

# The Messenger

## January 2021

### **A New Bible Study is Coming!**

***Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water,  
And Living the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans**

We will begin another Brown Bag Zoom lunch group led by Pastor Carol on **Wednesday, January 6th** from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Get a copy of Rachel Held Evans' marvelous book and be inspired in your Bible study by her fresh perspective.

Call or email the church office to get signed up. This is a great way to get together, see your friends, and dig into the word of God in the new year.



### **Meet and Greet**

I will be offering a New Year Meet and Greet by Zoom on Wednesday, January 13, at 7:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for you to connect with other church members. I want you to begin to think about a word that you can pick that will inspire you and become your theme word for 2021. We will have a chance during our meeting to share these with each other. A Zoom link to the Meet and Greet will be emailed to you in the morning on January 13. Hope you can join us!

-Leonard Harmon

### **Youth Group News**

Youth group is now virtual! We meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and right after Friends Club. We have really enjoyed seeing each other again, even if it's through a screen!

If you have a student in 6th-12th grade that would like to join, please contact Abigail Agan at 641-891-4645 or email [abigailnagan@gmail.com](mailto:abigailnagan@gmail.com). Our next Zoom meeting will be Wed., January 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

### **Friends Club by Zoom**

For the past several months, our Friends Club kids in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade have been meeting twice a month via Zoom.

We studied scripture that connected us with anti-racism words such as prejudice, stereotypes, empathy, and culture. In November, we read about the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers and learned about the value of gratitude and saying thank you. We played Thanksgiving BINGO too! Advent was our focus for December. We made homemade Advent wreaths and had fun on our last Zoom class of 2020 with a scavenger hunt.

Here are a few dates to note in your new 2021 calendar:  
Wednesday, January 6 from 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 20 from 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 3 from 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 17 from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

### **Silver Linings by Jean Vaux**

I wrote this the other day about this extraordinary year (can I even all it that?) and would like to share it with all of you, with thanks for all of you and the great light you shine:

I personally think there are silver linings all over 2020. We've sat still and thought deep. We've had to become more compassionate for others. We've picked up things we've put off or always wanted to do if we had the time. We're more conscious about our own health. We're getting outside in God's creation. We're saving money. We're appreciating our first responders and teachers for their thankless work. Instead of warming the Pew, we had to find other ways of drawing close to God (can't you see him elated over more personal connection with us?). We're letting others know how important they are to us because no one know if there's another tomorrow to do so. Please feel free to add more silver linings you have seen.



### **2021 Church Directories**

2021 church telephone directories will be available for you to pick up at the church on Mondays, 10am-Noon and Thursdays, 10am-Noon this month.

**Thank you...**

I want to thank the Deacons for the Christmas card and gift card. My family & I really do appreciate your thoughts and prayers. God bless all of you.

-Joan lehl & family

Thank you for all the calls, cards, and prayers when my brother passed away. It was great to hear from you all.

-Shirley Baldwin

Thank you for the poinsettia I got from the church and to Chris for the visit.

-Jim Baldwin

**Condolences to...**

Shirley & Jim Baldwin on the passing of Shirley's brother, Larry Balsley on Dec. 11.

**January Birthdays**

1/3 - Jade Chandler	1/16 - Grace Brandt
1/7 - Cloie Bravener	1/17 - Cecilia Nelson
1/8 - Bobbi Jo Schaffnit	1/24 - Phil Kauten
1/14 - Jonathan Hoppes	1/26 - Chris Lemper
1/14 - David Palmer	1/27 - Jim Vaux
1/15 - Marshal lehl	1/29 - Nolan Faucher
1/15 - Sharon King	1/31 - Vicki Hembree

**January Anniversaries**

1/10 - Susan & Dwayne Price  
1/31 - Donna & Verner Nelson (68 years!)

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[www.firstbaptistwaterloo.org](http://www.firstbaptistwaterloo.org)  
(Worship: Up-Reach tab)



[Facebook.com/First Baptist Church Waterloo, Iowa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchWaterlooIowa)



[YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) FBC Waterloo Iowa channel

Waterloo Mediacom Cable:  
Channel 17 or 79-4  
Wed @ 6pm / Thurs. @ 9am

Cedar Falls Cable:  
Channel 18  
Thurs. @ 9am and 6pm

**Thank you...**

Dear Church Friends,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia and all the cards and calls. It means so much to be remembered. I miss you all.

-Eunice Cook

Diaconate Team,  
Thank you for the Christmas gift. I will use it for Christmas. I will be glad when we are in church again.

-Marlene Bown

Deacons,  
Thank you for the gift card and the poinsettia. The plant definitely lifted my spirits!

-Renea Roster

Dear C.E. Team,  
Thank you so much for the gift card! College is so much easier when I know I have your support!

-Sebastian Price

To the many friends at First Baptist,  
Thank you for thinking of me the past few months. Thanks to Carol for delivering my poinsettia plant to me. I look forward to the message from Leonard, Carol and Susan.

-Bev Moser

Thanks to all who donated 15 snow pants and 20 pairs of boots to the kids at our Partner in Education School, Irving Elementary.

A big "Thank You" to the church for the lovely poinsettia and to all of the thoughtful people who sent cards, and words of encouragement.

-Erma Cowlshaw

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Monday, Wed., & Thursday  
9:00 am-1:00 pm

**Thank you for your support!**

Please continue to contribute regularly to support the work of the church, including the communion offering.

Make out a separate check for your regular offering from the special offerings such as communion, COVID fund, etc.

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

If you do online banking, set up a recurring payment of your offering mailed directly to FBC.

**Financial Report (as of 11/30/20)**

**Checking/Savings \$43,080.66**  
**RBC \$54,670.16**

**Foundation \$69,386.01**

**Nov. Contributions \$19,405.92**

**Nov. Expenses \$15,860.69**