

Worship With Us This Spring!

Sunday, May 2 - Rev. Leonard Harmon / Holy Communion
Sunday, May 9 - Rev. Carol Teare / Baptisms of Max Lange & Jackson Stanford
Sunday, May 16 - Rev. Gary Martin, Associate Region Minister, Mid-ABC
Sunday, May 23 - Rev. Jackie Saxon, Executive Region Minister, Mid-ABC
Sunday, May 30 - Matt Siebert, Dayton Oaks Camp Manager
Sunday, June 6 - Rev. Jon Singer's first Sunday at FBC! Plan on attending worship that morning to welcome Jon & Sara to our church and community.
Sunday, June 13 - Children's Sunday



Striving to serve our neighbors, community, and world with open hearts and open doors for 167 years.



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Watch our online services on the following:

www.firstbaptistwaterloo.org
(Worship: Up-Reach tab)



Facebook.com/First Baptist Church Waterloo, Iowa



YouTube.com FBC Waterloo Iowa channel

10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship
Reservations required by calling or emailing the church office.

First Baptist Staff

Rev. Carol Teare
Co-Interim Minister

Rev. Leonard Harmon
Co-Interim Minister

Susan Price
*Office Manager/
Christian Ed. Director*

Don Huff
Lay Minister

Dr. Randall Harlow
Organist/ Accompanist

Abi Agan
Youth Coordinator

Bishop Barnes
Custodian

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



The Messenger **May 2021 - Happy May!**

Serving With Open Hearts & Open Doors for 167 Years!

This is a historic moment for our church! What is that old saying? "When one door closes another one opens?" With great rejoicing, I give thanks that the door on the devastating global pandemic of 2020-2021 appears to be closing. As the Covid 19 rate lowers and vaccinations are rising, we must remain vigilant in doing our part to keep this trend going, but the leaders of First Baptist are now ready to open our doors again. We will worship together in the sanctuary beginning in May and recordings of the services will continue to be aired on YouTube for those who are unable to be physically present.

At the same time, another door to retirement is opening for Toby and me. I will be retiring from pastoral ministry on May 9th and this page cannot contain the space to thank you enough for the honor and joy of 11 years of being your pastor. If I add in the 22 years previously served as organist & music director, I have been blessed with 33 years of work in a church that I will always call "home". Add the 13 years in other churches I've served and I'm totaling 46 years on the bench, in the loft and the pulpit. It's been a wonderful life and we cherish the relationships we've been privileged to share with you. Toby and I are now ready to move into a new season with great adventures and more time with family.

As I end my role as pastor, I leave with excitement and peace that our Search Committee worked hard to bring an experienced, wise and personable new pastor in Rev. Jon Singer. Please turn to him now and open the door to your heart as you welcome and encourage him and his family the same way you did for ours.

Rev. Singer has been gracious to invite me to consider the possibility of continuing in music leadership in some part-time form in the future and I am delighted to continue that discussion when he arrives. Toby is the Eternal Trustee and has agreed to another term, so we will continue to help when we are needed in a supporting role.

The church's mission statement for many years has been the heading on this page- Serving With Open Hearts and Open Doors. Let's all come back together now and strengthen that mission- flinging our doors open to a world that desperately needs the Gospel and our hearts of compassion and care.

Forever grateful,
Carol

P.S.
See the article inside to prepare for in-person worship. Take note that there will be no recorded service on May 2nd so our amazing Recording Tech can take a well-deserved vacation- his 1st in over a year and a half. Happy Birthday, Fernando!

Names in ***BOLD ITALIC*** were elected on April 18, all others serve in a continuing capacity. ***New Ministry Teams will meet on Monday, May 10 at 6:15 p.m.***

Church Officers & Ministry Teams
2021-2022

Pastor - Rev. Jon Singer

Moderator
Dave Schlette

Church Clerk
Terri Anderson

Finance Team
Steve Harty, Bob Jenkins,
Gene Van Gorder

Church Historian
Steve Harty

Christian Education Team
Expires 2022 - Candi Newman, Anne Lange, Jessica Turner
Expires 2023 - Samantha Satterlee
Expires 2024 - ***Lizzie Zondo, Shanna Bravener, Gwen Ramsey***

Youth Rep. - ***Sophie Lange, Josie Turner***
Youth Coordinator - Abi Agan

Diaconate Team
Expires 2022 - Shirley Jones, Beverly McCusker, Sharon King, Wanda Hoepfner, Jeff McKelvie, Dianne Van Gorder
Expires 2023 - Charlotte White, Chris lehl, Kent Isaacson, Don Huff, Bobbi Jo Schaffnit
Expires 2024 - ***Wini Dewey***

Mission Team
Expires 2022 - Debbie Foust, Karen Hoppes, Keith Dewey, Clare Palmer
Expires 2023 - Susie Walker, Marshall Walker
Expires 2024 - ***Marcia Street***

Trustees Team
Expires 2022 - Robert Jones, Rick Anderson, Gene Van Gorder
Expires 2023 - Dwayne Price, ***Bryce Anderson***
Expires 2024 - ***Toby Teare, Vicki Hembree***

Phase III Guidelines
Returning to In-Person Worship

We will return to in-person worship on Sunday, May 2 at 10:15 a.m.

- ***Reservations*** are needed to attend in-person worship.
- Please indicate the number of guests attending.
- Doors will open for the 10:15 a.m. worship service at 10:00 a.m.
- Masks are required at all times.
- Ushers will be on hand to seat you and ensure social distancing.

Please call the church office at 319-234-1537 or email waterloofbc@yahoo.com for reservations and questions.

There will be NO recorded worship service on Sunday, May 2. Beginning May 9, we will have a recorded service available each week on YouTube which will be released on Sunday evenings in addition to our weekly in-person worship services in the sanctuary.

www.YouTube.com / FBC Waterloo Iowa

Baptisms at FBC!

May 9th will be a special day in worship as we celebrate the baptisms of Max Lange and Jackson Stanford. These young men have been in membership classes preparing of this significant step of faith. Please plan to be present to support and surround them with our love and prayers.



May Birthdays

2 - Robert Jones	19 - Rye Lange
4 - Roxane Runge	20 - Bob Jenkins
5 - Larry Moser	21 - Sheleah White
5 - Verner Nelson, III	22 - Dianne Van Gorder
7 - Shirley Baldwin	23 - Chris lehl
8 - Samantha Satterlee	24 - Patience Zahn
10 - Marshall Walker	26 - Erma Cowlshaw
12 - Maxine Stone	26 - Karen Hoppes
13 - Quinn Anderson	26 - Clare Palmer
16 - Carly Turner	31 - Jayda Haywood

Send a card to Maxine Stone as she celebrates her **97th** birthday to Pavilion 600 Park Lane, Waterloo, IA 50702 and to Erma Cowlshaw as she celebrates her **100th** birthday to 600 Park Lane, #213, Waterloo, IA 50702.

May Anniversaries

19 - Liz & David O'Malley
21 - Kim & John Chandler
31 - Anne & Rye Lange

Friend Club & Youth Event
Wednesday, May 19
Cedar Valley Arboretum
1927 E. Orange Rd., Waterloo
5:30-6:45 p.m.

Friends Club kids and Youth Group are invited to the end-of-the year event at the Arboretum. We'll meet together and explore the beautiful grounds, do some group activities, play in the Children's Garden, find the hidden Gnomes, and have fun! Contact Susan at 319-215-5433 for questions.

Ministry Teams Meeting Schedule

Monday, May 10	6:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 14	6:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, August 9	6:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 13	6:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 11	6:15-7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 8	6:15-7:30 p.m.

NO meetings in July or December

Thank You!

Thank you FBC for the end of the year gift to support my ministry. I was so thrilled to see that come through!
Kristy Engel, Global Consultant for Health

The Easter Lily is beautiful and full of blooms. I also appreciate the phone calls and cards. My church family is great and I appreciate your messages.

Erma Cowlshaw

Condolences to...

The family of Reta Clark who passed away on April 9.

The family of Eunice Cook who passed away on April 15.

Tithes and Offerings

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

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

Mail your tithes and offerings to First Baptist, 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 3/31/2021)

Checking/Savings \$72,810.07
March Contributions \$22,236.70
March Expenses \$8,960.57



One Great Hour of Sharing
Received May 2 through May 30
Goal: \$1,500

One Great Hour of Sharing, nearly 50 years old, continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created. It is a "nationwide united/ecumenical effort by America's Christians and has an importance far beyond the practical goal of fund raising."

The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has remained the same: to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Contributions to OGHS make a difference in the lives of people - those needing help following a disaster of natural or human origin. The needs of people are identified and priorities are set to bring long-term solutions that will improve the quality of life for individuals and communities around the world.

You, too, can help make a difference in the lives of those in need by your prayers and monetary support. The Mission Team has set \$1,500 as our goal for this special offering. Please respond generously during the month of May by writing a separate check to First Baptist Church designated to One Great Hour of Sharing. Your sharing indicates your caring!

Thank you for your support in the past. Let us continue to show Christ's love for others.

Clare Palmer & The Mission Team

FBC Student Scholarship

The Christian Education Team is accepting applications for student scholarships for the 2021 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 May 31, 2021. Contact Susan Price for an application by calling 319-234-1537 or emailing the church office at waterloofbc@yahoo.com.

Beulah Clark/FBC 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 May 31 by calling 319-234-1537 or emailing the church office at waterloofbc@yahoo.com.



AB Women's Ministries Region Event
Saturday, May 1, 2021
10:00-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

IA West ABWM will hold their Spring Event via Zoom on May 1st. Guest speaker is Kristy Engel, Global Consultant; Devotions by Deb Harkness.

To receive the Zoom link, contact Coleen Remick at remickcrr@gmail.com.

Mid-ABC Quilter's Retreat
May 6-8, 2021

1pm Thursday to 4pm Saturday
at the Farmer's Daughters Quilts in Oelwein

All skill levels are welcome. Cost per person is \$135 which includes three days, two nights, and five meals. For more information, contact houserkm@gmail.com or go to www.mid-abc.org and click on Upcoming Events.

Mid-AB Women's Ministries Scholarship

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the region's American Baptist Women's Ministries Scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2021**. Go to www.mid-abc.org, click on MABC Region Connections, click on MABC American Baptist Women to obtain the scholarship application. Forms are also available in the office and can be obtained by emailing waterloofbc@yahoo.com.

Biennial Mission Summit

Register for the ABC-USA Online Mission Summit June 24-26, 2021. You are invited to join for a time of inspiration and fellowship. Go to www.americanbaptists2021.com to register and get information on the great speakers featured as we gather with other American Baptists from all corners of the U.S. and the world.

Women & Girls Gathering
Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.
FBC Social Room

All women and girls of First Baptist are invited to the Spring Gathering in the social room on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. We will remember those who passed away this last year, devotion, and Make & Take cards with Donna Schmitz.

Please sign up for this special event by calling or emailing the church office no later than May 13.

Women's Region Event
Saturday, July 31, 2021

FBC of Greater Des Moines, Johnston, IA
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Theme: **Bringing Us Together**

All women are invited to attend the region event in Johnston on July 31. You will get a chance to hear about the Bethel Mission, AMOS Project, Deborah's House in Mexico, a time of worship, and fellowship with other women from Minnesota and Iowa.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the event concludes at 3:00 p.m. with lunch included. More details and registration costs will be coming soon.

FFF Summer Program is Back!
June 14 to July 9 (closed July 5)

FFF (Friends in Fun and Fellowship) will return this summer! This free summer program for kids in kindergarten to 5th grade will be held June 14 to July 9. We will also partner with the Waterloo Schools as a free breakfast and lunch site this summer. Co-Directors Abi Agan and Susan Price are planning educational and unique activities for the 4-week program. Volunteers will be needed each morning to make this a safe and fun experience for church and neighbor kids.

Breakfast 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. (ages 18 & below)
FFF Program 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (K-5th gr.)
Lunch 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. (ages 18 & below)