

Sun., June 1	10 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	4th of July float meeting
Tues., June 3	2 p.m.	Prairie Hills Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts—All Dens Meeting
Wed., June 4	3 p.m.	Youth Vibe Time
	6 p.m.	Ice Cream Social & Bingo
Thurs., June 5	10 a.m.	Caregivers Support Group
	5 p.m.	AA Meeting
	7 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Sun., June 8	10 a.m.	Worship
	1 p.m.	VBS Organization Meeting
Mon., June 9	1:30 p.m.	Blood Drive
Wed., June 11	3 p.m.	Youth Vibe Time
	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes
Thurs., June 12	8:30 a.m.	Table Talk—
		Family Restaurant
	10:30 a.m.	Caring Conversations Grief Support Group
	5 p.m.	AA Meeting
	6 p.m.	Elder Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Deacon's Meeting
	7 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Fri., June 13	4:30 p.m.	Pastor Kerri in Dunk Tank downtown
Sun., June 15	10 a.m.	Worship
Mon., June 16		Grapevine Newsletter Articles Due
Tues., June 17	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wed., June 18	9 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Vibe Time
Thurs., June 19	12 p.m.	Tipton Ministerial Association
	5 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sat., June 21	9 a.m.	Bread of Life Food Pantry Foursquare Church
Sun., June 22	10 a.m.	Worship
Wed., June 25	3:30 p.m.	Youth Vibe Group
	4:30 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes
Thurs., June 26	9 a.m.	Cedar County Consortium
	5 p.m.	AA Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	It Takes a Village
Sat., June 28	8 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., June 29	10 a.m.	Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Joyce Coppess is available in the office Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Church phone—563-886-6361

Pastor Kerri is in and out of the office Tuesday - Friday or is available by cell phone: 319-541-5912

LITURGISTS

June 1	Hobert Flory
June 8	Harper Bolger
June 15	Hadley Hinderaker
June 22	Barb Cary
June 29	Avery Kelly

FLOWERS

Pat Barglof Sandy Mente

GREETERS

Bev Reid
Keith & Linda Lamp

USHERS

June 1	Skyler Hein & Colton Marchik
June 8	John Mathias & Bill Schwitzer
June 15	Jordon Challis & Ron Challis
June 22	Linda & Randy Weaver Bill Schwitzer
June 29	Penny & Scotty Pratt Bill Schwitzer

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION Sunday June 1

1. Lora Zaruba	2. Whitney Gehrs
3. Greg Hipple	4. Darren Miller

DEACONS COUNTING OFFERING

Katie Kelly Bill Schwitzer

COFFEE AND COOKIE HOSTS

First person listed is Coffee Committee Chairperson

June 1	* Bonnie and Wayne Deerberg Shelly Winekauf
June 8	* Susan Lorenzen Mike Young Jeremy & Hannah Bower
June 15	* Sheryl Gregory Melissa Waddell Jodi Byrd
June 22	* Barb & Bruce Cary Holly & Matt Bolger
June 29	Potluck

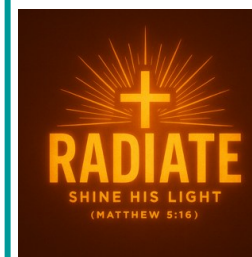
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RADIATE YOUTH GROUP



The Youth Group has a name! Radiate Youth Group (RYG) begins NOW!

We are excited to propose a relaxed and fun summer youth program here at First UCC! The idea is to give our youth a consistent midweek spot to gather, grow, and give back during the summer months.

When: Every Wednesday from 3—5 p.m. beginning June 4
Where: First UCC
Who: Those going into 6th grade through 12th grade
What We'll Do:

Snacks: Because what's a hangout without food?

Music & Chill Time: Music playing, space to relax, chat, and enjoy some down time

Service projects: Each week we'll also have a simple service activity. Ideas include:

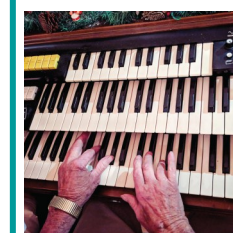
Helping with small projects around the church
Visiting Cedar Manor to bring smiles and conversation
Volunteering at the animal shelter
Other community-centered mini projects based on group interest!

This will be a casual, come-as-you-are space where youth can build friendships, have fun, and make a difference. We hope it becomes a meaningful weekly rhythm throughout the summer.



Scan Me To Sign Up For VBS
2025 Online!

ORGANIST APPRECIATION SUNDAY



Worship on Sunday, June 29, will celebrate our amazing organists: Pat Barglof, Nancy Hipple, and Deb Schwitzer. These three musicians donate time and talent to First UCC

throughout the year for Sunday worship, funerals, weddings and all sorts of special services.

If you would like to bring a card for them on the 29th that would be wonderful.

In addition, we will have a potluck following worship, so please bring a dish to share. What a special celebration!

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Recipients of the 2025 First UCC Endowment Scholarship are Clay Bohlmann, Cody Bohlmann, Cheyenne Byrd, Miles Christian, and Reba Shotwell. Clay and Miles will begin their collegiate experience while Cody, Cheyenne, and Reba are continuing at their respective colleges. Each scholar was given a \$700 check to help with their expenses.

Clay Bohlmann will attend Kirkwood Community College studying Ag Business. He was confirmed at First UCC and has participated in mission camp. He wrote, “We cleaned up parts of the properties from weeds to bushes, making them look nice and cleaned up.” Clay’s main mission for his life as a farmer: to help feed the world.

Cody Bohlmann attends the University of Northern Iowa and has received this scholarship the past three years. As a lifelong member of First UCC, Cody continued helping others last summer at youth mission camp. His leadership was invaluable. In his scholarship essay he wrote, “Our church feels like home to so many people and I am very thankful and blessed to have grown up in such an environment with so many great mentors and community members to help guide me and build me up.”

Cheyenne Byrd attends Iowa State University with a major in interior design. She will use the money for needed expenses. She gives her worries to the Lord and knows that God has a plan for us.

Miles Christian will attend Iowa State University majoring in kinesiology and then going to physical therapy school to eventually practice sports physical therapy. He has been a member of First UCC for many years. He has served with food packaging along with helping clean the track and park, cleaning yards, and shoveling driveways. He wrote in his essay, “Being awarded this scholarship would be just another instance of mutual beneficence, and it would mean so much to me to receive this scholarship through college.”

Reba Shotwell, another long-time member of First UCC, attends Cornell College. She is majoring in Studio Art and plans to use the funds to pay for room and board. She was involved with the Chess and Games Club and the fall dance show at Cornell. She also has helped Zion UCC in Lowden with VBS.

Congratulations graduates! Thank you to all who have made donations to the Endowment Fund who make this possible.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Congratulations to Clay Bohlmann, Miles Christian, and Holden Griebat on your high school graduation!

Clay is the son of Jake and Teresa Bohlmann.

Miles is the son of Mark and Erica Christian. therapy.

Holden Griebat is the son of Joe and Teri Jo Griebat.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Pam Behning for updating the congregation about the Memorial Committee!
- Thank you to Teresa Bohlmann, Amy Mente, Linda Beck, Betty Urmie, Melissa Waddell, and Dan McElderry for providing leadership in the Sunday School classrooms!
- Thank you to those who helped with the church cleanup!
- Thank you to Dave and Lynne Pinegar for caring for the courtyard!
- Thank you to Marcia Meyers for her work on the landscape around the building!
- Thank you to Bobbie Lieser and Katie Kelly for leading the youth this past school year!
- Thank you to Amy Mente and Wendy Petersen for helping get food at DQ for the Youth!
- Thank you to all who are helping with the VBS organization!
- Thank you to Jared and Whitney Gehrs for hosting and facilitating It Takes A Village!
- Thank you to the Loaves and Fishes Food Distribution Team for your dedication and time!
- Thank you to the Outreach Team for coming up with all sorts of ways to get together this summer!
- Thank you to Women’s Fellowship for taking care of the graduation celebration!
- Thank you to Averi Jeffries for sharing your musical talents during worship!



JUNE birthdays

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| June 1
Mark Niles
Clay Bohlmann | June 11
Bonnie Shumaker
Avery Kelly | June 21
Courtney King
Randie Gillespie |
| June 2
Christopher Meier
Tyler Schroeder
Mick Mente | June 12
Katelyn McBride
Jacqueline Newton | June 22
Erica Christian
McKenna Meier |
| June 3
Elaine Butterbrodt
Jay Meier | June 14
Jacob Gilliam
Abigail Shumaker | June 23
Carla Heffernan
Caroline Smith |
| June 4
Scott Kramer
Deb Schwitzer | June 15
Katelynn Cook | June 27
Ethan Krob
Greg Hipple |
| June 6
Laura Derby
Brilee Young | June 16
Peg McElderry | June 28
Bob Butterbrodt
Harper Lemburg |
| June 7
Elly Lattz | June 17
Shelly Winekauf | June 29
Sandy Toal
Sarah Evans |
| June 10
Deb Eilbeck
Ev Buol
Freddie Smith | June 18
Ricky Shumaker | |
| | June 19
Scott King | |



JUNE anniversaries

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| June 2
Stephanie and Patrick Steffen
Mel and Ryan Waddell | June 15
Melissa and Charles Jackson |
| June 3
Taylor and Jordan Milton | June 16
Linda and Larry Beck |
| June 6
Denise and Troy Mente | June 18
Erica and Jason Schmidt |
| June 9
Susan and Tracy Cooper | June 21
Christine and Jordan Gaul |
| June 10
Melissa and Josh Gilliam
Pam and Terry Behning | June 22
Bonnie and Rick Shumaker |
| June 11
Sandy and Mark Mente | June 23
Becki and Nick Harris |
| June 14
Danyel and Brandon Koele | June 25
Nicole and Dennis Amberson |
| | June 26
Heidi and Ricky Shumaker |
| | June 28
Tera and Taul Noard |

MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES

Remember our members in care facilities by sending them a note of encouragement.

Cedar Manor
1200 Mulberry St
Tipton, IA 52772

Pat Cantonwine
Millie Eiler
Emogene Stiff

Prairie Hills
219 S Cedar Street
Tipton, IA 52772

Dean Eilers
Larry Gadelmann
Betty Ann Miller

Beth Looker
Highland Ridge
100 Village View Circle
Apt 59
Williamsburg, IA 52361

Jenny Morrow
Zearing Health Care Center
404 E Garfield St
Zearing, IA 50278

Delores Rohlf
Wheatland Manor
320 East Lincoln Way
Wheatland, IA

OUR GIVING
MATTERS!



Please feel free to use the QR code for your monetary donations.

General Fund (YTD 2025)*

Income	\$ 63,890.90
Expenses	\$ 54,277.54

*Total does not include \$5,000 that Council moved from General Fund to Council Investment

Building & Maintenance Fund (YTD 2025)

Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 12,046.16
Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 12,140.59

Total B&M Funds..... \$ 24,186.75



FIRST FRIDAY DONUTS

And

DEVOTIONAL MINISTRY



God gave us a BEAUTIFUL morning to have the last First Friday of this school year. We served 90 donuts and had a wonderful crew to help greet the students and staff and wish them well for the rest of this school year.

I was joined by: LuAnn Davis, Terry Behning,

Carolyn Herring, Jennie Handbury, Janet Ford, Becky Young, Tony Fletcher, Nancy Mathias, and Pastor Kerri.

As we wished everyone a great finish to their school year we told them we would return on Sept. 5.

Please accept our humble thank you for all the support to this local mission. Building a relationship with the high school is meant to be an encouragement to those participating. We strive to put some positivity in the lives of the young people in our community. They need to know the love and availability of our CHURCH is constant.

Blessings,
Nancy Hipple

CARING CONVERSATIONS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Conversations Grief Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month starting at 10:30 a.m. Joyce Coppess facilitates this group.

Anyone dealing with any sort of grief is invited. This could be grief associated with a death, job loss, relationship, etc. This is a place where the name says it all — lots of caring along with conversation. If you have questions, please call the office at 563-886-6361.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Thursday each month at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. This group provides a safe space for those who are providing care for others. Nancy Hipple facilitates this group.

Please feel free to invite or share with anyone you know who is a caregiver. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hipple or the church office at 563-886-6361.

NEW SHEDS

Thanks to an anonymous \$10,000 donation for a shed! The trustees will be pouring a cement slab at the parsonage for the 8' x 12' shed. This will provide a place for gasoline equipment to be stored rather than in the garage. The 8' x 12' shed at the church will also be replaced. Be on the lookout for these improvements this summer.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE THIS SUMMER

Are you a parent that is overwhelmed with the grind of day-to-day life? You are not alone. Come connect with other parents, listen, share experiences, make new friends in faith, and gain valuable insights in a supportive environment. Together we can navigate the challenges of parenting and celebrate our successes.

Who: Any parent

When: June 26, July 24, August 21

Time: 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Where: Gehrs Residence

There is childcare available at First UCC during the meeting. Drop your child(ren) off at 6:25 p.m., then head to the Gehrs House. Contact Whitney Gehrs with any questions at 708-846-4620 or jaredwhitney27

VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Want to help create a dynamic experience for VBS this summer? There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, June 8, at 1 p.m. at First UCC. Come and participate in creating an environment that will help children draw closer to Jesus Christ through Bible stories, games, sticky scriptures, science experiments, and interesting snacks! There are many ways to participate. We need shepherds to walk children from station to station as well as helpers at each station.

VBS takes place Monday, July 14, through Thursday, July 17, from 6—7:45 p.m. at First UCC. Our theme is “True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.” The mission focus will be Open Arms for Children in South Africa.

VBS DONATIONS

Vacation Bible School is a free ministry for children each summer and is provided for them by the area churches. If you are willing to support VBS financially, please designate it on your offering. Thank you for your help!

GET INVOLVED

IOWA BARN TOUR

The Iowa Barn Foundation's self-guided Spring Barn Tour will be held in Cedar County on June 21-22, 2025. There are 18 unique barns to tour inside and out, each with their own personality.

On Saturday lunch will be available at the Cedar County Historical Society Museum and Prairie Village site in Tipton. To help with this event, the churches are working together to serve lunch and provide fruit pies. If you would like to sign up for a shift to serve, please contact the office. Pies can be donated to the Historical Society grounds or to the Lutheran Church by 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 21.

A free will offering will be collected at the food stand with funds to support the Tipton Ministerial Association.

CONFIRMATION SAVE-THE-DATE

There will be a parent/student information meeting on Sunday, Aug. 31, following worship in the youth/meeting room for all interested in the 2025-2026 confirmation class. All students in 7th grade or older who have not been confirmed are invited to these classes at First UCC. Confirmation is the act of publicly “confirming” our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. If you would like to know more, please plan to attend this meeting.

SUMMER CAMP AT PILGRIM HEIGHTS

Summer Church Camps are available at Pilgrim Heights Camp and Retreat Center in Montour, Iowa. Flyers are available at the church office, on the bulletin board, or on the kiosk. Financial assistance is available. Please contact the office with questions.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Loaves and Fishes Food Distribution is extremely thankful to receive a grant in the amount of \$7,500 from the Community Foundation of Cedar County, a component fund of the Quad Cities Community Foundation—Community Foundation of Cedar County Endow Iowa County Endowment.

These funds will help continue this ministry that helps many dealing with food insecurity. Loaves and Fishes provides food the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. It has been an amazing outreach that has seen up to 50 families in a day!

Thank you to the team of volunteers who make this happen. If you would like to help, please come on distribution day. You will make a difference!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BINGO NIGHT

Come and join a fun FREE night in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 4 from 6—7:30 p.m. We provide ice cream and a few toppings along with Bingo and prizes! You are also welcome to bring an ice cream topping to share. Lots of bingo prizes to win!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AND DANCE

Get ready to dance on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be a dance in the parking lot with walking tacos, cookies, drinks, and all sorts of yard games. Can't make it for the whole time? Come to part of the event. Lots of fun!

COMMUNITY CRUISE AND CHOW

The Annual Community Cruise and Chow will be Saturday, Aug. 23. Make sure to save this date! We are looking forward to some new additions to this event. Stay tuned!

YOUTH ENJOYING A MEAL FROM DAIRY QUEEN



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast is held on the LAST SATURDAY of each month from 8—9 a.m.

Time together includes coffee, light breakfast, conversation, devotion and prayer. All men are welcome!

THANK YOU TO OUR UCC ORGANISTS

Nancy Hipple



The River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists honored Nancy Hipple for over 15 years of service and dedication to church music in a Concert and Awards Ceremony in the Voxman Music Building on the University of Iowa Campus.

Nancy started piano lessons before she was 10 years old. Her first piano teacher was the organist at the Presbyterian Church, and she also took lessons from the organist at the Methodist Church.

Nancy started playing at Red Oak Presbyterian Church when she was in 8th or 9th grade. She played for VBS and Sunday School and her role progressed from there. The organ at Red Oak was a home organ with one octave of foot pedals. She played for church until she started nursing training. During early married life, she played every other Sunday at Red Oak.

Nancy joined First UCC in 1976, and from then until 1991 she only played the organ for funerals. She also sang in and directed the choir. In 1991 Nancy subbed for organist Betty Trevathan due to Betty's health. This turned into a permanent position until she retired in January of 2008.

"The hardest part [during this time] was playing with the beeper in my pocket, never knowing when I could get called out to assist someone," Nancy said. Bonnie Deerberg was her sub when she was on call for her nursing duties.

From 2008—2019 she only did music for funerals.

In 2019, Nancy returned to the organ bench and began playing regularly on Sunday's while sharing the respon-

sibilities with Pat Barglof and Deb Schwitzer.

"I love how our music team works together, and I feel like we each have our own style, and we complement one another well," Nancy said.

What keeps Nancy doing this? "The music. Music has always been important to me. During the years that I didn't play, I was able to get my music "fill" by singing in the choir. During Covid-19, church was my outlet, my happy place. I do worry that churches won't have organists in the future."

One of her special moments was playing for Pastor Kerri's call weekend.

As an attendee of this Concert and Awards Ceremony, Nancy commented, "I am so glad I was able to attend the program honoring church organists and hear the minister talk about how music reaches people when nothing else does. I believe that people don't realize that when you play the organ, the words to the songs go through your head. The scriptures are repeated in the hymns."

Congratulations Nancy on providing music for over 40 years to the Church!

Pat Barglof



First UCC organist Pat Barglof began playing the organ in 4th grade. When she wanted to join the band, and her dad decided the organ would be a little more "peaceful" for him to hear as she practiced. Her parents bought her a single keyboard organ to make sure that she enjoyed it. Once she started, they got her a "real" organ. Interestingly, Pat never played the piano.

Playing the organ shaped her love of music. In 8th grade she remembers that the band instructor was looking for an alto saxophone player.

She adds, "I began playing saxophone in the elementary band as an 8th grader. I stood out like a sore thumb, but it didn't take long for me to learn. It was much easier than the organ because I only had to play one note at a time with the saxophone."

As she was learning, Pat's teacher was an organist for a large cathedral in Davenport which became the site for her recitals when it was time for her final projects.

When she attended Marycrest College, Pat majored in speech and drama education with a minor in organ. Interestingly, Pat took 40 hours of lessons to get this minor which is specifically designated as an organ degree, not a music degree. During her college experience, she took one semester of classes at UNI and took organ there as well, with one lesson each week. Her final test was in the concert hall at UNI on a four-manual organ.

After her mid-year college graduation, Pat worked at Griggs Music teaching organ and piano lessons. The people who ran the business were always good to me. What she remembers most about working there was how people who were getting married were always needing an organist. At least 5-6 times Pat would be given the address to go to a church and play at a wedding.

"One time I remember someone called in the morning and needed an organist for their 2 p.m. wedding. One time, I arrived in time to play the processional and recessional for a wedding, and I never even met the bride or groom."

With marriage and raising children, Pat didn't play as much – mainly for weddings and to sub for organists at Peace Church in Bennett where she was a member. When her children were very young she gave lessons at home. When they were old enough to go to school, Pat began her teaching career.

Pat joined First UCC in 2005 and began playing whenever they needed someone. She would often play the hammer dulcimer as a duet with Rev. David Lorenzen playing the guitar. Eventually, Pat was part of the rotation playing once each month. Now, she splits the responsibilities with Nancy Hipple and Deb Schwitzer.

What she loves most about playing is practicing. She loves looking over new music and preparing. It gives her something to work on and a goal. In the 60 years she has been playing she says, "I am addicted to music!"

We are grateful!

Deb Schwitzer



Playing music has been a part of Deb Schwitzer's life since she began taking lessons in 2nd grade. The family rule was that they could choose one activity – and Deb and one other sister chose the piano. She was always drawn to the instrument and then began playing the organ when she was 13. Arlyn Hasselbush was her instructor, and she learned with two others. Later, another person in Tipton taught her the organ and gave her music.

The first time she played for an audience was actually at church – St. John's in Clarence. The minister's son was getting baptized, and she was asked to play the organ for that event. She continued to play at church regularly while in junior high. She says, "There were enough of us that I played a couple times each month. I wasn't very good then and made lots of mistakes, but I really enjoyed playing."

Deb got married after college and didn't play regularly, just a little here and there at St. John's. When her kids were young, she remembers taking them with her to practice in the balcony at St. John's.

When she became a member of First UCC, Deb didn't play for the first 2-3 years. Nancy Hipple was the main organist with Bonnie Deerberg subbing. Eventually, she began playing regularly and has continued for the last 25 years at First UCC.

Deb's favorite thing about playing is the challenge of new music. She often does this as she brings people together for special music in the services. "I like having more musical stuff going on at church. I hope when people see others providing music they will know they can do it." "I thank God for the musical talent I have been given. I try to select music for the church service to glorify God"

When asked about the hardest part of playing she said, "Playing the song *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* without crying."

Thank you, Deb, for sharing your talents!