November 4, 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 8, 2026

Preaching - Rev. Roger Madden
- Sermon Title: "How is Your Supply of Faith?"

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

Scripture - The Foolish and Wise Virgins/Bridesmaids Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)

1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went
out to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.
4 The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.
5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who
sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who
were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11 "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'
12 "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'
13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Preview Questions for this week's sermon

✝ How patient am I in waiting for God to act in my life?
- A Preview Question for Pastor Roger's sermon this Sunday (November 8). 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 Matthew 25:1-13 (The Foolish and Wise Virgins/Bridesmaids).

✝ Do I have enough "oil" (faith) to keep me following God's will in the dark times of my life?
- Another Preview Question for Pastor Roger's sermon for this Sunday (November 8).

Post-Sermon Focus Question
✝ What is one way I can add to my "faith supply" this week? (Prayer?, Bible reading? Devotions? Church? Use my gifts? Any others?)
- A Focus Question from Pastor Roger's sermon on Sunday, November 8. 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):
"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee
"Standing on the Promises"

Hymns for 11:15am Casual Worship (Our Smaller Service):
"Standing of the Promises
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymns for Online Service:
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee
"Standing on the Promises"

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✝ All announcements are also available on our website under "Church Announcements" and in the Sunday church bulletins.

NEW 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.

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.

Coming Sunday, Nov. 29 at 3:00pm - "Flower & Flame" will perform "A Christmas Carol" 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. Survey is Coming Beginning Nov. 22 to First UMC!

C.A.T. stands for **C**ongregational **A**ssessment **T**ool 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. 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.

First UMC Financial Status Through September, 2026

(1) We are 75.0% of the way through our budget year.
(2) We have received 63.6% of our $419,235 budget for the year (for a total of $267,017).
(3) Our total revenues for 2026 are 0.2% higher than our 3-year average for the end of September. This figure includes our Conference Apportionments being paid.
(4) We have expended 73.5% of our budget for the year (for a total of $308,201). We began 2026 with a positive balance in our account.

Thanks to you, our financial status continues to fund ministry. Please remember that we do not receive our offerings in equal 1/12 increments (especially in the summer). All current bills are paid. We appreciate your continued giving to God's work through First UMC.

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".

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.

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 8 - D, E, F & G
November 15 - H, I, J & K
November 22 - L-Ma

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 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!