

UPDATED (09-13-2023)

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

- Death of John Hillman (age 82). Died on March 27. Tom Hillman is John's brother. We just found out about John's death this past Monday (9/4).
- Death of Riley John Moore (age 23), the great-grandson of Dorothy Swanson. Died this past weekend.
- Death of Catherine Dreeszen (age 96), mom of Mark Dreeszen. Died on August 23. Service will be Sept. 2 in Akron.
- Death of Darrell Krommenhoek, dad of Brad Krommenhoek. Died on August 28. Service is pending.
- Death of Shirley Morehead, sister of Bill Enockson (the eldest). Died on August 18.
- Death of Chuck & Patty Mason's granddaughter, Kaylie Burke (age 24) in a one-car accident on Aug. 13. Also, killed was her boyfriend, Dignan Forry.
- Death of Gladys Coffin (age 97), mom of Paul Coffin. Died on August 10.
- Death of Kenneth Bach (age 78), brother of Don Bach. Died on August 12.
- Death of Michael Corbin (age 60), died August 6. Mike is the brother of Mary Stoneburg and the step-dad of Craig (Destany) Kirby.
- Death of Rennie Batcheller (age 106), died on March 26.
- Death of Mike Wood (age 77), died on Feb 10.
- 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.
- Mary Lou Culbertson (age 90), died on April 5. Mary Lou is the mother of Bob Balius.
- Kay Croiser, died on April 7. Kay is an older sister of Cheri Wood.

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

First United Methodist Church Calendar

Wed: (09-13)	7:00 am 12:30 pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall/N. Peck Unity Circle-Mason Room Personal Care Cupboard Open Youth @ First Adult Handbells Jubilate Choir
Thurs: (09-14)	9:30 am 2:00-3:00pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Harmony Circle-Mason Room Personal Care Cupboard Open Al-Anon-Library NA-Chapel
Sat: (09-16)	9:00 am	Online Worship Recording
Sun: (09-17)	9:00 am 10:10 am 11:15 am	Traditional Worship Children & Youth Sunday School Casual Service
Tues: (09-19)	10:30 am	Staff Meeting
Wed: (09-20)	7:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00-6:00pm 5:30-7:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall/N. Peck Hunt After School Party Personal Care Cupboard Open Patio Picnic Youth @ First Adult Handbells Jubilate Choir
Thurs: (09-21)	2:00-3:00pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Personal Care Cupboard Open Al-Anon-Library NA-Chapel
Sat: (09-23)	9:00 am	Online Worship Recording
Sun: (09-24)	9:00 am 10:10 am 10:10 am 11:15 am 5:30 pm	Traditional Worship w/Handbells Children & Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School-Heritage Room Casual Service Music Potluck-Fellowship Hall

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).

August Monthly Mission is Hunt Elementary School Teachers & Support Staff - We raised \$2500! This will enable us to give 50 teachers and support staff Gift Cards of \$50 each (we raised over double last year's amount). THANK YOU for helping them use their God-given gifts in helping the children of Hunt School.

Celebration Bells rehearse on Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Bell Room (upstairs of the Education wing). They play once a month at the 9am Sunday worship service. If you are interested in playing bells, just show up and/or let Gene know.

The Jubilate Choir (High School - Adult) rehearse Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Choir Room. They sing weekly at the 9am Sunday worship service except when the handbell choir plays. Pray about singing in the choir and if you have any questions or comments, talk with Gene Wagner.

Kids Sunday School (10:10-11:00am) (BEGINS Today)
Epic Adventures, our new Sunday School program, starts today from 10:10am-11:00am.

Middle School Youth (Grades 5-8) Begins Wed., Sept. 13.
They will meet on Wednesdays from 6-7pm.

"Celebrate Fall Y'all" Party for Elementary School Kids - Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. This is open to all Pre-school to 5th graders at Hunt and other schools. Pastor Martha and the volunteers have crafts, games, cookies and more planned. Contact Pastor Martha for more information or to volunteer.

Annual Patio Picnic is Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Come anytime between 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. to enjoy food, fellowship, & fun in our church courtyard. In addition to the free hot dogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, chips, lemonade, cookies, bars, and other treats, a bouncy house/slide and games for the kids (provided by our Middle School youth) will be available. If you can make cookies, bars, or have garnishments, to share, give the church office a call, send us an email, or sign up in church this Sunday.

Adult Sunday School (Begins September 24) - They meet in the Heritage Room (next to Fellowship Hall) from 10:10-11:10am.

Adult Handbell Choir to Ring Sunday, September 24th

Our Handbell Choir will be sharing their gift of music on Sunday, September 24th, at our 9:00 worship service. Come and hear the beauty of the music in the midst of the beauty of the sanctuary.

New Picture Directory is Coming - Pictures will be taken October 19-21

We are getting ready to create a new photo directory. We already have addresses and phone numbers updated, so now we need your picture updated. The last directory was done in 2016. Universal Church Directories will be taking pictures here at First United Methodist Church from Oct. 19 thru Oct. 21. You can sign up for your professional photography session in three convenient ways: 1) Scheduling online, Monday through Friday, by going to (www.ucdir.com), putting in our church code (ia249) and then use password (photos); 2) At a sign-up table set up today here at the church; or 3) By calling the church office and Mary will get you signed up. Our directory will not be complete without you so, start working on your smile!

Interested in Helping with Beginning Piano Lessons - The Music Academy will start Beginning Piano Lessons for Hunt Elementary students on Mondays starting October 2 for 7 weeks. We will have a teachers meeting to prepare for the start of lessons on Monday, September 11 at 2:30 pm in the Music academy office. If you are interested in teaching, have questions about what it entails, or know someone who might like to teach, please contact Gene Wagner.

Are You Willing to Answer the Call?

As we look towards the fall programs resuming, the choir is looking for more singers. I am sure that there are many of you who have sung in a choir in school, at church in the past, or who just enjoy singing the hymns in church. Why not consider joining the choir? In the church choir, you don't have to be a trained singer, you just have to have a willingness to share your voice in worship. Don't be concerned if you travel and are concerned that you would miss too much to commit. We have choir members that travel periodically or are snowbirds and sing when they are here. Just be willing to come and sing when you are able. Choir rehearsals start on Wednesday, September 6th from 7-8 p.m. Come have some fun and fellowship by being part of the choir. Talk to Gene Wagner, our choir director, for more information. Will you respond by singing, "Here I am Lord!" (Hymn #593)

September Monthly Mission is The Music Academy @ First

With the new Hunt Elementary School open, we are expanding, in October, the music lesson opportunities for those students interested in piano and other instruments through our Music Academy @ First. The church's interest in this is that it gives First UMC an external mission and aide in teaching God's gifts through music. We will begin by offering, once again, our free beginning piano lessons for 4th and 5th graders. We also are beginning a tone chimes class for 4th graders and a tone chime class for 5th graders, at Hunt School, meeting from 8:30-9:00am, once a week. In addition, we are looking to start free individual lessons for qualified needy students.

You can check out their new Facebook page at [<https://www.facebook.com/musicacademyatfirst>].

If you are not attending worship, you can mail in, drop off, or use your bank's "Billpay" to make a donation for this important and vital ministry we do as First UMC.

6- Week Study of the Lord's Prayer - 2 Opportunities to Attend Mondays beginning Sept. 25, at 7pm, in The Library (Led by Mark and Kandi Custer)

or

Wednesdays beginning Sept. 27, at 11am, in the Library (Led by Neil Peck)

In the DVD Study, *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, Pastor and author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meanings in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words.

The Monday Study will look at each chapter first and then the Wednesday study will look at the same chapter. We hope to see you at one or the other class. Any questions you may have contact Neil Peck at the church office.

5-Week Sermon Series on "The Lord's Prayer" to Coincide with the Church Bible Studies

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 24, Pastor Roger will be preaching on "The Lord's Prayer" to coincide with the Bible Study that is being offered here at the church. He is doing his own research so the sermon series will not be an identical repeat of the Bible Studies.

Older Adult Ministries Invites You to a Presentation on Medicare Insurance and Open Enrollment on Thursday, October 12, at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall

Chris Kuchta, with the Connections Area Agency on Aging will talk about Medicare basics, the importance of Open Enrollment Period and the difference between original Medicare and the Medicare Advantage Plans. She will also address the adds that we see on TV concerning Medicare. She will also talk about drug plan comparisons.

We hope to see you on October 12th and if you have any questions please contact Neil Peck at the church office.

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 (712-258-0119) or his email at [musicacademy.first@gmail.com].

CROPWalk is Sunday, October 15

Last year there were 23 CROP Walkers from First United Methodist. This year Jo Lear 712-251-6015 and Rolene Beauvais 712-223-9965 would like to recruit at least 30 CROP Walkers for our team's event on Sunday Oct 15. Let's beat Grace UMC who had 28 walkers in 2022. Can you help us meet that goal by signing up soon! Sign-up sheet and donation envelopes are available outside the church office. Thank you!

We Welcome Paige Windeshausen as she joins Skye Wagner as Our Nursery Workers for Sunday Mornings - 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 12:10 p.m.). Our former nursery worker, Skylar Durston, has moved with her family to near Des Moines.

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.

THANK YOU Phil and Cindy Becker - Have you noticed the beautiful flowers in front of the church on the corner of 19th & Nebraska? How about the Memorial Garden in the Courtyard? Phil & Cindy Becker have been putting in a "labor of love" in using their gifts in beautifying the church area. Drive by and take a look.

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).

Youth@ First

September 7, 2023

I received a phone call last Wednesday from one of our Hunt grads who is now in middle school to let me know he was eager for Youth@First to start, which begins September 13 from 6:00-7:00pm. Middle School can be difficult and if we can make things a bit easier, we are glad to help.

Plans are to make some pizza and make plans for the games for the Patio Picnic on September 20. While Youth@First is primarily for Middle School and fifth grade, we are open to any High Schoolers that want to share their wisdom as mentors.

~Your Friend in Faith, Pastor Martha 712-898-6854

Kid's Sunday School begins next Sunday (Sept. 17)!

We are happy that Lonnie Gustafson will be offering a Middle School class in his classroom on 3rd floor. Marce Wagner will be teaching a group of 4th and 5th graders on the bottom floor in the Little Theater Room. She will be using a new curriculum called "Dig In" that she can tailor to her particular students. On the 24th, she will be gone so her and Lonnie's students will be helping with the Happy Fall Y'All Party for the younger kids.

The Epic Adventure Cave Quest begins September 17 from 10:10-11:00 am. The preschool-kindergarten class and the 1st-3rd class will meet in the Chapel for music and Buddy Time before attending the Bible Adventure Station and Imagination Station. Our first Bible Buddy will be Sal the Salamander who wants us to know "Jesus Gives us Hope." And our key verse will be "O Lord, you alone are my hope" (Psalm 71:5).

We are in search of teachers and subs... please let me know if you can help occasionally.

~Your Leader for Epic Adventures in Sunday School

Pastor Martha 712-898-6854

P.S. If anyone has a headlamp they would loan to the Sunday School, it would be appreciated.

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.

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.

First UMC Financial Status Through July, 2023

- (1) We are 58.3% of the way through our budget year.
- (2) We have received 55.6% of our budget for the year (for a total of \$207,810).
- (3) We have expended 61.5% of our \$373,557 budget for the year (for a total of \$229,633). We began 2023 with a positive balance in our account.
- (4) Our total income for 2023 is a bit ahead of where we expect to be as we head into the traditional "summer slowdown". All current bills are paid as of the end of July. This figure includes all Conference Apportionments paid up to date.

We appreciate your continued giving to God's work through First UMC. Thank you for your financial support of our ministries.

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 during the service. We are not seeking one person to do all of this but a few people to do any of these.



Thank You to all who volunteered for our VBS! You really made the program go smoothly. **Now we need to grow our staff for Sunday School.** Please consider how you can help! If you have questions, call/text me at 712-898-6854.

~Your friend in Faith, Pastor Martha

Rotation Sunday School or The Epic Adventures

Cave Quest:

___ September 17 ___ October 1 ___ October 8

___ October 15 ___ October 22 (Sept. 24 is "Celebrate Fall")

___ Upcoming Epic Adventure: "Roar" October 29-November 19

+ Children's Music "Buddy Time" 10:10am-10:25am
Pastor Martha leads, Karen Adix assisting ___ I can substitute

+ Bible Story 10:25am-11:00am
___ I can teach ___ I can assist ___ I can substitute

+ Craft/Games/Activities 10:25am-11:00am
Virginia Taylor and Mary Stoneburg, co-leaders ___ I can substitute

+ Grades 4-5 // 10:10am-11:00am
Marce Wagner will teach ___ I can assist ___ I can substitute

+ Grades 6+ // 10:10am-11:00am
Lonnie Gustafson will teach ___ I can assist ___ I can substitute

+ Keep Craft Room Organized _____

+ Participate on Education Committee _____

After School "Celebrate" Staff:

___ Monthly gatherings begin Wed. Sept. 20 from 3:30pm-4:30pm

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

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.

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Preaching - Neil Peck

- Sermon title: "The Mathematics of Forgiveness"

Worship Assistant (9:00 service) - Judy Lilly

(Online) Piano - Pat Harm

Organist (9:00 service) - David Chobar

Usher Team for the 9:00 Traditional Worship

Sept. 17 - Team #5, Mary Stoneburg, leader

Sept. 24 - Team #6, George and Dawn Kibby, leaders

Oct. 1 - Team #1, Marvin Sorensen, leader

Oct. 8 - Team #2, Mitch Merrill, leader

Oct. 15 - Team #3

Oct. 22 - Team #4, Lonnie Gustafson, leader

Oct. 29 - Team #5, Mary Stoneburg, leader

Worship Assistants for the 9:00 Traditional Worship

Sept. 17 - Judy Lilly

Sept. 24 - Tom Padgett

Oct. 1 - Neil Peck

Oct. 8 - David Chobar

Oct. 15 - Carolyn Rants

Oct. 22 - Marce Wagner

Oct. 29 - Marla Luitjens

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.

Sept. 17 - Bi-C

Sept. 24 - D, E, F, & G

Oct. 1 - H, I, J, & K

Oct. 8 - L-Ma

Oct. 15 - Mc-N

Oct. 22 - O-P

Oct. 29 - 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.

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.

Personal Care



Personal Care Cupboard

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

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

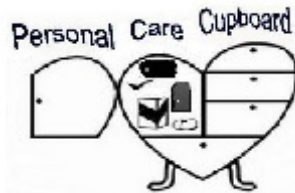
September Item of the Month: Household Cleaners

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 - Deodorant

June - Toilet Paper

July - Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

August - Razors and Shaving Cream

September - Household Cleaners

October - Toilet Paper

November - Liquid Dish Soap

December - Shampoo and Conditioner



Cash donations are always accepted for the PCC.