November 11, 2026 - First United Methodist Church - Hymns, Scripture & Announcements

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)
    - Additional parking is available in the Hunt Elementary School parking lot.
- Sunday school for all ages @ 10:10am.
- 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).

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Preaching - Rev. Roger Madden
- Sermon Title: "Giving Begins with Your Spirit"

Worship Assistant (9:00 service) - Tom Padgett
(Online service) Piano - Pat Harm
Organist (9:00 service) - Jane Sibley

Scripture - The Widow's Offering Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)
41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.
42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.
43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.
44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Preview Questions for this week's sermon
✞ What kind of spirit do I have in giving to someone I love?
- A Preview Question for Pastor Roger's sermon this Sunday (November 15). In-person worship is at 9am (Traditional Worship) and 11:15am (Casual Service). The service is also on Facebook on Sundays at 10am (Facebook page: First United Methodist Church - Sioux City), and also anytime on our website (siouxcityfirst.com). The scripture will be Mark 12:41-44 (The Widow's Offering).

✞ What kind of spirit do I have in giving to God?
- Another Preview Question for Pastor Roger's sermon for this Sunday (November 15).

Post-Sermon Focus Question
✞ This week, how will I give to God of myself because I love God?
- A Focus Question from Pastor Roger's sermon on Sunday, November 15. Watch the Online service (anytime throughout the week), listen to and/or download the Sermon Podcast, read the latest detailed newsletter, see whose birthday or anniversary is coming up, and much more on our church website at www.siouxcityfirst.com

Hymns for 9:00am Traditional Worship (Our Main Service):
"To God Be the Glory"
"What Gift Can We Bring"

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Hymns for 11:15am Casual Worship (Our Smaller Service):
“To God Be the Glory”
“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Hymns for Online Service:
“To God Be the Glory”
“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

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✞ All announcements are also available on our website under “Church Announcements” and in the Sunday church bulletins.

RESERVATIONS DUE TODAY (Nov. 11) for the Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner
Wed., November 18 at Noon in Fellowship Hall
* Reservation, no later than November 11, so that we can get an accurate count for the caterer.
* Cost of the meal will be $15.00 per person, payable at the door.

Older Adult Ministries invites you to come to a Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, November 18 at 12:00 p.m. to be held in our Fellowship Hall.. A sign-up sheet is available near the bulletin board across from the church office or you can call the church. If you have any questions please contact Neil Peck, Director of Older Adult Ministries, either at church or at 712-258-0110.

MENU: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry salad, rolls and butter, pumpkin pie for dessert, and coffee, water and lemonade for drinks.

The NUTS have arrived - You can pick-up your order this Sunday, Nov. 15 in the Music Academy office - There are additional packages of nuts for sale, so stop by before or after church.

Order a Poinsettia to Enhance the Worship Services

This year, we are once again going to decorate the front of the church with poinsettias beginning on Sunday, Dec. 13. Order by Sunday, December 6. The plants are red in color, are florist grade, and put in 6½" pots. The cost is $20 each.

Our 2026 Independent Advent Devotional - "Comfort and Joy"
$10 per book from the church office. Begins Sunday, Nov. 29.

"Comfort and Joy" provides daily devotions for the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29) through Epiphany (Jan. 6, 2027). Each 2-page daily reading is accompanied by an image, a reflection, and a prayer. The devotional also provides household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Older Adult Ministries study on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the church library.
The study is entitled "When Christians Get it Wrong”.

In this study, Rev. Adam Hamilton explores a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith.

If you have any questions please contact Neil Peck (our Director of Older Adult Ministries) at 712-258-0119 or stop by and see him.

Beginning Piano Student Recital is Monday, Nov. 16, at 4pm

You're invited to come and listen to the 14 students for their recital at 4p.m. in the sanctuary and hear each student perform a piece they've learned. Come see firsthand the impact the Music Academy @ First is having on young musicians.

Coming Sunday, Nov. 29 at 3:00pm - "Flower & Flame" will perform "A Christmas Carol" (by Charles Dickens) here at First UMC. Free admission. The concept of this group from Sioux Falls is a "melody drama": Live dramatic storytelling with interludes of live ensemble music. You can learn more about "Flower and Flame" on their website at <flowerandflame.com>.

The C.A.T./D.O.G. Survey is Coming Beginning Nov. 22 to First UMC!

C.A.T. stands for **C**ongregational **A**ssessment **T**ool (or, for dog lovers, we are calling this same survey the D.O.G., which stands for **D**isciples **O**pinion **G**uide) and we will need your input! This 100 question, confidential, survey that you will be asked to complete, beginning Nov. 22, is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and priorities for our congregation! We are using the C.A.T./D.O.G. as we look at Pastor Roger retiring in July of 2027 and to help the Annual Conference and this church to have a clearer picture and get off to the best possible start in the next chapter of ministry that God is leading us in. Be in prayer as we get closer to the launch date of Nov. 22.

The Thankfulness Wall - The month of November reminds us all of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. However, we need to give thanks for God's blessings more than just one day a year. This year, we have put together a "Thankfulness Wall" in the church's sanctuary. Placed at the wall, there are blank post-it notes and we invite people to complete the phrase "Dear God, I am thankful for ..." and put what you are thankful for on a post-it note and put the note on the "Thankfulness Wall." In addition, we have included in this bulletin a section for you to list your own personal thanks to God for you to keep and take home.

Want to Help Decorate the Church for Christmas?

Sunday, November 22 at Noon (Immediately following the Casual Service) in the Sanctuary

The first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 29 and, in getting ready for the Christmas season, we will once again be decorating the church in "stages." We invite anyone who wants to help to come and share in putting up the Christmas tree and stringing the garland and lights around the sanctuary. Parents, children, and anyone who wants to be a part of this are welcome.

Celebration of Life for Don & Cheri Wood will be a visitation time for people to come and share anytime between 2:00pm - 4:00pm on Saturday, December 5 at Waterbury Funeral Chapel in Morningside. Cheri died on Oct. 15, 2026 & her husband Don died on Dec.17, 2025. Burial will be in the spring of 2027 in Oakdale, Nebraska.

November Monthly Ministry is Hunt Elementary Gift Cards for Kids

Each year, we buy grocery gift cards for student's families, identified by the staff of Hunt School, to help out during the holiday season (since over 90% of Hunt School students qualify for free or reduced priced lunches). We will purchase however many $50 gift cards to a local grocery as we receive in donations (If we get a total of $1000, we buy 20. If we get $2000, we buy 40, etc.) To make a donation, you can mail it in, drop it off at church, or use your bank's "Bill Pay".

Final CROP Walk Numbers

THANK YOU to all donors & walkers who helped make our 50th Sioux City CROP Hunger Walk a huge success! We are proud to report $27,341 donations, from 156 walkers, representing 25

churches/schools, collecting 378 pounds of food for Community Action Agency of Siouxland! Ranking #2, First United Methodist Church reported $5423 donations, behind #1 Morningside Lutheran with $6155. Jo Lear was #2 top individual fund raiser with $3193, behind #1 Babs Hickson from Wesley Global Methodist with $4328. Our congregation had the MOST participants with 33, ahead of Grace United Methodist with 19 and Wesley Global Methodist with 18. Thank you as well to our church organizers, Rolene Beauvais & Jo Lear!!

Music Academy @ First - Keep up to date at their website at (musicacademyatfirst.org).

First UMC Church Storm Windows Replacement Campaign
Total cash raised ($72,358) + yet-to-be-paid pledges ($3,890) as of October 26 = $76,248.
THANK YOU to all who have contributed and pledged to contribute to this needed and worthwhile project!
Note: Any additional funds received over our goal will go toward making sure the interior stained-glass windows will open and close properly (we have many that do not) for in addition to the new outside storm windows protecting the interior stained-glass windows, we need to have operational interior windows.

Upcoming "Celebrate@First" Gatherings for Kids:
- Wed., November 18 (3:45p - 4:55p)- "Celebrate Thanksgiving" for K thru 5th graders.
- In October, we had 21 K-3rd graders & 14 4th-5th graders!

If you are interested in volunteering, contact our Martha Anderson, our Children's Pastor.

Children's Sunday School Classes - Sundays from 10:10am - 11:00am.
- Everyone (age 3 - 8th graders) will meet in the Chapel and then divide up into classes

Pastor Martha, our Children's Pastor, has another year of exciting programs for the kids (age 3 thru 8th grade). Lonnie Gustafson will be teaching the Middle School once again. Each Sunday will include fun and memorable Bible Lessons. If you would like to volunteer to help in this upcoming unit, contact Pastor Martha at the church.

Sunday School Kid(s) Parents/Guardians - We have a waiting area in the Library for parents and guardians to wait while your kids are at Sunday School on Sunday mornings. The Library is located on the main floor across the hall from the drinking fountain. It is stocked with bottled water and there will be some goodies.

Are You Gifted in Helping Teach Children?
We would like some more volunteers to teach or assist in our children's programs. Please let Pastor Martha (our Children's Pastor) know if you can help. You will need to complete a background check if you have not already done so. Even if you can only volunteer a single Sunday, we can use your help! Call/text Pastor Martha at 712-898-6854.

Adult Sunday School - Our adults gather in the Heritage Room from 10:15-11:00ish each Sunday for a DVD Study into our faith.

Youth Group (Grade 5 and up) meets on Wednesdays from 6-7pm with Pastor Martha, Marce Wagner & Aaron Beutler.

Celebration Bells rehearse on Wednesdays at 6pm 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 7pm 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.

Invitation to Join a United Women in Faith Circle

As all of our church activities begin again this fall, you are invited to visit our three active ladies circles and decide if you would like to join the fellowship of one of these groups. Felicity Circle meets at 10 AM on the second Tuesday of the month, Unity Circle meets at 12:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month, and Harmony Circle meets at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday of the month. All meetings are at the church, not in homes. We hope to see you there!

The Personal Care Cupboard continues to operate on Wednesdays from 5pm-6pm and Thursdays from 2pm-3pm. If you are interested in volunteering once or regularly, contact the church office.
You may also make monetary donations through the church anytime during the year.
- Item of the Month (November): Liquid Dish Soap**.**

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.
November 15 - H, I, J & K
November 22 - L-Ma
November 29 - Mc, N & O

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 about 2 dozen cookies and/or goodies so we 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.

Additional Church Parking is Available in the Hunt School Parking Lot

The Hunt Elementary School parking lot is located across the street from the front of the church on Nebraska Street.

Our Deepest Sympathy (Please keep their family and friends in your prayers):
- Death of Judy Yeoman. Judy died on Nov. 8. Her husband is Jim. Services are Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11am here at the church.
- Death of Bill Enockson (the eldest) (age 98). Bill died on Oct. 28. Service is Friday, Nov. 20 at 11am here at the church.
- Death of Howard Nelson. Howard died on Oct. 27. No service planned. Wife is Karen.
- Death of Jim O'Kane (age 75), brother of Rosie McNertney. Jim died on Oct. 26.
- Death of Robert Moor (age 88). Robert died on Oct. 24. Burial is pending.

- Death of Charley McCue (age 73), brother of Colin McCue, Sr. Charley died on Oct. 22.
- Death of Cheri Wood (age 80). Cheri died on Oct. 15. Services pending to a later date.
- Death of Clifford Van Berkum (age 94), brother of David Van Berkum. Clifford died on Oct. 4
- Death of Charley Kriglstein (age 94). Charley died on Sept. 24. A private family service will be later.
- Death of Delores Rucker, sister of George VonHaden. Delores died on Sept. 11.
- Death of Deborah (Irwin) Bauer, the daughter of Bob Irwin. Deborah died on Sept. 1.

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." Your gift will be added to the principle of our Endowment Fund. The principle is never touched but the investment earnings are used each year for ministry through First UMC. This simple gesture will help support your church for future generations to learn about Jesus.

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 located in our church's courtyard on the Chapel wall. It is intended to provide opportunities for First UMC members and friends to remember their loved ones near their church home. The purchase 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).

Are You Interested in helping with our church Media Team?

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.

The Puzzle Exchange in the Church Library

Your church provides a free Puzzle Exchange service for anyone who wants. Stop by the church library and see if there is a puzzle that interests you.

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.

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

Did You Get a <u>Supposed</u> Text or Email from "Pastor Roger"?

If you ever receive an email, text, or phone call "from Pastor Roger," or anyone on the staff, asking "I need your assistance today" or "What's the best time for you to be free today?" or "I need you to buy a gift card for me." - DO NOT CLICK ANY LINK AND DO NOT CALL THE NUMBER LISTED. You can

delete the email/ text or report it as spam. This does not come from Pastor Roger.

If you ever have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at the church directly (712-258-0119) to confirm if you think something is suspicious.

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.

Do No Harm! Do Good! Stay in Love with God!

- John Wesley's (The founder of Methodism) 3 Simple Rules in being a Christian!