



# The Messenger

## January 2019

### A Message from Pastor Joe

*Whoever does not apply new remedies must expect new evils: for time is the greatest innovator. - Francis Bacon*

For many, January is ever a time of new beginnings: new challenges and ways of responding to them; lessons learned, goals set. This month symbolizes a shift in our thinking into a posture of openness to the next chapter (perhaps this is why Inauguration Day is held at the “head” of the year). We also celebrate New Year’s Day, MLK Day (a reminder of the inherent value of service), a new semester of school, resolutions; here at FBC, we welcome special church school offerings (January 20 and 27), the ongoing gifts of pastoral care and congregational life, a women’s wellness weekend, a Hawkeye culinary class (church basement), and a milestone 95-year celebration of our building. It’s a wonderful life when we honor these opportunities to stay focused on what really counts, the highest remedy for any change we face: sharing the good news of God’s love with others, a gift that ripens with time, yet never gets old.

*Wishing you joy and peace this New Year!* - Pastor Joe

### Warm Your Heart This Winter and SING!

**Sanctuary Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wed., Jan. 2nd at 6:45 p.m. Children’s **Celebration Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wed., January 9th at 6:15 p.m.

### Begin the New Year with Wednesdays at FBC!

**Dinner, Friends Club** (ages 4-5th gr.), **Youth Group** (gr.6-12) and **Mom’s Group** will begin again on Wed., Jan. 9th from 5:00-6:45 p.m.

### Sunday School for all ages

Sunday, January 6 - Sunday School will resume at 9:00 a.m.

### “8 Questions Jesus Asked” Lunch & Learn

**Wednesdays January 16-March 6**

**12:00-1:00 p.m. in the chapel**

**Led by Rev. Carol Teare & Susan Price**

Bring a lunch and let’s learn about the 8 questions Jesus asked. Some were quite direct and others were asked to redirect. Most all of them seem to have had purpose. Jesus used questions to guide, develop, move, and lead others. Sign up under **Activity #2** to reserve a book needed for this study or call the church office at 319-234-1537.

### YOU ARE INVITED

**Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m.**

### Sunday, Jan. 6 - Epiphany / Holy Communion

Text Matthew 2:1-12

Music by Sanctuary Choir

### Sunday, Jan. 13 - Baptism of the Lord

Text Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Music by Sanctuary Choir

### Sunday, Jan. 20

Text John 2:1-11

Music by Sanctuary & Children’s Choirs

### Sunday, Jan. 27

Text Luke 4:14-21

Music by Band of Light

### ReJOYvenate

**A Wellness Weekend for Ladies**

**January 11-12, 2019**

**The Church on Northland in Cedar Rapids**

Ladies, it’s time to reTREAT yourself and reJOYvenate! Come to a weekend in Cedar Rapids, IA for a time of Bible study, pampering, activities, laughs, worship, and prayer.

We will focus on intensifying your joy by refreshing, clearing, and uplifting our minds, bodies, and spirits. Friday night registration begins at 6:30 pm and includes ice cream! Then on Saturday, you will have opportunities for large and small group activities such as mindfulness, chair massages, yoga, manicures, crocheting, painting, and board games.

Hotel rooms have been secured at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 1130 Park Place NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Ask for rooms under “ABW Wellness Weekend”. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations.

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and register online at [www.thechurchonnorthland.com](http://www.thechurchonnorthland.com) or pick up a registration form in the church office. Registration fee for the weekend is only \$40!

Sign up under **Activity #1** if you’d like to carpool.

Please contribute regularly to the **communion offering** on the first Sunday of each month. The funds received help your Diaconate Team and Pastors Joe and Carol reach out to people in need in our congregation and the community.

### January Birthdays

1/3 - Jade Chandler  
 1/6 - Chad Heideman  
 1/8 - Bobbi Jo Schaffnit  
 1/11 - Larry Nielsen  
 1/13 - Jenna Hendrix  
 1/14 - Jonathan Hoppes  
 1/14 - David Palmer  
 1/15 - Marshal lehl  
 1/15 - Sharon King  
 1/16 - Grace Brandt

### January Birthdays-cont'd

1/17 - Grant Hendrix  
 1/17 - Cecilia Nelson  
 1/24 - Phil Kauten  
 1/26 - Chris Lemper  
 1/27 - Jim Vaux  
 1/31 - Vicki Hembree

### January Anniversaries

1/10 - Susan & Dwayne Price  
 1/31 - Donna & Verner Nelson

### January Calendar

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Sunday Worship at 10:15 am  
 Quilters meet every Tuesday at Noon

- 1 OFFICE CLOSED
- 2 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 6:45 pm
- 5 ABWM Board Meeting, 9:30 am; Project Time, 10:30 am
- 8 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 6:30 pm
- 9 All Wednesday Activities Resume - 5pm Dinner, 5:30-6:45  
 Friends Club, Youth & Mom's Group, 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
- 10 Unity Circle, 7:00 pm
- 11-12 Women's Wellness Weekend in Cedar Rapids
- 14 Team Meetings, 6:15 pm; Administrative Council, 7:30 pm
- 16 "8 Questions Jesus Asked" Study begins, Noon
- 17 Friendly Stars Circle @ Friendship Village, Noon
- 17 Band of Light rehearsal, 6:00 pm
- 21 OFFICE CLOSED
- 24 Band of Light rehearsal, 6:00 pm
- 30 Community Meal, 4:30-6:00 pm *Sign up to help!*

### Financial Report (as of 11/30/18)

Checking/Savings \$53,529.77  
 RBC \$52,355.06  
 Foundation \$56,348.07  
 November Contributions \$24,132.00  
 November Expenses \$14,922.76



### Greeters

Jan. 6 - Joseph Manuele  
 Jan. 13 - Karen Hoppes  
 Jan. 20 - Charlotte White  
 Jan. 27 - Patty & Chuck Stilwill

### Worship Leaders

Jan. 6 - Terri Anderson  
 Jan. 13 - Marcia Street  
 Jan. 20 - Rev. Carol Teare  
 Jan. 27 - Rachel Price

### Fellowship Hosts

Jan. 6 - Christian Education Team  
 Jan. 13 - Diaconate Team B  
 Jan. 20 - Mission Team  
 Jan. 27 - Trustees Team

### THANK YOU...

The FBC Youth wish to thank you for supporting them at Holiday Highlights last month. \$304 was raised for upcoming youth events and activities.

Many thanks for all our musicians for their gift of music this Advent season. Your wonderful dedication and commitment to our music ministry is much appreciated and has prepared our hearts to make room for the Christ child.

### CONGRATULATIONS ...

To Jenna Hendrix who graduated from UNI in December with a teaching degree in Social Sciences.

### CONDOLENCES...

To the family of Ray (Pete) Clark who passed away on December 3, 2018. To the family of Dennis Johnson who passed away on December 15, 2018.

### FBC History

This month in our history we have two anniversaries of our building. The 100 year anniversary of the conception and bidding of our building and the 95 year anniversary of the completion. The reason it took so long was because of money and artistic issues. I found a picture of our church members from 1926...it is taken in front of church. I had it framed and it is sitting in the church hallway. It shows proud people that built and paid for this building. I thank God for these pioneers from 95 and 100 years ago that had the commitment to build such a wonderful building.

-Steve Harty, Church Historian

### First Baptist Staff

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### Sunday:

Sunday School, 9am  
 Worship, 10:15 am

### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
 9:00 am-4:00 pm

### Team Meetings & Administrative Council

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

6:15 p.m. Teams gather in the Chapel  
 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets

*Please make every effort to attend your church leadership team meeting and contact your team chairperson if you are unable to attend.*



### Community Meal

Wednesday, Jan. 30  
 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends, family, & neighbors to our meal.

Sign up to help prepare, serve, and clean up.  
 Salads and desserts are also needed!

### Student Scholarship Applications

The C. E. Team will begin accepting applications for student scholarships for the 2019 fall semester. Student Aid is financial assistance for use at schools and colleges and will be awarded to students who are active at FBC. Application deadline is April 30, 2019. Contact Susan Price for an application.