

THE WEEK – Beginning January 9, 2022

**Today**

8:45 Worship  
9:00 “First Church on the Air”  
(KCOB Radio 95.9 FM/1280 AM)  
10:00 Park Centre Worship

**Monday**

2:00 Bible Study

**Wednesday**

9:00 Staff Mtg  
5:30 Community Meal  
5:30 Kids Club  
6:00 Jubilee Bell Rehearsal  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9:30 Park Centre Study  
6:30 Finance Committee Mtg

KIDS CLUB MEETS on Wednesdays from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM for children 2 years old through 5th grade; middle school students have their own class; Confirmation students will meet with Pastor Paul as scheduled. The evening does include supper. Please use the elevator entrance and meet in fellowship hall.

NEXT SUNDAY IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY. Envelopes will be included in the bulletins for this United Methodist offering. Your gifts benefit neighborhood community developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

THE IOWA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION is reminding everyone of the availability of scholarships for students from Iowa who are planning to attend a university, college, or vocational institution and also the availability of scholarships for seminary students who are from Iowa and attending an approved United Methodist Seminary. Applications and all required material must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2022 to be eligible. Details may be sent to Iowa United Methodist Foundation, 2301 Rittenhouse St, Des Moines IA 50321. For a complete listing of scholarships available including criteria, applications, and checklist, please go to [www.iumf.org/scholarships](http://www.iumf.org/scholarships).

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated Mitten Tree items We were able to donate 167 warm items to the Salvation Army.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Jan 9th** – Silas Hanneman, Sandra Morgan; **10th** – Shane Griffin, Joe Klingensmith, Ken Lehrman; **11th** – Echo Hartgers, Bev Klingensmith; **12th** – Rev. Gary Marzolf, DJ Mott; **14th** – Sally Hurt, Amy Joswiak, Beth Pline; **15th** – Natalie Squire, Dorothy Wood

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Jan 13th** – Randy & Judy Brisel

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith  
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling  
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley  
Custodian – Kraig Holubar  
Technical Engineers – Christine Dawson, Projection;  
Jerry Dawson, Sound; Karter Prellwitz-Liebhart, Videography

Administrative Assistant – Joy Osborn-Daniels  
Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Mel Wilson  
Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Rachel Faidley  
Lay Leader – Karen Kriz

# First United Methodist Church

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**“Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out,  
Making Connections through Jesus Christ within Our Community and World.”**

**January 9, 2022  
8:45 AM**

**Baptism of the Lord**

*Service of Praise and Worship*

## THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Ron Ehresman

Leader: Come let us worship the Lord.

**People: God longs to give us the desires of our heart.**

Leader: Let us bow down amid our preconceived, irreverent ideals.

**People: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul** (Psalm 19:7).

Leader: For God seeks to enter into covenant with the children of all creation.

**People: Fill us, O Lord, with a sense of respect and awe, as you rouse yourself from your holy dwelling place to touch each of us... just as we are, where we are.**

**All: Praise your holy name.**

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

“Sweet, Sweet Spirt” (UMH #334)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

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*"Baptized in Water" (The Faith We Sing #2248)*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

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*"Jesus, Name Above All Names" (x2)*

*Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

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*\*Hymn of Praise 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
Bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Thanksgiving to God for...

All God's blessings  
Family & Friends

Guests & Visitors  
Good Health

New Beginnings  
All Volunteers

### God's Guidance & Direction for...

People Unemployed/Economic/  
Housing Struggles  
Natural Disaster Recovery  
All Who Are Grieving

World Peace  
Local, State & National Leaders  
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders  
School Students/Teachers

### God's Protection & Safety for...

Those in the Military  
Kevin Ehresman  
Dylan Drew

Those in Mission Work  
Cherie Miner  
Dr. Emmanuel & Florence Mefor  
Lynn & Sharon Fogleman  
Rev. Doug Williams  
Nancy Kies

Those Protecting Us  
Law Enforcement  
Firefighters  
EMTs

### Those Who Mourn...

### Those in Care Facilities...

Betty Ashby  
Dorothy Carpenter  
Pam Conklin  
Andy Jackson

Wilma Mott  
Helen Newton  
Rita Skinner  
Phyllis Snook

Elsie Ulland  
Judy Wittenberg  
Teresa Yeager  
Phyllis Yeutsy

### Healing & Health Concerns...

Sue Antle  
Steve Dailey  
Martie DeBoef  
Cash Dickerson  
Nick Dreyer  
TJ Dykstra  
Mackenzie Eldred

Paul Frohardt  
Jody Gooch  
Wilma Grout  
Jill Hoffman  
Vicky Holmquist  
Pat Ingledue  
Sylvie Miller

Connie Myers  
Sally Rorabaugh  
Merna Rusk  
Rev. Janna Steed  
Theresa Stewart  
Rod Wright

**PLEASE NOTE: If you have a prayer request or know of a change and want it reflected in the bulletin, please call the church office at 792-4648. Please keep us updated and let us know when you would like to be removed from the prayer list.**

**PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAUL or the church office if you or a family member is admitted to a hospital.**

*IF YOUR SCHEDULE keeps you from attending worship, join our live-streamed worship services, devotions, and past services by visiting our website at [newtonfirst.org](http://newtonfirst.org).*

*THIS WEEK'S RADIO BROADCAST on KCOB is sponsored by Tim & Wanda Blount.*

*THE MONDAY 2 PM Bible Study will resume tomorrow afternoon in the church library.*

*UMW NUT ORDERS can still be placed online until the end of 2022 by going to <https://fumcnewton.terrilynn.com> and order directly. Shipping remains free for orders over \$30 through the online store. Thanks to all for your continued support.*

*TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, an opportunity to fulfill our commitment to God and His church. In an effort to dream about God's vision for us as a church, please place your pledge form in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.*

*AS A REMINDER, if you are unable to join us in worship, please send your offering to the church office at 210 N 2nd Ave E, Newton IA 50208. Online giving is also available for donations to First United Methodist Church. This can be done by going to the church's website ([newtonfirst.org](http://newtonfirst.org)) and selecting the "Give" tab. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.*

*IF THERE IS a weather-related school closing or early dismissal, church activities will be canceled for that day/evening (except Wednesday Night Meals). This may also affect the time the church office opens and closes.*

*YEAR-END DONATION STATEMENTS can be picked up in the Welcome Center or in the church office this week. Please take a moment to pick yours up as this will save us postage expense.*

*2022 GIVING ENVELOPES are now available in the Welcome Center. Please help yourself to a box!*

*WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS are under way from 5:30 PM—6:30 PM with the meals now served in the church dining room. All in attendance will need to wear a mask until they're seated at their table (seating will reflect social distance), and the food will be served to all at the table. Sacred Heart and First Lutheran Churches rotate weeks of service with FUMC. This week, Sacred Heart will serve steamed hamburger on buns, chips, baked beans, brownies, and beverages. As food donations are needed, sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. All meals are open to the public and everyone is welcome.*

*The Scripture Reading – Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT pages 631-632)*

*But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

*The Scripture Reading – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 1-2)*

*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*

*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

*Prayers of the People*

*Hymn 2200 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (The Faith We Sing x2)*

*O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.*

*O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

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*Call to Prayer – God of majesty who creates an eye-catching sunset, who carves out a Grand Canyon, who stuns us with giant sequoia trees, we gather in awe, in wonder, in silent adoration, for you are great and marvelous. Yet you would have us worship you more for your love than for your greatness, more for your care than for your majesty. You sent Jesus because you loved us so very much. Sunsets and mountains and oceans lead us to your door, but Jesus takes us to your heart. Because of Jesus we know you want us to be whole, to stand tall, to reach out to others in need. This day is filled with your wonder and your tender care. You place us in a community that shares tears and joy, struggles and hopes. You cause the ocean to praise you with ever-flowing waves. Hear our prayers, those heart-deep and beyond words. Hear our yearnings and our worries. In Jesus' name. Amen*

*Silent Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

In Children's Time

Hymn 349 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.  
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Children's Message

Offertory Scripture – Matthew 2:11 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 2)

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Down to the River to Pray" arr. R. Emerson  
Chancel Choir  
The Doxology 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Dedication of Gifts

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – Psalm 29 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT pages 477-478)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

The Witness to the Word "Life Beyond Our Known" Pastor Paul Smith

### SENDING FORTH

\*In Song 569 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,  
A story of peace and light.

{Chorus}

For the darkness shall turn to dawn, and the dawning to noonday bright;  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
A song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,  
And shatter the spear and sword.  
{Chorus}

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
Hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love.  
{Chorus}

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,  
Might come to the truth of God.  
{Chorus}

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\*The Benediction

\*The Benediction Response 3056 "Jesus, the Light of the World" (Refrain Only)

Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where his love and his mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World.

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\*The Postlude

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP — each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved child of God.  
May we follow Jesus into the work of ministry.

USHERS: Calvin Holmquist, Shawn McFarling, Bill Yeager

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Joy Stout

VAN MAINTENANCE (January): Jerry Yates

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL has decided to resume utilizing Faithful Servants as greeters, coffee hosts, coffee fellowship treat providers, and van assistants beginning Sunday, January 16, 2022. Assigning first quarter schedules was a challenge due to the low number in the volunteer pool. **If you are willing to serve in any of these areas, please sign up in the Welcome Center.** Beginning January 16th, fellowship time will be held in the church dining room and all are welcome as they are able.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 42; Park Centre: 34; Total: 76

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES are now available for pick-up in the Welcome Center.