

(UPDATED 7-22-2021)



Our Deepest Sympathy:

- A Memorial Service for Fran Nixon was Saturday, July 10th, here at First United Methodist Church. Fran died on Saturday, Oct. 17. Keep husband Jim, family, and friends in your prayers.
- Death of Keith Oostenbrug (Age 85) - He died on June 27, Former member here at First UMC. Obituary can be found at Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake website.
- Death of Maida Johnson (Age 88) - She died on May 17. Her funeral service was Friday, May 21. Keep her family and friends in your prayers.
- To Lloyd & Elaine Brown and Family - Daughter Darla Brown (age 54) had died from Covid-19 on May 11, 2020 and her Celebration of Life was Wed., May 12, 2021. Keep them in your prayers.
- Death of George Taylor (age 75). He died on April 25 due to cancer. Keep his wife, Virginia, the family and friends in your prayers.
- Death of Gale Avery (age 87). She died on April 2. Private family services are planned.
- Death of Dean Meine (age 92). Died on Tuesday, March 9. Keep Dean's wife, Helen, the family and friends in your prayers. Services were Saturday, March 13.

Altar Grains for Sunday, July 25

The grains on the altar represent a donation to the Personal Care Cupboard given by Joan Peterson in memory of Delaine Peterson.

Worship Opportunities at First UMC

- ✠ In-person Worship, Sunday @ 9am (Traditional) and 11:15am (Casual)
- ✠ Online Worship, Sundays @ 10am on our Facebook Page (First United Methodist Church - Sioux City)
- ✠ Worship Anytime online by 9am on our Website (siouxcityfirst.com).

You Will Now Receive Only One Regular Email per Week from the Church - On Thursdays

Our Leadership Board has said that while the Wednesday and Friday emails helped in the midst of the pandemic, we are now going to send out one regular weekly email to our church family. It will come to you on Thursdays and have with it information on the coming weekend's worship service. All announcements are also available on our website under "Church Newsletter".

Mask Wearing Is Optional for Fully Vaccinated in the Church Building

On Tuesday (May 25), the Leadership Board of your church voted that if you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, you have the option to wear a mask or not in the church building. If you are not fully vaccinated against Covid-19, please wear a mask. We will still not have a staffed nursery as of yet.

Leadership Board will meet on Tuesday, July 27th at 7:00pm here at the church.

Change a Life through Change for the month of July - Crittenton Center

July's mission project for our church is the Crittenton Center. Annually, Crittenton Center and its programs help over 1,500 individuals with parenting education and resources through our Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success (HOPES) Program and Resource Center, over 150 children have access to quality childcare and preschool through Stella Sanford Child Development Centers, and more than 40 teens and disabled adults with life-skills and support through our Supervised Apartment Living (SAL) and Project Help programs.

You can find our more information about The Crittenton Center on their website (crittentoncenter.org). If you are not attending worship, you can mail in or drop off a donation.

Thank You for Your Prayers and Support of Our Ministries During this Unprecedented Time in Our Lives

(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, even in the midst of a pandemic, First United Methodist Church continues to "Make a Difference" in the lives of others.

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.

You Want to Give Something to the Church on Sundays but You Don't Have a Check or Cash? How Can You Still Give? You Have a Way with Your Smart Phone.

- 1) Simply sign-in to your bank's mobile app (or download the app through Google Play or the Apple Store).
- 2) Choose "Pay Bills" in your bank's navigation menu.
- 3) Select "Add a Payee" or "Manage Payees".
Enter the requested info on the screen:
First United Methodist Church (is the payee)
1915 Nebraska St. / Sioux City, IA 51104 (the address of the payee)
- 4) Once you complete the setup, you will be ready to send us whatever amount you wish, either as a one time payment or a recurring payment.
- 5) The next time you come to church here, you have already set us up as a "Payee" and you can simply enter the amount to give.
- 6) Your bank will notify you when the payment is sent and we then receive a check from the bank in your name, usually within the week.

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

You can "Like" us, watch a recording The Mystery Bag from the 9:00 service, encourage others, 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.

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.

JOB OPENING: Director of Middle School Youth Ministry

First United Methodist Church of Sioux City, Iowa (1915 Nebraska St.) is seeking a part-time Director of Middle School Youth Ministry. Responsibilities will include working with Middle School youth, grades 6-8, of the church. Salary is \$3,600 per year, paid monthly. Applicant will undergo a background check. Application and information is available on our website and in the church office. A detailed job description is also available upon request in person, online, by postal or e-mail. Information can be sent to: First United Methodist Church, 1915 Nebraska, Sioux City, 51104, Attn: Rev. Roger Madden. You may also e-mail us at scfirst@msn.com or call the church at 712-258-0119.

JOB OPENING: Sunday Morning Nursery Attendant

We are seeking a Sunday morning Nursery Attendant. Salary is \$36 per Sunday. You will be responsible for being in the nursery each Sunday from about 8:45 a.m. until just after noon (These times include the 9:00 Traditional Service, Sunday School, and the 11:15 Celebration Service - During the Summer months, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, there is no Sunday School but we do still furnish a nursery). Applicant will undergo a background check. Application and information is available on our website and in the church office. A detailed job description is also available upon request in person, online, by postal or e-mail. Information can be sent to: First United Methodist Church, 1915 Nebraska, Sioux City, 51104, Attn: Rev. Roger Madden. You may also e-mail us at scfirst@msn.com or call the church at 712-258-0119.

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School Begins on July 26

VBS Dates: Monday, July 26 - Thursday, July 29 from 6-8 p.m. in person with attention to social distancing.

You can register online on our church's website at <siouxcityfirst.com> or at the church.

Kids are signing up and volunteers are getting ready to come and ride the railways with FUMC's **Rocky Railway VBS!** Each day, kids will learn a Bible Point that corresponds to a Bible story and key Bible verse.

Children will come away from *Rocky Railway* each day remembering the Bible Point, because each child will pick it up in a way that matches his or her own learning style. At *Rocky Railway*, everyone works together.

VBS is free for all kids who attend. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, registration will be limited to 20 children grades K-5, and 5 preschool-age children (children must be 4 years old and/or fully potty trained). Online registration can be completed by going to the church website and clicking "2021 Vacation Bible School" or you can call (258-0119) or stop by the church office. Those wishing to volunteer can contact Ms. Amanda at (712) 203-6386. Thank you for helping our children learn about the Bible in a responsible, safe, and fun environment! Trust Jesus!

- **Donations Appreciated** - also artificial pine trees (Christmas trees)



VBS Donations Appreciated

Wax paper

Curling ribbon spool, any color

White paper lunch sacks

White tissue paper

Small bubble bottles with wands (30)

Brightly colored duct tape - 4 rolls, any color

Crepe paper streamers - 4 rolls, any color

Assorted color latex balloons - 2 packages

Twizzlers Pull 'N' Peel - 1 package

Chewy chocolate chip granola bars - 60

Safety goggles - 3 pair

Reynolds freezer paper

Black duct tape - 5 rolls

Black spray paint - 1 can

Removeable glue dots - 5 rolls

Pink insulation foam - 20 squares 1'x1'

Glad mini food storage containers, 4 oz. - 8 containers

Bagels, plain - 30

Berry cream cheese, 8 oz. - three tubs

Mini marshmallows - 2 packages

Butter - 8 sticks

Cocoa crispy rice cereal - 3 boxes

Oreo cookies - 1 package

Black gel food coloring - 9 tubes

Bottled water - 120 bottles

Graham crackers - 5 boxes

Strawberries - 3 pounds

Blueberries - 1 pound

Clementines - 12

Whipped topping, 8 oz. - 3 tubs

Personal Care



The Personal Care Cupboard Continues to Operate Using CDC Guidelines and Keeping Clients and Volunteers Separate

Personal Care Cupboard

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

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

Personal Care Cupboard Item of the Month: Toothpaste

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 19th 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 - Deodorants

June - Toilet Paper

July - Toothpaste

August - Razors and Shaving Cream

September - Household Cleaners

October - Toilet Paper

November - Liquid Dish Soap

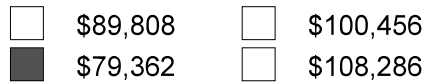
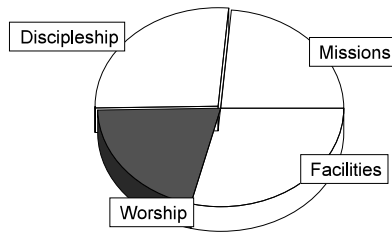
December - Shampoo and Conditioner



Cash donations are always accepted to purchase needed items for the PCC.

2021 Operating Budget

First UMC, Sioux City



Our church budget for 2021 is \$377,912.

This is a decrease of \$2,085 from the 2020 budget.

For those who would like to see a budget, here is a graph of our 2021 budget as approved at the November Charge Conference.

Detailed budgets are available from the church office.

Please prayerfully fill out the Commitment Sheet (found on the other side of this) and return it to the church today or when it is convenient for you. If you traditionally do not fill out a Commitment Sheet, that is okay as well.

What financial gift(s) you give to Jesus through church is a very private decision. So no matter what your decision --- whether you are able to increase your pledge because God has blessed you to do so, to maintain your present pledge amount, or whether you choose to make a pledge at all ... "Thank You" for giving this matter serious and prayerful consideration in giving Jesus your gift(s) and making a difference in the lives of others through First UMC.

2021 GIVING DIRECTION SHEET

To carry on God's work, to make a difference in my life and the lives of others, and to help maintain my Church's strength by keeping it financially strong, after prayerful consideration, I promise, with God's help, to give to Christ's ministry through First UMC for 2021 as follows:

I will support the ministries of First UMC regularly and estimate my gifts to average:

\$ _____ weekly or \$ _____ monthly or \$ _____ Yearly.

I will give a total of \$ _____ for 2020 towards Christ's ministries through First UMC.

I do not make formal pledges but I will support First UMC.

I am unable to commit to a specific amount, but I resolve to give to the Lord's work on a regular basis.

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____
 _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: Cell _____
 _____ // Home: _____
 e-mail: _____
 Date: _____ / _____ / _____

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