wagner to oversee our Church Nursery every Sunday morning. They will alternate Sundays in caring for the children. They are in the Nursery every Sunday from 8:45 a.m. until after the Casual Service (about 12:15pm).

**Thank you for your prayers and support of our ministries!** We have had members mail in donations, use their internet banking and set us up as a "Bill Pay" option to send their donations, and even had members drop off their donations in the Mail Drop - which is located right by the Maroon Canopy Entrance in the Main parking lot. As you can see in looking above at all that continues to happen at your church, First United Methodist continues to "Make a Difference" in the lives of others.

**Weather Cancellation Notifications** - In case of severe weather, we will publicize on our web site (siouxcityfirst.com) and on our answering machine whether we are or are not having church, Sunday School, or small groups as soon as we know.

**Did You Know That You Can Add Long-term Impact for Others by Remembering First UMC in Your Will?**

Simply put one sentence in your will that says, "After all my bills are paid, I want 10-percent of my estate (a tithe) to go to First United Methodist Church of Sioux City, Iowa." This simple gesture will help support your church for future generations to learn about Jesus.

**Are You Interested in Helping with Our Church Media Team?**

With the addition of our online worship and opportunities through the internet, as well as the media in our worship services, we are seeking volunteers for our church "Media Team." Pastor Roger oversees the Media Team and we will train you in whatever area you feel gifted in serving your church as a part of the Media Team. The areas seeking volunteers include: Uploading and processing the Saturday video for Vimeo and Facebook viewing - Moderator for our Facebook Premiere worship service at 10am each Sunday - Recording and uploading our Sunday morning Mystery Bag - Setting up our 11:15am Casual Service video and music each Sunday morning - Running the 11:15am Casual Service computer screens and music during the service. We are not seeking one person to do all of this but a few people to do any of these.

**Additional Church Parking is Now Available in the New Hunt School Parking Lot**

With the completion of the new Hunt Elementary School, we can use their parking lot, located across the street from the front of the church on Nebraska Street.

**The Puzzle Exchange is Open in the Church Library**

Do you buy jigsaw puzzles, work them once and then store them in the closet never to be worked again? Are you interested in new puzzles to do but don't want to spend the money on them? Your church is now providing a free Puzzle Exchange service for anyone who wants. You take a jigsaw puzzle and leave a puzzle (if you have one to leave. If you do not have one to leave, then just take a puzzle). Stop by the church library and see if there is a puzzle that interests you and/or drop off those puzzles you've been storing in the closet for others to enjoy.

**Usher Team for the 9:00 Traditional Worship**

May 28 - Team #1, Marvin Sorensen, leader  
June 4 - Team #2, Mitch Merrill, leader  
June 11 - Team #3  
June 18 - Team #4, Lonnie Gustafson, leader  
June 25 - Team #5, Mary Stoneburg, leader

**Worship Assistants for the 9:00 Traditional Worship**

May 28 - Mark Custer  
June 4 - Neil Peck  
June 11 - Ellen Ayers  
June 18 - Judy Lilly  
June 25 - Kandi Custer

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 - Memorial Sunday & Pentecost Sunday**

Preaching - Rev. Roger Madden  
- Sermon title: "Filler Up!"  
Worship Assistant (9:00 service) - Mark Custer and Neil Peck  
Song Leader / Handbell - Gene Wagner  
(Online) Piano - Pat Harm  
Organist (9:00 service) - David Chobar

**Fellowship Time Schedule** - Here is the schedule, based on the last name, for families serving. Copies of the Fellowship Time Schedule through the end of the year are available to pick up by the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

May 28 - H, I, J, & K  
June 4 - L-MA  
June 11 - Mc-N  
June 18 - O-P  
June 25 - Q, R & S

Fellowship Time is each Sunday morning following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time for folks to leisurely visit with friends and visitors. This is also a very important time to create a warm and friendly atmosphere where folks will want to return and become more involved in the life of the church.

Each Sunday, we need the following from the scheduled host families:

1. Make one 50 cup coffee pot of coffee (coffee is furnished) and put out coffee cups.
2. Have available a total of two gallons of juice or punch (not red).
3. Each family that does not bring juice are to bring at least 2 dozen cookies and/or goodies so have enough to serve a total of about 100 people.
4. Have at least 3 or 4 persons to be present to serve and greet folks as they come.

We ask your family group to furnish the items. The Fellowship Time is free of charge to all, so we will not be putting out a money donation basket.

## **Personal Care Cupboard**

**Hours: Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

### **May Item of the Month: Deodorant**

The Personal Care Cupboard (The Cupboard) is stocked with many of the items that a person or family cannot get on food stamps or WIC. This includes such items as toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, personal hygiene, laundry detergent, household cleaners and other non-food items that people need. We currently serve 20-30 families per week.

Due to high usage, the Personal Care Cupboard needs at least 3 workers for each shift. We need workers for Wednesday from 5-6 pm and on Thursdays from 2-3 pm. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

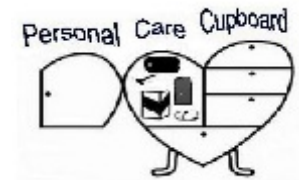
One of the primary responsibilities of any church is to care for people. Jesus shares with the people in Matthew 25 about caring for others and ends it with, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). We, the First United Methodist Church at 19<sup>th</sup> and Nebraska, have found a niche that is needed in Siouxland.

Many have heard of food pantries (and we support the one at Grace United Methodist Church in Morningside) but food pantries often do not have, or have a very limited supply, of the non-food items that people need. The Personal Care Cupboard (The Cupboard) is stocked with many of the items that a person or family cannot get on food stamps or WIC. This includes such items as toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, personal hygiene, laundry detergent, household cleaners and other non-food items that people need.

We have been serving in this ministry since March, 2010 and currently serve 20-40 families per week (or about 400 different families every 3 months). Families may come and use The Cupboard only once every 3 months.

Families are allowed 6 items per visit (an item may be a 4-roll package of toilet paper, 2 bars of soap, a container of laundry detergent, etc.)

We do not charge these families any money for this service. This ministry is supported totally by donations from churches and individuals. Churches currently in partnership with First United



Methodist Church in this ministry include: First Covenant Church, Grace United Methodist Church, St. Michael's Catholic Church and Sunnybrook Church. The support comes in the physical donation of items, contributing money, and/or in volunteering time to serve the families.

The Personal Care Cupboard is located on the east side of the original church building at 1915 Nebraska Street and is handicap accessible.

Who can use The Cupboard? Anyone with a picture ID with an address on it, and they can make use of this service only once every 3 months.

Item of the Month - While we accept donations of any non-food items anytime, we have designated each month, an item which we regularly see being needed by families. We will collect the items each week in church and have a display so others can see our support.

January - Body Wash and Body Soap

February - Paper Towels and Kleenex

March - Diapers, Sizes 5 and 6

April - Household Cleaners

**May - Deodorant**

June - Toilet Paper

July - Toothpaste

August - Razors and Shaving Cream

September - Household Cleaners

October - Toilet Paper

November - Liquid Dish Soap

December - Shampoo and Conditioner



Cash donations are always accepted to purchase needed items for the Personal Care Cupboard.