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9:00 am - 1:00 pm

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Stewardship season begins Sunday, November 1st, along with daylight savings and All Saints' Sunday. Our theme this year is *Faithful, Hopeful, Loving* based on the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. A good steward has a faithful, hopeful, and loving heart. Begin to consider how you will support FBC by sharing your time, your God-given talents, and your financial resources. Here are some dates to note:

Sunday, Nov. 1 - Stewardship Kickoff with the 2021 proposed budget made available.

Sunday, Nov. 22 - Commitment Sunday when we have the opportunity to return our 2021 pledges.

Sunday, Dec. 20 - Church business meeting will be held to vote on the proposed 2021 budget.



First Baptist Church
The Messenger
October 2020

Striving to serve our neighbors, community, and world with open hearts and open doors for over 165 years.

CEDAR VALLEY BOOK READ FOCUSES ON ANTI-RACISM

Dear First Baptist Members and Friends,

I am inviting you and everyone in our church to be part of the Cedar Valley book read which begins in October. For the first time, the entire Cedar Valley is invited to read together the current best-seller *How to be an Antiracist* by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi. Currently the Director of the Center for Anti-racist Research at Boston College, Kendi uses personal memoir and research to help both white and people of color navigate our American reality as we seek to become a more mutually understanding and just society.

People will be encouraged to read, be part of a small discussion group, and watch 5 Thursday evening local leaders' panels, moderated by the Rev. Abraham Funchess, Director of the Waterloo Human Rights Commission. The 30-minute panel discussions will be recorded live and then made available on the Cedar Valley Book Read Facebook page.

The Christian Education Team and I have organized two group opportunities that will meet by Zoom:

1. Thursday evening: view panel at 6:30 PM, with group discussion at 7 PM. Facilitator - Carol Teare
2. Thursday morning at 10:30 AM. Facilitator - Leonard Harmon

Please call or email the church office to sign up. The Zoom link will be sent to you before the first session on October 1. You can purchase books through Barnes And Noble, University Book and Supply or on Amazon. There are also copies in the Waterloo and Cedar Falls libraries.

As part of the planning team for this Community Read, I hope you'll see the importance of reading and growing together. We are hopeful that our study will create a common vocabulary to discuss equality and justice. We also hope this effort will change hearts, lives, relationships, and systems for the better.

With hope, faith, and love,
Carol

World Mission Offering

Greetings! A favorite hymn of many Christians is "Amazing Grace." The second part of verse 1 of this famous hymn is the theme of this year's World Mission Offering: **"I once was blind, but now I see,"** based on the story of the healing of a blind man in Bethsaida. (Mark 8:22-26) We are seeing God at work in so many hopeful and encouraging ways through our ABC global servants and global partners. The healing that is sought involves not only the physical, but the spiritual and emotional as well. Our global servants and partners need our help as they seek to improve relationships with indigenous people in foreign countries, improve their personal and living conditions, and help them learn their worth and value in the kingdom of God.

Your participation now more than ever will help global servants and partners rebuild and re-establish ministries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and crisis. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to WMO that could be used to impact the lives of many in need of God around the world today. Your gifts through the World Mission Offering supply the practical support needed by our 125 global servants, 900+ short-term volunteers, 35+ home staff, and 250 international partners.

WMO will be received during the month of October with a goal of \$1,500. Contributions should be labeled **World Mission Offering** on checks or on your envelopes for mailing.

Thank you for your support. The Mission Team

October Birthdays

1 - Connie Drewes	15 - Carolyn Vandeventer
1 - Greg Hoepfner	17 - Shannon Freeland
3 - Elizabeth Brandt	21 - Leonard Harmon
4 - Dwayne Price	24 - Jackson Satterlee
5 - Karder Bravener	24 - Jeff Taylor
10 - David Shafer	27 - Rick Anderson
11 - Sandee Harmon	27 - Ed Murray
12 - Donna Huff	27 - Colin Satterlee
13 - Patty Stilwill	28 - Andrew Nielsen
14 - Bonnie Ishlman	30 - Wanda Hoepfner
14 - Malorie Myers	31 - Dan Bravener

October Anniversaries

11 - Brenda & Ed Murray
20 - Shannon & Brian Freeland

THANK YOU...

On behalf of our congregation, thank you for the financial gift and for the many bags of food, diapers, and other goods for those in our community following the Aug. 10th derecho!
-Pastor Patrick Jackson, The Church on Northland in Cedar Rapids

On behalf of FBC of Marion, I would like to thank you, Rev. Teare and your Mission Team for being so generous in our time of crisis. We will use this money to help revitalize our church.
-Rev. Dr. Dondrea Walker, FBC Marion

Many thanks to those who so generously contributed supplies for the victims of the windstorm in the Cedar Rapids area. Bruce & Debbie Foust and Clare & David Palmer delivered the items to The Church on Northland where they will be distributed to individuals and groups dealing directly with those in need.
-FBC Mission Team

We would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards, notes, and phone calls we got for our anniversary. It was so much fun reading each card. Your thoughtfulness really made our day.
-Jim & Shirley Baldwin

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to Steve & Sue Harty on the passing of Steve's mother on August 22.

Thank you for your support!

Please continue to contribute regularly to support the work of the church, including the **communion offering** each month. When sending in your money, please make a separate check for your regular pledge and don't combine it on one check along with other offerings such as communion, COVID, special mission offerings such as World Mission, etc. If you have any questions about this, contact Gene Van Gorder at 319-234-6970.

Mail your tithes and offerings to First Baptist Church, 434 Baltimore Street, Waterloo, IA 50701.

Financial Report (as of 8/31/2020)

Checking/Savings \$63,378.73
RBC \$53,135.96
Foundation \$67,445.57
August Contributions \$8,611.31
August Expenses \$12,372.42

College Care Packages

The Christian Education Team will be sending out a college care package prior to finals week. If you are a college student or know of someone who is, please contact the church office at waterloofbc@yahoo.com or call 319-234-1537 no later than November 1st.

Region Youth Event (RYE) for middle & high school youth has been cancelled for this year. Abi Agan, youth coordinator is planning upcoming events for our FBC youth to attend. Contact Abi for more information at abigailnagan@gmail.com or 641-891-4645.

Region Biennial & 50th Anniversary!

"Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow"

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Beginning at 10:00 am on Zoom

Rev. Soozie Whitten-Ford, keynote speaker

Registration and Delegate Information can be found at www.mid-abc.org/upcoming-events

ALL Mid-American Baptist Churches and their members are invited to attend this joyous celebration and important meeting.

New & Improved Region Website

Check out the region website and Facebook page for upcoming events and information. Go to www.mid-abc.org for the website and sign up for *BodyBuilder*, a newsletter sent twice a month. Facebook is www.facebook.com/midamericanbaptist.

Virtual ABWM Fall Rally

Saturday, October 17, 10:00-11:30 am

Save the date for the October 17th Combined Fall Rally by Zoom! ALL ladies and young women from our Minnesota and Iowa churches are invited to attend.

National AB Women's Ministries President, Lori Hill is our guest speaker with greetings from Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain, National ABWM Executive Director.

Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes, Global Servant to Iberoamerica & The Caribbean will share her ministry story with us and provide an update.

Please send your email address to Marcia Street at streetmc@cfu.net to sign up for the Zoom Fall Rally.