

December 2-9, 2018

First United Methodist Church

This Week

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Communion, Hawkeye Food Bank

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, *Room 105*
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour
- 8:45-9:45 Sunday School for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, *Youth Room*

Monday, December 3

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 4

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Office Conference Room*
- 5:30 p.m. Education Committee Mtg., *Upper Room*
- 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, *Fireside Room/Classroom*

Wednesday, December 5

- 11:00 a.m. Private Reservation, *Fireside Rm/Classroom*
- 5:15 p.m. Jubilee Bell Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 6

- 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 7

No Church Events

Saturday, December 8

- 10:00 a.m. Loading Belzoni Trailer
Volunteers Needed!
- 3:00 p.m. Youth S.S. Prog. Practice, *Sanctuary*
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service, *WAYside Chapel*

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, *Room 105*
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour
- 8:45-9:45 Sunday School for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Youth S.S. Program)
- 11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, *Youth Room*
- 5:00 p.m. SPRC/Staff Christmas Party
Home of Ken & Darlene Petersen

Join Us for Advent Study

Starting **December 2** in the Fireside Room during the Sunday school hour of 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Loading of Belzoni Trailer

Saturday, December 8

10:00 a.m., Church Parking Lot

Volunteers are needed to load the trailer for our annual trip to Belzoni. Your help would be appreciated – just come to the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on December 8. Thank you!

NIACC Concert Choir & NIACC Singers

Sunday, December 9

2:00 p.m.

Adults \$8, Students \$5

You are invited to join the NIACC Concert Choir and NIACC Singers for their Winter Concert! The choirs will perform sounds from the season along with other choral music, treating the audience to a wonderful afternoon of harmony. Everything from the concert choir singing the classic *Joy to the World* to fully choreographed *Ugly Christmas Sweater* by the NIACC Singers. Also, an a cappella arrangement as sung by Pentatonix, small group numbers and featured soloists. Jayson Ryner, Conductor, and Brian Snell, accompanist.



ASP Christmas Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 16

8:30-9:55 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. until gone – Narthex

Help support our youth & adults going on the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) July 20-28, 2019.

Christmas Mission

The Mission Committee wants to share Christmas love and joy with our shut-ins. We would like to go caroling as we deliver a Christmas basket to them. Please notify Jean Bills or Nancy Klobberdanz if you know of a church member that is in their home that would enjoy this.

The Mission Committee will also be adopting a family from our community, one of the one thousand families that receive a Salvation Army food basket. We will be caroling when we deliver the basket. We also voted to give an additional \$1,000 to the Salvation Army to help with filling Christmas food baskets, and Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank will receive a donation of \$500. – Nancy Klobberdanz

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 Barbara Hart at 641-422-9109.**

Recent Hospitalizations/Continued Prayers

Eldon Siemers (home now)

Jordon Roggeman

University Hospital Clinic, Level 11 Room 1118
SFCH
200 Hawkins Dr
Iowa City, IA 52242

Jordon, son of Sandi & Greg Roggeman, has been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. Financial donations may be submitted to the church office (**checks are to be made payable to the Roggeman family**) or at <https://www.gofundme.com/jordon-roggeman>.

Mercy West Campus

**Phyllis Luick, Cynthia Krowiorz, Leon Smith
Jane Young** (Room 218), **Karen Wilmarth** (Room 253)

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day this week! There are no anniversaries this week.

Volunteers Needed

M.C. Ecumenical Community Christmas Dinner

Hosted by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2502 S Jefferson, on **Tuesday, December 25**. Please call 641-420-6555 to learn about the various volunteer areas.



Radio Supporters Making a Difference

RADIO MINISTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Dec 2 – 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 Dates: 1/6, 1/27

Upcoming Dates

Dec 16 – Cantata, ASP Cookie Walk
Dec 17 – Newsletter Mailing (*Note Date Change*)
Dec 19 – Christmas Caroling, 6:30 p.m. Meet at FUMC
All are welcome to join in the caroling
Dec 24 – Office Closed, Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m.
Dec 25-Jan 1 – Church Closed

Director of Christian Education Hours

Here are my new hours effective December 1st:

Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I am also available by phone at [641-420-4294](tel:641-420-4294) or email at lisa@masoncityfirstumc.org.

Free Christmas Concert

New Horizons Band

Wednesday, December 12

4:00 p.m., Music Man Square

Featuring premier performance of Birchland Suite, a composition commissioned to honor 50 years of musical talents of director Bernie Bjorklund (English translation: Birchland).

Wednesday, December 19

All Welcome!

6:30 p.m., Meet at FUMC



"Here we come a-caroling among the leaves so green," or maybe among the snow so

white! The Chancel Choir invites all to join in spreading some Christmas cheer and celebrate the joyous music of the season. Please meet at the church on December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary



Make plans to attend our candlelight service. All are welcome so bring your family and friends! There will be one service this year at 5:00 p.m. Come and celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Winter Weather Policy Reminder

It's that time of year again so here's a reminder about our weather cancellation policy!

In the event of inclement weather, we will contact KIMT Channel 3 & KAAL Channel 6 TV stations and local radio stations: KCMR, KGLO/KRIB and KJCY when we need to cancel church activities. Please follow these guidelines regarding whether the church is open during the week:

If Mason City School District lets classes out early, the church building and office will also close and all evening church activities will be cancelled.

If Mason City School District cancels school for the day, the church building and office will be closed.