



## Waterloo First Weekly Schedule

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

### Sunday, January 25

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

### Monday, January 26

### Tuesday, January 27

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

### Wednesday, January 28

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

### Thursday, January 29

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

### Friday, January 30 *Office Closed*

7:00 pm- Worship on Waterloo Public Access 17

### Saturday, January 31

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

### Sunday, February 1

9:30 am– Worship/ Communion  
10:30 am- Fellowship  
10:45 am– Sunday School  
12:00 pm– Church Row Coalition Mtg.  
2;30 pm– Leadership Workshop Training at Trinity UMC

**Love Boldly**  
**Serve Joyfully**  
**Lead Courageously**



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 .

### #BeUMC

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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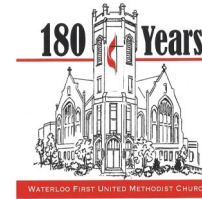
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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

# WATERLOO FIRST

## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Since 1846

January 25, 2026, 9:30 am

### Commissioning Sunday

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

**PRELUDE** “Dona Nobis Pacem” No. 376

**WELCOME** Rev. Hojin Shin

### \* OPENING HYMNS

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Vs. 89

### MOMENT OF PRAYER

### COMMISSIONING

**ANTHEM** “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land” Mark Arnold  
Golden Bell Choir Emily Forsberg, director

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Peter 4:10, Hebrews 13:16,  
John 3:18, Ephesians 4: 11-13 Rev. Hojin Shin

**SERMON** “Mosquitos Matter” Prudy Klinger

**OFFERING** “You Can’t Beat God’s Giving” Doris Akers  
Doxology No. 94

**CLOSING HYMN** “Here I Am, Lord” No. 593

**WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER** No. 607

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Somebody Prayed for Me” Dorothy Norwood &  
Alvin Darling Arr. Nolan Williams, Jr. & Stephen Key

**John Roberts Ed. D., pianist**

\*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.



**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



**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.



**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!



**RECYCLE YOUR GREETING CARDS**

Pastor Hojin would like you to recycle the birthday/anniversary/get-well cards that have been given to you. He would like them to be made into new cards for a new card ministry that sends cards to our congregation for their life events. Cut off the front of your card and, perhaps, the printed message inside. Leaving out any personal notes. Bring these in to the church. We also need people who are willing to make the pieces of these cards into new cards, and others who will send them. If you’re interested, let the church office know.



**FUNDING FOR COMBINED MUSIC SERVICES**

Thank you all for contributing to the Christmas Cantata with First Baptist. We still need to raise money for Jazz Sunday and our Spring music service with First Congregational.



**NEEDED– USHERS** We need another usher...or two. Ushers rotate monthly and serve 3 months/ year. Please see Wendy Potter or call the office if you’re interested in helping.



**JAZZ SUNDAY– Save the Date**

Jazz Sunday is February 15.



**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, 00 students.

**Lecture Topics**



**Feb. 1 – Introduction to Greek Religion**

**Feb. 8 – Origin of Monotheism**

**Feb. 15 – Roman Imperial Cult**

**Feb. 22 – 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 11 am.

**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.