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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

Loving God, Growing Together, Sharing Christ

God of the Ages

Join us in worship through the month of November to celebrate the work of God throughout the life of Marshalltown First United Methodist Church.

Remembering our Past (November 3rd)

On this Sunday, we will hear the story of God's work in and through this congregation since it was started in 1852. We will observe **All Saints Day** to honor the lives of those who have passed on into glory this past year and dedicate the **Memorial gifts** we have received. We will end our morning with a party after worship to celebrate the **125th Birthday of our Sanctuary!**



Celebrating our Present (November 10th)



On this Sunday, we will celebrate the many ways we see God at work in our Congregation. We will share what we love about our church and explore the ways that our work has impacted the community around us.

Choosing our Future (November 17th)

On this Sunday, we will explore our dreams and God's vision for us as a congregation. We will have an opportunity to choose what the future holds for First United Methodist Church of Marshalltown. We will celebrate **Consecration Sunday** with an opportunity to offer our commitments to God and have a meal together after church.



A Season of Prayer (beginning November 19th)



We will be having a six week Season of Prayer for the future of our church in November and December. God is moving us into a new season in ministry together and we want to intentionally seek His will, His direction, and His power for the road ahead. We will have **Prayer Guides** so we can pray together in our daily devotions. We will also have a weekly **Praise and Prayer Service** on Tuesday nights 5:00-6:00pm in the Chapel.



November 2019

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:30 am—Sunday School (all ages)
9:30am—Coffee time
10:00 am—Worship*
2:00 pm — Zomi Christian Fellowship
*Nursery available

www.fumc-mtown.org
fumc@fumc-mtown.org

Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am - Noon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Closed on Monday

FUMC Staff
Senior Pastor: Jeff Kodis x1002
Organist/Bell Director: Jan Randall
Worship Arts Director: Jenn Pedersen x 1016
Education Director: Jenn Pedersen x 1010
Administrative Assistant: Jo Ruff x1000
Business Manager: Kay Coutts x 1007
Custodians: Steve Cherveney x1001
Becky Goodell

Please send articles for the December newsletter to Jo Ruff at fumc@fumc-mtown.org by November 22.

FAMILY MINISTRY by Jenn Pedersen

Children and youth Sunday School continue each week starting at 8:30 am with snacks in each area and then moving into faith learning activities and lessons together.

Our November Children & Youth Sunday School Studies:

For PK-5 -Hall of Fame: Everyone's a VIP- In November we will consider that all people have value because they were created in God's image. God values each of us so much that He sent Jesus to make it possible for us to have a forever relationship with Him. We follow God's example when we show others that they have value, too.

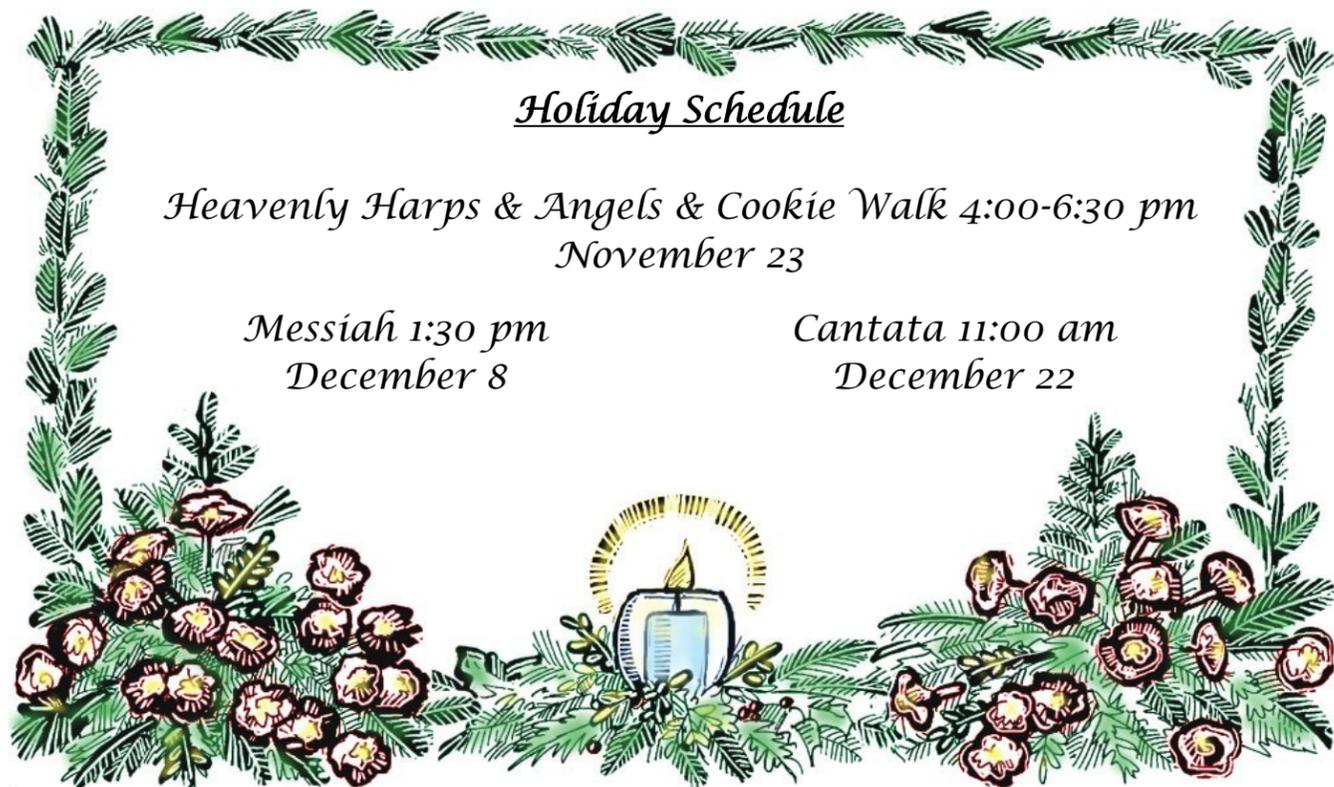
For 6-12 - Worlds Apart - This series explores faith and science, two worlds that seem so far apart that it feels like we have to pick a side. Students will consider that the more we learn about the way the world works, the more we'll learn about the One behind it all.

Holiday Schedule

*Heavenly Harps & Angels & Cookie Walk 4:00-6:30 pm
November 23*

*Messiah 1:30 pm
December 8*

*Cantata 11:00 am
December 22*



**Grant Fitz
Derek Johnson
Garrett Larson
Rob Larson
Scott Tasler
Scott Vial**

This Month's Usher / Greeter Teams

Beth Ballard	Gary Ballard
Ron Iole	Kevin Miller
Reva Roland	Don Westphal
Judy Westphal	



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY by Kathy Braga

We have now launched our hat and scarves giveaway for the public of Marshalltown. Hand made hats and scarves will go to local charities and also to the public library to be given and used by those in need here in town. We will accept any items made and donated to this cause. Donations may be dropped off at the church office. We are also taking yarn donations. No wool please. Thank you for donations already received. We appreciate it so much.

We are looking for someone left handed that crochet to aid in teaching another left handed gal to crochet.

Blessing Boxes

Pastor Jeff told us in his October 13 message, "God blesses us so we can bless others". Hand and Hand and Missions hope you will all participate with us in our Blessing Box project to put this comment into action.

On November 17, you may pick up a blessing box to fill for Christmas this year. We are hoping families, Grow Groups, Sunday School classes, Bible study groups, etc. will participate. Items such as non-perishable food, toiletries, clothing, snacks, are put into a box each day for a family or organization needing a blessing this season. We will have lists of possible items and some families to consider, but you can choose your own also. The boxes need to be returned to church by December 15 for delivery or you may deliver your own box. Please be thinking about how you can be a blessing to someone this season.

November



Monthly Meetings:

Church Council: Tuesday, November 19, at 5:30 pm
Trustees: 6:00 pm, Staff Room
SPRC: No Meeting
Finance: No Meeting
Stewardship: No Meeting
Vision: No Meeting

Endowment: No Meeting
TLC: No Meeting
Hand in Hand: Tuesday, November 12, at 5:30 pm
Missions: Tuesday, November 5, at 1:00 pm



In Christian Sympathy
 Our thoughts and prayers go out to:
 All those who have lost loved ones.



**Communion
 November 3**



November Collection:
Tissues

**COFFEE
 FELLOWSHIP**
 Join us!



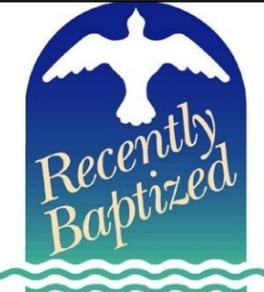
9:30 am Sundays



*Daylight-Saving
 Time Ends
 Fall Back
 November 3*



**November
 Change for Change:
 Emergency Foodbox**



Benjamin Stephen
 Frese
 October 13, 2019
 Parents:
 Stephen & Emily
 Frese



Temple Builders
 Exercise Class
 8:15 - 9:00 am
 Tuesday & Thursday
 Fellowship Hall
 All you need is an
 exercise ball & mat.



Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Thursdays at 10:00 am in the
 Staff Room.
 Anyone is welcome to join in.

Insurance Requirement
 Please do not sit in the
 front row of the balconies.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY by Jenn Pedersen



“Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.”
1 Chronicles 16:23-25

Each Sunday we take time to sing to the Lord and proclaim His salvation together as a congregation. As we worship through song we declare God’s glory because He is worthy of our praise. Much time and effort is dedicated to preparing the music for our services each week from our worship team musicians, to our Alleluia Ringers to our Sanctuary Singers along with the support of our tech teams. I am thankful for each person who chooses to offer their time and talents to bring glory and praise to God each Sunday.

Christmas is coming! If you are a singer and would like to join our church choir for this coming season as we prepare to share the Christmas cantata - you are welcome! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary and will begin working on the cantata in November. We would love to have you join us.

The Messiah will once again be held at our church this year and singers are welcome to join in for that presentation as well - contact Janet Collison (janet.collison@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved with The Messiah - rehearsals start November 10th at 2 pm.

PROMISE KEEPERS by Ray Mitchem

The next Promise Keepers Tuesday evening study begins Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm. It will be Andy Stanley’s, “Irresistible” video series. In ‘Irresistible’, you will be invited to embrace the original version of your faith – the version credited for turning the world upside down! Andy Stanley offers ways – not to make your church more interesting – but to make your faith ‘irresistible’.

FINANCE by Kevin Miller

Luke 6:38 says “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke is telling us that if we give to God, he will give back to us. He has given us so much that and it is time for us to give back. In a couple of weeks we will celebrate Consecration Sunday and I hope that you pray about your commitment for next year and are able to give generously. Remember if we give to God he will give back so be generous in your commitment.

Our budget has not been in good shape most of this year. Our giving has been well below our budget. We have managed to keep all of our bills paid but we have not been able to pay very much towards our apportionments.

Thank you for being a caring and giving Church. I hope as we more into the next year we can grow and become a more giving Church.

UMW by Bev Sloppy

- Nov. 2 the Ingathering Kits put together by UMW and Hand in Hand were delivered to Cedar Falls.
- Nov. 7 UMW board meets for the monthly meeting at 9:30 am in Lower Tower Room.
- Good things are coming to FUMC during the Holiday Stroll. The FUMC annual Cookie Walk will occur on Saturday, November 23, 2019 to kick off the Downtown Marshalltown Holiday Stroll. Our bakers always come up with the best cookies to share with our church and community. This year will be just as good with close to 2000 cookies and candies available for purchase. Please sign up to bring cookies after worship or anytime the office is open. Every crumb is fun!
Once you have selected your cookies, you can stroll into Fellowship Hall and hear the Joyful Strings Harp Trio play heavenly music. The Harp Trio is Janet Collison, Barb Duffy and Maria Wiarda. They will play trios and solos starting at 4:00. And, while you are listening, you can walk through a display of angels and sip delicious hot cider. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear beautiful music, see lovely angels, and be with your church family and our community. If you have any angels you would like to display there will be sign-up sheets available in the narthex at worship and at the office. Call or text Mary Cowdrey if you have questions: (515) 240-1942.
All of the proceeds go to local and global missions. Invite your friends, neighbors and family to enjoy our hospitality, heavenly harps, cookies, angels, and Jesus' birth. Here, there's room for everyone!
- After hearing Handel's Messiah at FUMC on Sunday, December 8th, FUMC will host a cookie and coffee reception in Fellowship Hall. Please come and hear the Messiah at 1:30 pm and then stay for fellowship with cookies and coffee. There will be a sign-up sheet to contribute cookies and bars. It is the best time of the year! For questions or to be an early-bird volunteer, contact Mary Cowdrey. mary.cowdrey@gmail.com or (641) 752-8809 or cell (515) 240-1942.
- The UMW library has a reading list for the 2020 reading program. Contact Mary Long for this information.
- The altar flower calendar for 2020 is available now also. See the office for this.
- Boxes of cards for sale at \$6.00 per box. Stop in the church office. Lots of sympathy, birthday and encouragement cards are available.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES by Reva Roland

Tuesday Bible Study: We will be starting a new 6 week study called "Guardrails" by Andy Stanley on November 5. Classes are held in the Oasis Room at 10 am and 5:30 pm. If you have any questions please call Reva Roland at 641-691-1335 or email her at rolandrjr2003@yahoo.com. You're welcome to attend any/or all the sessions. Women and men of the community are welcome to attend.

Parking Request

On Sundays, if you are able, please park in the lot across the street to the east or on the north side of the building so people who have difficulty walking can park in our lot. Thanks for being considerate of others.

Weather Cancellations

To find out if church activities are cancelled, check
Email
KCCI TV Channel 8
Facebook

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS by Barb Matya

Wednesday, November 13 we will be visited by Lynn and Sharon Fogleman over the lunch hour. I haven't finalized all the details yet, so please watch the bulletin for more information.

We donated \$200 to a day camp at Wolfe Ranch for children who have suffered trauma from the tornado.

We are taking lunch to the Triumph Center this month. This is a drop-in center for anyone struggling with depression. They are located at 204 East Linn St, Suite A.

Our church has been supporting Sharon Nyambura Kodonyo, an 18 year old girl from Kenya through Compassionate Friends for several years. We can't find anyone who has a connection with this person so if you were involved in anyway, please talk to me.

Supply Closet collection for November is Kleenex/tissues. Change for Change goes to the Food Box. Thank you for the wonderful supply of toothbrushes & paste.

It's time for our hat and mitten collection as we approach cold weather. These items stay with our local school children.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," Ephesians 3:20 NIV



Please remember to pray for our military.

Grant Fitz

Jim Hart's grandson

Derek Johnson

Brian & Joan Johnson's son

Garret Larson

Don & Judy Westphal's grandson

Rob Larson

Don and Judy Westphal's son

Scott Tasler

Linda Tasler's son

Scott Vial

Lee & Mary Jo Vial's son

Remember them and their families in your prayers.