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The Messenger **April 2019**

Scriptures for Times of Trouble, Fear, or Illness -> God's Peace!

Credit must be given to Rev. Dr. Ruth Hatch for title and content of this month's messenger cover. Ruth wrote a beautiful letter, as she so often does, relating details of life, practical wisdom, and fresh inspiration. I am so grateful for these letters and the encouragement they provide. The following was part of her "Letter to the Pastors." I hope you find it as inspiring and helpful as I have. - Pastor Joe

Isaiah 42:16 "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them!"

*Rev. Dr. Ruth's Commentary: *When we are thrust into situations we don't know how to handle, God guides us! God shows us the way when what we expect seems to be beyond our understanding or ability to cope! God often shows us just one step at a time, but at exactly the time it is needed, rather than the whole picture ahead of time.*

Ephesians 3:20 "Now to HIM who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus..." **Sometimes we don't even know what help we need to ask God for specifically! God's Holy Spirit is able to reach into our hearts and minds to empower us for whatever we need. Thanks be to God!*

Philippians 4:5b-9 "The Lord is near: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus...Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice, and the God of peace will be with you!" **I make a list of people who've coped well and of the beautiful things God has done and particularly of God's help and guidance in previous tough situations and God's answers to prayers in the past. Then I can pray with thanksgiving!*

Philippians 4:13 "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME."

Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need." **Not everything I want!*
(Today's English Version)

Ruth, we are grateful for your perpetual prayers for us and for your encouragement in the Lord. And we agree: Thanks be to God!
- Pastor Joe



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We are a Blue Zones church!

Sunday:
Sunday School - 9:00 am
Worship - 10:15 am

Rev. Joe Greemore
Pastor

Rev. Carol Teare
Pastor

Susan Price
*Office Manager/
Christian Ed. Director*

Don Huff
Lay Minister

Dr. Randall Harlow
Organist/ Accompanist

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

Come Worship With Us

Apr. 7 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Text: John 12:1-8
Pastor Joe and Sanctuary Choir

Apr. 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday
Procession of palms by the children
Pastor Joe with Celebration Choir & Bells of Praise

Apr. 18 - Maundy Thursday
Service of Holy Communion
in the FBC Sanctuary at 6:30pm
Music by Sanctuary Choir

Apr. 19 - Church Row Good Friday Service
Worship at 12pm w/ Community Choir
First United Methodist, 614 Randolph
11:30am procession from Zion ELCA
to First United Methodist Church

Apr. 21 - Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service at 6:20 a.m. held at
RiverLoop Amphitheatre
225 Commercial St., Waterloo
Light refreshments to follow
(In case of inclement weather, service
will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church)

Easter celebration at 10:15 a.m. with
music by the Sanctuary Choir, Bells,
and Trumpet

Apr. 28 - Second Sunday of Easter
Text: John 20:19-31
Pastor Joe & Spring Music Cantata

Please note: We will observe Holy Communion
in April on Maundy Thursday, April 18th at
6:30 pm. We will celebrate our risen Lord's Last
Supper in the sanctuary, then join together on
Sunday, April 21 for a Resurrection Celebration.

Spring Clothing Giveaway

Spring is near, and it's time to clean out your
closets for our annual clothing giveaway to be
held here on **Saturday, April 6th**, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
in the social room.

Please bring donated items such as clothing,
shoes, and bedding to our church by April 3rd.
All donated items will be made available **free** to
the people in the neighborhood and community.
**PLEASE make sure all donations are clean
and in good repair.**

Volunteers are also needed to set up the items in
the social room on Friday, April 5th between 9am
-4pm. Please contact the church office or Wini
Dewey if you can help.



Unity Choir Concert

Saturday, April 6, 3pm

Waterloo West High Auditorium
Free will donation at the door

Songs of peace and unity will fill the auditorium
as our choirs join with the Metropolitan Chorale
and Hoover Middle School Chorus for a free
concert on Saturday, April 6th. Our children's
choir will solo on three songs and our adult choir
will join the mass chorus.

**Rehearsal for adult choir at 10:00 am
**Rehearsal for children's choir at 2:00 pm

Friendly Stars & Unity Circles Meet Together

Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 pm
All women are invited to attend.
We will meet at the church to carpool or walk to
House of Hope for a tour at 7:00 p.m.
Following the tour we'll return to FBC for treats!

April Birthdays

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| 4 - Dustin Schlette | 17 - John Everman |
| 6 - Jim Baldwin | 18 - Donna Schmitz |
| 6 - Lizzie Zondo | 18 - Lily Stanford |
| 7 - Eunice Cook | 19 - Jonene Baugh |
| 10 - Alayna Turner | 23 - Susan Price |
| 11 - Dolores Horn | 24 - Ruth Hatch |
| 11 - Bev McCusker | 24 - Ashley Lemper |
| 12 - Jon lehl | 30 - Fernando Castillo |

April Anniversaries

- 1 - Rex & Jerri lehl
- 4 - Bobbi Jo & Craig Schaffnit
- 8 - Karen & John Hoppes
- 8 - Bev & Larry Moser

Worship Leaders

- Apr. 7 - Susan Price
- Apr. 14 - Carol Teare
- Apr. 21 - Sandee Harmon
- Apr. 28 - Kristin Stanford

Greeters

- Apr. 7 - Jane Nelson & Jean Vaux
- Apr. 14 - Margaret & Phil Kauten
- Apr. 21 - Chuck & Patty Stilwill
- Apr. 28 - Dan & Shanna Bravener Family

Coffee and Fellowship

- Apr. 7 - Christian Education Team
- Apr. 14 - Mission Team
- Apr. 21 - Margaret Kauten & Winnie Riley
- Apr. 28 - Diaconate Team B

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 12th we will welcome Jae Stockton,
newly appointed missionary, who will share about
her service through the Baja Baptist Seminary in
Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. Jae is an
information technologist who will provide technical
assistance to seminary students and church leaders in
the region. We look forward to hearing her story.

Thank you...

FBC, It was so heart warming to receive all the
congratulations and good wishes from our church
family—first our anniversary and then Yeoman's 99th
birthday. Thank you and God bless each of you.
-Erma & Yeoman Cowlshaw

Thank you church family, for your help. Because of
you we were able to fill our request from the Kodiak
Baptist Mission in Alaska! Thanks to Sandee Harmon
for her suggestion and for making the wonderful and
detailed bulletin board.

-Shirley Baldwin, White Cross Chairwoman

Team Meetings

Monday, April 8, 6:15 p.m.

Administrative Council meets at 7:30 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend your C.E.,
Mission, Diaconate, or Trustees meeting.

***Our next meeting is the Leadership Retreat on
Monday, May 13 at 6:15 p.m.***

Community Meal

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends & neighbors to our meal.
Sign up to help prepare, serve, and clean up.
Salads and desserts are also needed!

Financial Report (as of 2/28/19)

Checking/Savings \$70,874.57
RBC \$57,026.95
Foundation \$57,624.68
February Contributions \$16,599.34
February Expenses \$15,640.19

Church Business Meeting

Join us on Sunday, April 28th before worship for a
business meeting to vote on new members to the
Ministry Teams.

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.

March Team Meetings

Christian Education

- * Received and approved two student aid scholarships for Fall of 2019.
- * Children's Choir & Youth will lead Palm Sunday worship service.
- * Shelby will be our Interim Youth Coordinator to finish out the spring semester. We will plan to fill the position in the fall.

Diaconate

- Easter Lily orders will be taken 3/24-4/14 and each plant will be \$12.
- Rescheduled Meet & Eat to Sunday, March 31 at Noon at the Crossroads Perkins Restaurant.
- Look for our Easter ad in the Courier newspaper on April 14.

Missions

- ◇ Discussed finances for the Puerto Rico mission trip.
- ◇ Discussed upcoming garage sale on May 3-4 at the Van Gorder home. This is being co-hosted by the Mission Team & ABWM.
- ◇ Continued plans for AFC offering this month.

Trustees

- ⇒ Unisex bathroom on the lower level will be worked on this month.
- ⇒ Boiler issues during the cold weather has been taken care of.
- ⇒ Mandatory elevator updates will be done this year.

Prairie Pastors Conference 2019

This quad-region consortium, formerly known as the Tri-Region Conference, is made up of people from Mid-ABC, Central Region, Nebraska, and the Dakotas. There is no cost for registration this year. The gathering will be at Sunset Hills Baptist Church in Omaha, NE April 8-10; see Facebook for further details. Please be in prayer for our pastors as they attend this conference and consider how you may be involved in the future.

AmazonSmile

What is AmazonSmile? - It is a simple and automatic way for you to support First Baptist every time you shop, at no cost to you.

How do you shop at AmazonSmile? - Simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer.

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How much of your purchase does Amazon donate?
- The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases.

Please consider this easy way to help support FBC!

Church Row Needs Your Help!

The Veteran Affairs and The Church Row Historic Neighborhood Association are working together to completely remodel a home and make it available to a deserving, caring veteran family at an affordable price. The home is located at 1417 W. 4th St., just down the street from our church. Volunteers are needed to help complete the remodel. Please call Veteran Affairs at 319-291-2512 if you'd like to help.



April 24th is Service Project Day!

The children and youth will participate in a Service Project Day on Wednesday, April 24th. We will have several different service projects which the kids will be able to do such as make homemade playdough for a preschool, assemble care packages for a homeless person, write a thank you to Service Members or Veterans, draw pictures for a shut-in.

Donations are needed for the homeless care packages. If you'd like to bring at least one item from the following list, please give it to Susan Price by April 17. Thank you!

- * Lip balm
- * Deodorant
- * Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- * Sunscreen
- * Band Aids
- * Comb or small Brush
- * Socks
- * Wet Ones Wipes
- * Granola Bars, Crackers or Trail Mix
- * Gum, Mints or Cough Drops
- * Fruit Snacks
- * Gallon-size, zipperlock Baggies

SUMMER CAMPING

The time is here to start thinking about summer church camp! Pick up your registration forms for either Dayton Oaks or Forest Lake on the table near the church office and return it along with your money by April 15th. FBC will pay half of camp registration up to \$100. Scholarships are also available if needed. Contact Susan Price in the office for more information or questions.



AB Women's Ministries

AB Women's Ministries Spring Rally

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am-2:30 pm
* IA East Area at Forest Lake Camp
Speaker: Lori Hill, National ABWM President
Devotion & Prayer Leader: Rev. Cindi White
Registration fee \$10 includes lunch to be paid at the door

* IA West Area at FBC Eagle Grove, IA
Speaker & Bible Study Leader: Rev. Jackie Saxon,
Region Executive Minister
Music by Rev. Carol Teare & Susan Price

Church Garage Sale: May 3 & 4

Held at the Van Gorder residence
Friday 10am-3pm / Saturday 8am-3pm

PLEASE save garage sale items for this Puerto Rico mission trip & AB Women's Ministries fundraiser and price your items before the sale.
Dianne Van Gorder & Karen Hoppes, co-chairs

Church Women United Friendship Day

Friday, May 3 at Our Savior's Lutheran

Spring Celebration

Wed., May 8th, 5:30 pm

ALL women and girls are invited to attend!
Hands-on activities & sharing our year-in-review.
Childcare available upon request.

Mid-AB Women's Event

Saturday, June 1, 9am-3pm

Hosted by FBC Waterloo
All women and AB Girls are invited!

Join us as we host women and girls from our region for a one-day event. Keynote Speaker/Bible Study Leader is Rev. Dr. Cindy Halvorson; Music by Rev. Alva Skiles & Rev. Carol Teare with Lunch, Hands-On Projects, Bible study, and Fellowship!

April 2019

Spring Cantata Sunday, April 28th at 10:15 a.m. “A Symphony of Psalms”

Our Sanctuary Choir along with instrumental friends will sing a service of beloved favorite anthems based on the Psalms.

Mark this morning on your calendar as a day to celebrate spring through singing!



Student Scholarship Applications

The Christian Education Team is currently accepting applications for student scholarships for the 2019 fall semester. Student Aid Fund was established for use at accredited schools and colleges and will be awarded to students who are active at First Baptist Church. Deadline for accepting applications is April 30, 2019. Contact Susan Price for an application.

Beulah Clark/First Baptist Church Scholarship

One of our beloved members, Beulah Clark, passed away in 2017 and named FBC as a beneficiary to establish and administer a scholarship fund. The scholarship is for any member of FBC attending post high school education in the health field. Applications are now being accepted and can be obtained from the church office until April 30, 2019.

Leadership Retreat Monday, May 13, 6:15-8:15 pm

The retreat is for all staff, church officers, new, current & former members of the Christian Education, Diaconate, Mission, and Trustees Ministry Teams. This year's meal will be potluck style; if your last name begins with
A - G please bring a main dish
H - L side dish
M - S dessert
T - Z drink to share

Sisters in the Spirit Movie Night Tuesday, April 30th “Breakthrough” at Crossroads Theatre

ALL FBC “sisters” are invited to see the movie, *Breakthrough* at Crossroads Theatre on Tues., April 30th in the last afternoon. The movie is only \$5! All women and girls of the church are invited.

“Breakthrough” is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds.

RSVP to the church office by April 28th under *Activity #4*.

Exact time of showing TBA.



Black Hawk Children's Theatre presents *Junie B. Jones is NOT a Crook!* Friday, April 26th at 7:00 pm

Come and see Junie B. on opening night and be a part of the Red Carpet Club! There will be free, kid-friendly treats before the show and you can enter your name into a drawing for a bicycle.

We have lots of FREE tickets for this great show! Please let Susan know if you'd like to attend by April 24th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 am Staff 10:30 FV Bible Study 7:30 pm NA	2 Noon Quilters 6pm Masons 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 Hawkeye Cooking Class	3 1:00 ABW Board mtg 4:30 Bells of Praise 5:00 Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	4 6pm NA	5 Clothing Giveaway Set up in Social Room	6 9-10:30 am Clothing Giveaway in Social Room 3pm Choir Concert @ West High
7 Lent #5 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Nominating Comm. meets Noon Church Row Coalition - S. Heart	8 6:15 pm Team Meetings 7:30 Admin. Council 7:30 pm NA	9 Noon Quilters 6:30 Hawkeye Cooking Class	10 4:30 Bells of Praise 5:00 Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	11 6pm NA 7pm Combined Circles Meet to tour House of Hope	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 9:00 S. School 10:15 Worship	15 9:30 am Staff 7:30 pm NA	16 Noon-Quilters Noon Pastors Lunch	17 4:30 Bells of Praise 5:00 Dinner 5:30-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	18 6pm NA 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service	19 11:30 am Cross processional Noon Good Friday service @ FUMC	20
21 Easter 6:20 am Sunrise Service NO Sunday School 10:15 Worship	22 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 pm NA	23 Noon Quilters	24 4:30 Bells of Praise 4:30 Community Meal 5-6:45 Friends Club, Youth Group & Mom's 6:45 Adult Choir	25 6pm NA	26 Iehl/Gruis Wedding Rehearsal 7pm Play for Kids	27 9-3 ABW Spring Rally @ Forest Lake 4pm Iehl/Gruis Wedding
28 9:00 S. School 10am Business Meeting 10:15 Worship with Spring Cantata	29 9:30 am Staff 7:30 pm NA	30 Noon Quilters Sisters of the Spirit Movie Night				