



Waterloo First Weekly Schedule

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm, (or by appointment)

Sunday, February 22

9:30 am– Worship
10:30 am- Fellowship
10:45 am– Sunday School

Monday, February 23

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am– Getting Ahead Board Mtg.
10:00 am - Prayer Walk & Coffee at 1st Congregational
12:00 pm– Team Waterloo First Mtg. BYOL

Wednesday, February 25

9:00 am - Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17
5:45 pm– Golden Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm– Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

9:30 am– Food Nook
9:30 am– Herald Assembly

Friday, February 27 Office Closed

7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

Saturday, February 28

3:00 pm - Worship on Cedar Falls Public Access 15

Sunday, March 1

9:30 am– Worship
10:30 am- Fellowship
10:45 am– Sunday School
12:00 pm– Church Row Coalition mtg.



The **United Methodist Church** forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully,** and **lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

Who We Are

The **United Methodist Church** is a worldwide connection of approximately 10 million members in Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States. We are the person next door, the church on the other side of the country, and the worshiping community across the globe. Together, we share a legacy of living as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love both in what we say and how we serve our neighbors. We are the people of The United Methodist Church .

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The **United Methodist Church** is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

WATERLOO FIRST

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Since 1846

February 22, 2026, 9:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!

PRELUDE “Oh Freedom” Arr. Valeria A. Foster

WELCOME Rev. Hojin Shin

* OPENING HYMNS

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Vs. 1-2& 4 No. 103
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Vs. 1-3 No. 297

MOMENT OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 8, Isaiah 40:25-31,
Matthew 6:25-34 Ollie Thurman

ANTHEM “Give Me Jesus” Arr. Michael J. Glasgow
Golden Bell Choir Emily Forssberg, director
Esther Shin, violin

SERMON “What We Believe– God: “I Believe in God”
Rev. Hojin Shin

AFFIRMATION “The Nicene Creed” No. 880

HOLY COMMUNION “Do This In Remembrance of Me”

HYMN “How Great Thou Art” Vs. 1-2, & 4 No. 77

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Oh My Journey Home” Arr. E. Edwin Young

John Roberts Ed. D., pianist
Phoebe Morgan & Esther Shin, violin ~ Sabina Meacham, cello
*Please stand if you are able



ALTAR FLOWERS Please sign up for the 2026 altar flowers. The cost is \$37. The flowers brighten our altar and gives the giver an opportunity to honor or memorialize a person or event.



GUESTS, VISITORS & MEMBERS Please sign the attendance registration located in the pews. Please include your email address. Then pass it back to your neighbor and introduce yourself to each other. Thank you.



HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES Are available, please ask an usher. At the end of the service, please turn them off and return them to an usher.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF WATERLOO FIRST? If you would like to become a member of Waterloo First United Methodist Church, we would love to have you! Just check the box “wish to join this church” on the attendance sheet or talk to Pastor Hojin. You may also call the office at 319-235-7088.



SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES AND PRAYER REQUESTS Use the QR code to sign up for Pastor Hojin’s weekly email and prayer requests for our congregation.



FELLOWSHIP Please join us in Hartman Hall following the service for fellowship. Sign up to host fellowship and celebrate a special occasion on the bulletin board in VonLackum Lounge.



SUNDAY SCHOOL All are welcome to join an adult, youth, or children’s Sunday School Class.

- Searchers - Fireside Room
- Genesis - Dinette
- Youth - 111 Mellissa Warren
- Elementary - 108 Lynn Klobberdanz & Susie Karns



SCRIP CARDS FOR EVERYDAY! Do you eat at Panera Bread or Papa Murphy’s? Do you shop at Target? We have these cards in our inventory. It’s very easy to purchase a card from Kris Stewart at fellowship and use the card when you shop. It doesn’t cost you any extra money.

Check out our card inventory during Fellowship time. The money from the cards adds up for the church. With your continued support, we can do more for Waterloo First UMC. Order your cards now!



FEBRUARY LECTURE SERIES During the month of February the Searchers Sunday school class will be hosting guest lecturer **Prof. Bob Dise**. Bob was born in San Diego to a Navy family which facilitated frequent moves on both coasts. He was a USAF officer and radar controller in air defense. He graduated from the University of Virginia, majoring in ancient history. He received his MA and PhD from the University of Michigan in Roman history. Bob taught college full time for 38 years,

33 of them at UNI before retiring in May. He was a recipient of the top teaching awards at UNI and has taught a total of 15, 000 students.

Lecture Topics
Feb. 22 – Roman Imperial Cult
March 1 – Greco/Roman Mystery Cults
 Everyone is welcome to attend these thought provoking and challenging lectures being held in the Fireside Room. Class will begin promptly at 11am.



EMPTY BOWLS– Save the Date Join us **Friday, March 27**, at Bien VenU Event Center in Cedar Falls for an evening that brings our community together to fight food insecurity in northeast Iowa.

This year’s theme is Bloom with Purpose: Growing Young Leaders. Fighting Food Insecurity. You’ll hear from young people who will help carry our mission forward for years to come and inspire the next generation of community support.

Throughout the event, attendees will learn more about the Northeast Iowa Food Bank while raising awareness and educating our community about hunger. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase tickets and bid on both silent and live auction items.

Tickets go on sale mid-February.



180 ACTS OF LOVE: One of the ways we will celebrate our 180th year is by measuring our impact on the community. Please submit all your volunteer hours to the church office (email works) and let us know the impact you are making in the community. We will keep track of the hours and celebrate every time we hit 180 hours.



LENTEN SERIES — What We Believe Throughout Lent we will walk through the Apostles’ Creed in a series titled “What We Believe.” For centuries, Christians have confessed this creed. We will listen to the questions believers have always asked and the answers they have discovered together.

- Week 1: What does it mean to believe in God?**
- Week 2: How do we confess Jesus Christ?**
- Following weeks: the Holy Spirit, the Church and Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection and life everlasting.**

We are not just studying doctrine. We are learning how Christians across generations have trusted God in times of doubt, suffering, and hope and how we might do the same today. I hope you will walk this season with us.