

January 7-14, 2018

First United Methodist Church

This Week

Sunday, January 7

Epiphany Sunday

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
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
11:30 a.m. Private Reservation, Fireside Rm/Classroom
No Disciple IV
5:00 p.m. Confirmation (led by Pastor Kathy), Room 25
6:00 p.m. UMYF (led by Pastor Kathy), Youth Room

Monday, January 8

- 2:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Sam Mast
No Missions Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

Pastor Kathy Out of Office Jan 9-23

- No Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Room 25
5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting, Office Conf. Room
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Fireside Room/Classroom
6:30 p.m. Membership Meeting, Upper Room

Wednesday, January 10

- 1:00 p.m. "Over the Hill Gang," Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m. Jubilee Bell Ringers
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 11

- 8:00 a.m. Bible Study, Pies & More
No Ruth or Esther Circles
9:30 a.m. Sarah Circle (no meeting), Village Court
6:00 p.m. Scouts Pack 9, Fireside Rm/Classroom
7:00 p.m. New Beginning Workshop, Sanctuary

Friday, January 12

No Church Events

Saturday, January 13

Guest Speaker: Jim Coddington

- 8:00 a.m. Scouts Pinewood Derby, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Worship Service, WAYSide Chapel

Sunday, January 14

Guest Speaker: Jim Coddington

Human Relations Day (offering)

- 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
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
11:45 a.m. Disciple IV (led by Rev. Judy Eilders), Rm 25
5:00 p.m. Confirmation (led by Bob B.), Room 25
6:00 p.m. UMYF (led by Bob B.), Youth Room

Removal of Christmas Decorations

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Have some time after church this Sunday? We would appreciate everyone's help in putting away the Christmas decorations immediately following worship service.

Cokesbury Sale Items

Last chance to purchase any of the Christmas items for sale in the Narthex is Sunday, January 7. Christmas books/décor will be returned after this Sunday. The various Bibles will be for sale through the month of January.

"Over the Hill Gang"

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Don't let the January "blahs" get you down. Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship and learn how to play the wild dice game of Farkle. Don't worry about learning how to play. If my 3-year-old great-granddaughter can play it, so can you. Besides, once we get started playing, everyone helps each other, whether you want it or not! All are welcome to join in the fun, so bring your friends, relatives, neighbors, or even your enemy (we might convert him/her) on January 10 to learn how to play Farkle. See you there!
— Carol Tinkey

New Beginning

As we begin this new year, it is not too late to join our New Beginning workshop! Everyone is welcome to join us as we gather to orient our church on the path of new beginning in our life and ministry together. Paper minutes of our meetings are posted outside of Pastor Kathy's office, but Deacon Brent has also created some videos to help document some of the things that we have been doing so far in our meetings. The following web address will link you to the YouTube playlist for these videos:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKDatTCrW0KIAqKZz2-2VuHxBQzIe9_Z7

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deacon Brent or Pastor Kathy! Our next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Potluck

**UMW Sunday
January 28, 2018
Fellowship Hall**

We will have a potluck immediately following worship service on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The United Methodist Women will furnish desserts, milk, coffee & water. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) and your own table service.

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.**

Recently Hospitalized

David Hutzal, Ginger Krueger

Continued Prayers & Cards

Ernie Bills, Donna Cline

Shirley Hankom (*Kayla Halfpap's mother*)

Congratulations

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

Congratulations to the following couple celebrating a recent anniversary:

Jan 3 – **Sharon & Pete Koenigsfeld**

Thank You

We want to thank our First UMC family for the gift this wonderful Christmas season. We appreciate the ongoing notes and prayers during Jerry's illness.

- God Bless, Jerry & Mary Baker

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family & friends of **Samuel S. Mast**, who passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2017, at the age of 90. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018, at First UMC with Rev. Kathleen Moore officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service.

Meals on Wheels

February 12-16, 2018

The sign-up board is in the Narthex for First UMC to help with Meals on Wheels in February. We will have Routes 1, 2 & 3. Please check your calendar and volunteer if you are able. Your time and assistance makes a big difference to those who depend on these meals! Thank you!



Radio Supporters Making a Difference

RADIO MINISTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

December 31, 2017 – Bill & Julene Seeger

January 7, 2018 – No Sponsor

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 Date: 1/21

Upcoming Dates

Jan 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 19 – Newsletter Deadline (by noon)

Jan 20 – Girl Scouts Dance, (Time TBD) Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Worship – Speaker: Brent Hamilton

Jan 21 – Ecumenical Sunday, Speaker: Brent Hamilton

Jan 23 – Pairs & Spares, 6:00 p.m. Village Court Restaurant

Jan 25 – Newsletter Mailing

New Beginning Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Jan 28 – UMW Sunday - Potluck Following Worship

ASP Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Fireside Room

Jan 29 – Start of eight-week course, "Companions in Christ: Forgiveness." Mondays, 9:30-11:00, Upper Room
Leaders: Pastor Kathy & Rev. Judy Eilders

Feb 4 – ASP Super Bowl Sub Sale

Feb 10 – Scouts Blue & Gold, 4:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Feb 11 – Scouting Ministries Sunday

Feb 12-16 – FUMC Serving Meals on Wheels

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday

Feb 16 – Newsletter Deadline (by noon)

Feb 17 – Knitting Group, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fireside Room & Classroom

Feb 22 – Newsletter Mailing

Companions in Christ: The Way of Forgiveness 8-Week Course, Starting January 29, 2018

Mondays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Upper Room

Perhaps nothing goes more against the grain of human nature than the idea of forgiving those who wound us and accepting forgiveness from others. The second release in the Companions in Christ series, The Way of Forgiveness explores how to deal with these issues to preserve "the beauty of our souls" and to fulfill the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. In this 8-week study, the author breaks down the transformational process by first examining shame, guilt and anger. A full release of these feelings not only leads to the wholeness that Christ taught but also takes us on a path of freedom and joy. Leadership of this course will be shared between Rev. Kathy Moore and Rev. Judy Eilders. Books are \$10 and available in the office. **To help the leaders plan, please sign up in the office if you will be participating in this course.**

River City Kiwanis & Trinity Lutheran Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, January 25, 2018

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City

You are invited to join in the 6th annual Spaghetti Dinner from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall. **Tickets are \$6 per person, with children four and younger eating for free.** This is one of the club's largest fundraisers, with proceeds going to help improve the lives of area youth. Tickets may be purchased from any River City Morning Kiwanis Club Member or at Trinity Lutheran Church. Carryout orders available.