

December 3-10, 2017

This Week

Sunday, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

Communion, Hawkeye Food Bank

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, *Room 105*
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour, *Fellowship Hall*
- 8:45-9:45 Sunday School for All
- 8:45-9:45 Advent Study, "Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," *Fireside Rm*
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with NIACC Choir
- 11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
- 11:45 a.m. Disciple IV, *Room 25*
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Sunday School Program, *Sanctuary*
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (led by Pastor Kathy) *Room 25*
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF (led by Pastor Kathy), *Youth Room*

Monday, December 4

No Church Events

Tuesday, December 5

Newsletter Deadline

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Office Conference Room*
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting, *Room 25*

Wednesday, December 6

- 5:15 p.m. Jubilee Bell Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 7

- 8:00 a.m. Bible Study, *Pies & More*
- 9:30 a.m. UMW Board Meeting, *Room 25*
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts Pack 9, *Fireside Room/Classroom*

Friday, December 8

No Church Events

Saturday, December 9

- 10:00 a.m. Loading Trailer for Belzoni, *Parking Lot*
- 1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Christmas Party *Fireside Room/Classroom*
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service, *WAYSIDE Chapel*

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

Cantata

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, *Room 105*
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour, *Fellowship Hall*
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Welcome NIACC Concert Choir

Sunday, December 3

Thank you to the NIACC Concert Choir, NIACC Director of Choral Activities Jayson Ryner, and Brian Snell for the special music! It is a joy to have the choir members and their families/friends at our worship service.

Quarter Tube

Thank you for all the quarters (and bills!) collected this year for the quarter tube. From now through Christmas, we will collect quarters for the Salvation Army. Beginning in January, we will raise money for a Potato Drop. Working with the Society of St. Andrew (SOSA), we will raise money (\$1600-2000) to ship potatoes that are too ugly or the wrong size for food production. Forty-two thousand pounds of potatoes will come to the church and be distributed to food banks, agencies, pantries and any who can use them. We will plan to have potatoes dropped in Mason City in February.

Advent

We have two gifts available today to deepen your spiritual life during Advent. One is provided by the Worship Committee, a new edition of the Advent devotion book we have used before. The second is a book of devotions from the Society of St. Andrew, intended to help us focus on the needy during this time. Please pick one up as you leave, one of each per family. We also have bank boxes for you to take home to save a donation for Society of St. Andrew.

Advent Study

Meets Every Sunday Dec. 3 – 24

8:45 a.m., Fireside Room

Please join Pastor Kathy in this four session Advent study of "Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," by Adam Hamilton. Books are \$15. All are welcome!



December Newsletter

Deadline: Tuesday, December 5

Mailing: Wednesday, December 13

December is a busy month with the holiday! Newsletter deadline & mailing dates are therefore adjusted as indicated above. Thank you.



Salvation Army Bell Ringers



First UMC has two dates, **Thursday, December 7**, and **Thursday, December 14**, to ring bells at **Hy-Vee West**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. An hour or two of your time would be appreciated!

Keeping in our thoughts and prayers...

Prayers for our church members who are dealing with an illness or medical issue for themselves or a loved one, those dealing with the loss of a loved one, those who are caring for a loved one, those who are dealing with issues for their self or family members and those who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. They could use our prayers today. **Prayer Chain – Please submit prayer requests to Anne Wallace at 641-424-9255.**

Recent Hospitalizations

Jean Johnson (*now home*)

Continued Prayers & Cards

Ernie Bills, Donna Cline

Shirley Hankom (*Kayla Halfpap's mother*)

Ernie Bills Update

We are sharing the following email from Jean to keep everyone updated on Ernie's health status:

Ernie was moved to a rehab specialty hospital in Des Moines that is affiliated with University of Iowa Hospitals. He will continue to receive acute care and both occupational and physical therapy. I am staying with our son Mark and his wife Christy in Adel. Cards for Ernie may be sent to our son's home at:

*Mark Bills
Attn: Ernie Bills
913 Grove St
Adel, IA 50003*

Ernie so enjoys hearing from his church family. Prayers for his healing are greatly appreciated. –Jean & Ernie

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day this week!

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of **Shane W. Vossberg** who passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at the age of 49. A memorial service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at Fullerton Funeral Home with Rev. Kathleen R. Moore officiating.

Radio Supporters Making a Difference

RADIO MINISTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

11:00 a.m. delayed broadcast on KCMR, 97.9 FM

December 3, 2017 – Ron Bier

The radio calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office, or you may call the office at 423-4905 and request to sponsor a special day. The cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!

Available Dates:
12/17, 12/31

Upcoming Dates

Dec 11-15 – Delivery of Donations to Belzoni, MS
Dec 13 – Newsletter Mailing, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling
Dec 14 – New Beginnings Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Dec 15 – Nativity Open House, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Dec 16 – Nativity Open House, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dec 17 – ASP Cookie Walk
Dec 18 – 6:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party, No Council Mtg.
Dec 24 – Regular Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m. (Spontaneous Choir)
Candlelight Service, 9:00 p.m.
No Disciple IV/Confirmation/UMYF
Dec 25-26 – Church Closed
Dec 28 – New Beginnings Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Jan 1-2 – Church Closed
Jan 9-23 – Pastor Kathy Out of Office

Belzoni Trip

Volunteers are needed for a couple of hours on **Saturday, December 9, starting at 10:00 a.m.** to load the trailer with our donations for Belzoni. Please come to the church parking lot. Thank you!



Wednesday, December 13

6:30 p.m., Meet at FUMC

Come caroling with us and spread some Christmas cheer! We will gather at the church and then go to the Good Shepherd. All are welcome!

Nativity Open House

Friday, Dec. 15, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come and view Pastor Kathy's Nativity collection! Many of her beautiful pieces will be displayed throughout Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Bring a friend!

