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**NEW Office Hours
starting August 22**

Mondays thru Thursdays
7:30 am - 10:30 am



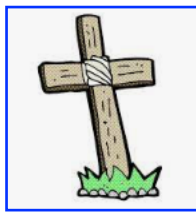
Some Go To Church To ...

Poet: Job Elletson

Some go to church to take a walk,
Some go there to laugh and talk.
Some go to church for observation,
But some go there for speculation.
Some go there to meet a lover.
And some go there a fault to cover.
Some go there to meet a friend,
And some go there their time to spend.
Some go there to sing a sonnet.
But some go there to show their bonnet.

Some go to church oppressed with grief.
Some go there to find relief.
Some go to hear a grand oration,
Some go to glorify the nation.
Some go to hear about the war.
Some go to show how good they are.
Some go repentant and repenting,
But some go hardened, unrelenting.
Some go to praise, to pray and weep.
But some go there to lounge and sleep.
Some go to better their condition,
Some go to gain a good commission.
While some go there to doze and nod.
There's many go to worship God.

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As I came across this poem the other day it got me to thinking about all the reasons that I have been given by people who don't come to church and believe me in 30 years that list is pretty long.

But then as I read this poem again and saw all the reasons people do come to church it got me to thinking and asking myself "Why do I go to church?"

Now I am sure some of you could jump right in there and say to me "Well you are the pastor you have to go to church" and yes that in some ways is correct but there are reasons that I would go to church even if I was not the pastor and that is what this poem got me to thinking about.

The answer I gave to myself as I pondered my question is I go there to connect with God. Yes I know that God is everywhere not only in church but it seems when I am in worship with other believers I connect with God in a different way than when I am out one on one with God in nature or watching worship online in my home.

Maybe it is the worship experience itself that touches me differently when I gather with a group of Christians. Maybe it is the fact that God's people can minister to my needs in a way that I cannot do on my own. Maybe it is the way that the music touches my soul and challenges me to think. Maybe it is hearing the word of God spoken aloud in a voice outside my head. Maybe it is just a combination of all these things coming together in a special mix that just can't be repeated when I am alone.

I don't know for sure that I have a real good answer to my question of why I go to worship and why when I don't go to worship for a time things begin to feel off but I know it is true.

As you read this I invite you to ask yourself the question "Why do you go to church? or Why do you not go to church"

Ponder it, talk about it, pray about it then see what answer God helps you come up with. With God's help may we get personal with God in our worship as well as in our alone time.

See you in worship,

Pastor Laurie

August Birthdays

Amy Shook	8/3
Bailey Carlisle	8/5
Sandra Johnson	8/5
Cody Bertram	8/5
Cory Bertram	8/5
Dee Ann Hinders	8/6
Gloria Freiling	8/6
Joe Kessel	8/6
Dan Brace	8/7
LaVonne Dorman	8/7
Margaret Shepard	8/7
Davis Kidder	8/9
Nikki Haan	8/10
Kaitlyn Brocka	8/11
Maranda Mills	8/11
Andi Marie Shook	8/11
Colleen Liming	8/12
Shannon Brocka	8/16
Hunter Destival	8/16
Steve Dobbs	8/16
Earl (Wil) Spencer	8/16
Jack Lockett	8/17
Markella Stratiou	8/17
Christian Heiser	8/17
Brandi Jans	8/18
Tyler Osborn	8/18
Betty Betsinger	8/24
Lexi West	8/24
Velma Rice	8/25
Tom Brickman	8/26
Kathleen Knapp	8/26
Barb Reid	8/26
Mickey Baker	8/26
Lee Ackerson	8/27
Tyler Robinson	8/27
Dalton Woodyard	8/27
Rylee Johnson	8/27
Angie Destival	8/29
Lynnley Barr	8/29
Michael Burkes	8/30
Vicki Fisher	8/30
Jacob Yochum	8/30
Andrew Heins	8/31



Volunteers for August

Liturgists in August

August 7
Brad Ruth

August 14
Barb Hamlyn

August 21
Sharon Heiser

August 28
Gary Shaulis

Ushers in August

August 7
Brad Ruth

August 14
Dick & Karen Funk

August 21
Dave Beenblossom

August 28
Gary Shaulis

August Anniversaries

Alex & Melinda Westendorf	8/3
Shawn & Jenifer Cooper	8/5
Brad & Colette Ruth	8/5
Tim & Cindy Nisius	8/8
Justin & Nikki Shook	8/11
Bill & Nancy Bloker	8/14
Bret & Paula Wrage	8/14
Walt & Rita Ruth	8/20
Dick & Karen Funk	8/23
Lyle & Jennifer Piper	8/24
Marvin & DeAnn Bliss	8/27
Mike & Deb Wienhold	8/30

Birthday/Anniversary Challenge

Many years ago, it was suggested that members of the congregation give thanks to God for being able to celebrate another year for birthdays and anniversaries. Since that time, members have chosen to make a donation, in addition to their regular giving. On the month of their birthday and anniversary, they donate \$1 for every year of their age and their time married.

This tradition has declined in the past years, and we are trying to start it up again as a special fund raiser and just another way to Praise God for all the blessings of another year!

Simply write your check to the church and put "Birthday/Anniversary Challenge" in the memo portion.



Continued Prayers for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all – especially children who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates. Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost loved ones. Lord hear our prayers.



The 2022 Charge Conference will be on Tuesday, October 25.
EVERYONE is WELCOME to attend!!!

5:30 PM	Tuesday, October 25, 2022	Cedar Falls, First 718 Clay St Cedar Falls, IA 50613	Waterloo, First
			Waterloo, Jubilee
			Waterloo, Kimball Avenue
			Waterloo, Linden
			Waterloo, St. Paul's
			Evansdale, St. Mark's
			Cedar Falls, First
			Cedar Falls, St. Timothy's
			Cedar Falls, Washington Chapel
			Janesville-Hudson
			Threehouse Wesley Foundation
			Dike



Please pray for our Shepherds and those who are served by them:

Esther Lageschulte
Flo Shepard
Marlys Cook
Georgia Eibey
Marilyn Taylor
Harriet Schares
Lolita Huber
Lavonne Dorman
Char Brickman
Betty Betsinger

Please keep them in your prayers:

Tom & Char Brickman
Dan & Wendy Brace
Johnny & Esther Folkerds
Velma Rice & her family
Nancy Osborn
Kim Knapp
Nancy Bloker's friend of the family, Will



**The Shepherds will be meeting
August 9 at 9:30 am.**

If you would like more information or lists and schedules, please come to the meeting, contact the church office, or contact Janet Destival.

Remember - **anyone is welcome to be a Shepherd.** It is truly a very rewarding experience.

In loving Memory of
Our Members and Former Members
who passed away in July:

Lois Boeck (July 3)
Mildred Christensen (July 7)
Eric Hahn (July 7)
Beverly Boeck (July 8)
Roger Bloker (July 12)

Please pray for their families as they go through this difficult time of loss.

Please pray for the First Responders, the Community, and the families of all who were involved in the accident on Highway 218 just outside of Janesville on July 18.

Pray for the family of Gregory Harter, who was killed, and for the other 3 who were injured in the accident.



Imagine No Malaria

As of the middle of July, \$245.00 has been donated to the “Imagine No Malaria” campaign. Your generous gifts will be used to purchase mosquito nets to help fight Malaria.

VBS - School Supplies

The Vacation Bible School participants donated approximately \$262.36 in school supplies for the Janesville school. Their generosity will be very helpful to students and teachers in the coming school year.

Backpack Program in September

Starting in September, through the end of October, our Missions Committee will be collecting donations for the Food Bank’s backpack program. Each week, they pack and deliver bags of easy-to-fix, kid-friendly meals and snacks to supplement the diets of children while they are not in school. Over 80 different school sites are aided by this program so your donations will be put to use and greatly appreciated.

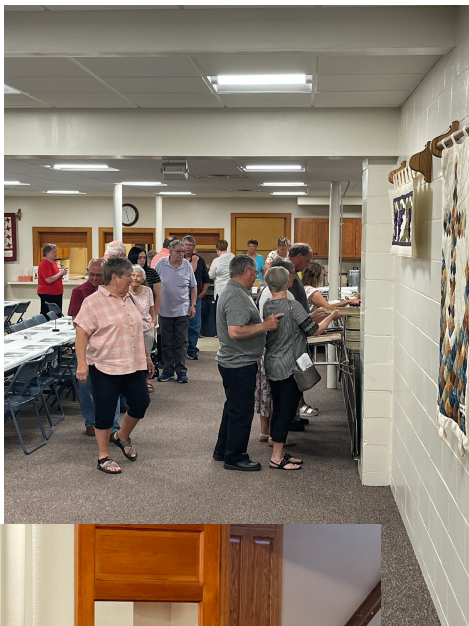


As you know, the Z-Team sponsored a “Sowing Sunday” on May 1. \$20 bills were handed out to anyone wanting to take one for an investment to use their talents, sow the money for a special project, and use the proceeds from those projects to donate to the church on “Harvest Sunday”, which will be celebrated some time in the fall.



The Z-Team still has some \$20 bills for you to “sow”. If you would like one or two \$20 bills for a project, please contact the church office.

On July 3, we welcomed our new pastor - Rev. Laurie L. Riley, and the SPPRC hosted a potluck after worship.



Quilt of the Month

This 38 In. X 50 in. throw features the same hand-quilted map front as last month's but has softer border and binding colors. It's reversible with dotted blue and white soft flannel backing.

It is on display in Court Chapel, along with several others. Have a look and see if you are interested.

Prices are negotiable.



On July 24, luminaries were lit and on display at JUMC, In Honor and In Memory of loved ones who are battling or have battled with cancer.

Over \$1,300 in donations will be sent to the American Cancer Society to continue the fight against this horrible disease.





THANKS to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a success! Nikki Haan, Crystal Spencer, Rachael Coffman, Lisa Kiene, Emily & Val Schuldt, Pastor Laurie, all the helpers, the ladies of UMW, the parents and the kids. **YOU made this happen!!!!**





Dear JUMC church Family,
 We would like to thank you on behalf of our whole family for allowing us to use the church to say our final good-byes to our sweet baby boy Titan. A special thank you to Rita! You are a woman of many talents and you do a lot to help the people of this community. Thank you to all the ladies that prepared the food and gave freely of their own time to make sure we could feed the friends and family here to support us. And last but not least a very special thank you to Jean Eibey who was their to guide us through this whole process. We could not have done this without her. She has always been there to help us care for our children and we're so happy that Titan was able to witness, and benefit from, her pure unconditional love. We are so blessed that the JUMC family took us in as their own during this most difficult time. May the Lord →



Thanks to Scott and Chuck Immerzeel for diligently working to keep the lawns at the church and parsonage looking great!!!

Continue to work through all of you.
 Thank You!
 Justin, Stephanie,
 Weston, Owen,
 Amelia, and
 Tender Thoughts, Titan
 Manning

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