

You Are Invited to Worship With Us!

Rev. Jonathan Singer, Pastor

10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship

Sunday, January 2 - Music: Carol & Toby Teare. Worship Leader: Susan Price. Holy Communion.

Sunday, January 9 - Music: Adult Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader: Dave Schlette.

Sunday, January 16 - Music: Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader: Dwayne Price.

Sunday, January 23 - Music: Celebration Children's Choir. Worship Leader: Terri Anderson.

Sunday, January 30 - Music: Band of Light. Worship Leader: Clare Palmer.

Tithes and Offerings

Please continue to contribute regularly to support the work of the church, including the communion offering. Make out a separate check for the regular offering from special offerings such as communion and mission offerings.

Please mail your tithes and offerings to First Baptist, 434 Baltimore St., Waterloo, IA 50701.

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

Financial Report

(as of 11/30/2021)

Checking/Savings \$62,335.79
Nov. Contributions \$15,397.91
Nov. Expenses \$18,604.47
RBC \$68,969.68
Ameriprise \$87,481.10

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday:
9:00 a.m. Connect
10:15 a.m. Worship

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The Messenger - January 2022

STAYING WARM!

It was 73 degrees the other day. It is currently 35. Almost freezing, but not quite. But we all know what's coming. In this after period, after the leaves have fallen, Thanksgiving has passed, and the afterglow of Christmas is banked in the fireplace, it becomes tough plodding. It reminds me of my paper route as a 15 year old. My foster siblings and I split it three ways so it only took about 20 minutes in the morning, but those January mornings were spent traipsing up and down streets and across barren cornfields in -20 degree weather at 5am.

I remember one morning reaching the house on the hill, this was the coldest moment for it was where I would leave the windbreak of homes and cross open plains for what seemed like a cold forever. This morning it was bitter and harsh, -40 with windchill (you know when it is so cold your jacket crinkles) and my eyelashes froze closed. I couldn't see! I remember huddling down, taking off my gloves, thawing my eyelashes out and my vision returned so I could finish the route.

It's January. Spring is still far off, so bank your coals and retain what warmth you can! Remember the joys of Christmas and use this time to keep your souls cozy and warm until you can't. Then be a heat lamp in a cold place! Our church boiler currently decided to go sideways (literally) and take the winter off. So warmth in the offices is sometimes elusive. Blankets and space heaters are being strategically placed, and it reminds me of our need to warm one another up spiritually during these cold spells.

As we navigate the post-holiday cold that extends from our bodies into our souls, make plans to be warm. In a way similar to snowbirds flying south for the winter (or those friends with winter homes that do the same) plan soul-warming activities. The warmth of our fellowship is how our souls stay connected and warm. Look at the events and opportunities in the pages that follow. Engage! Stay Connected! Stay warm! I look forward to seeing you and staying warm together.

With my parka on,
Pastor Jon

Warm Your Heart This Winter and SING!

Celebration Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, January 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir will resume their weekly rehearsals as well on Wed., January 5th at 7 p.m.

Begin the New Year at FBC!

Dinner, Friends Club (ages 4-5th grade), *Youth Group* (grades 6-12), and *Mom's Group* will begin again on Wednesday, January 5th from 5:00 -6:45 p.m.

Sunday Connect at 9am

Connect for all ages begins again on Sunday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Opportunities for Understanding the LGBTQIA+ Community

Six people from FBC formed a task force and met several times since late 2019 to discuss ways our church family can experience new learning opportunities in 2022.

Our goal is to discover and implement ways to grow the church into a place where all are truly included and celebrated; to walk with God and our neighbors in love, acceptance, understanding, and encouraging justice and mercy.

We will achieve this by:

- respecting each other
- providing informational materials
- building on and extending the already deep love within the church
- opening conversations
- reflecting on our own implicit bias
- building on what we hear
- discovering common ground
- instituting ways of being inclusive and accepting of all
- having a clear heart for the teachings of Jesus

Task Force Members: Lizzie Zondo, Rev. Carol Teare, Rev. Jonathan Singer, Patty & Chuck Stilwill, Susan & Dwayne Price. *Wini Dewey was also a member.

Giving Opportunities for White Cross

The AB Women's Ministries board has decided to send money to three projects. The first is the *Human Trafficking Fund* which is used to provide materials to reach out to women and children affected by human trafficking. The second is helping *children living in Panama*. Funds will be used to provide medical treatment, blankets, diapers, milk, school supplies, uniforms, and shoes for children in the School Tutoring Program. Money for the third project will be sent to the *Milwaukee Christian Center* to purchase needed items listed on their website.

We thank the ladies who have given pledges this year and encourage others to still give. In place of our usual February fundraiser, we are asking that you give to the February Communion Offering which will be used for these White Cross projects.

Rainbow Acres Mission Trip

Rainbow Acres, located in Camp Verde, Arizona is a Christian Community that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose. Marcia Street will be joining a team from our region to be of service while at the facility from January 30 to February 5.

Live streaming of worship is available on the [FBC YouTube channel](#). Please subscribe to the channel to get notified when the streaming starts automatically if you watch worship on your smart TV, computer or tablet. We will also be posting **a link to the stream via Facebook** in our FBC Facebook page, **and via email, both by 10:15am**. A link to the recorded service will also be provided Sunday afternoon for those wanting to watch the service later. If you join the stream **after it has started**, simply **rewind the playback** with the play bar (or remote control if using a Smart TV) so you don't miss anything.

January Birthdays

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

January Anniversaries

- 10 - Susan & Dwayne Price
 31 - Donna & Verner Nelson **69 years!**

Team Meetings & Administrative Council
MONDAY, JANUARY 10

- 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, January 26
5:00-6:00 p.m.

The drive-up style Community Meal will be held on Wed., January 26 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the hallway board to help with this important ministry. Volunteers are needed to prepare and package the food, hand out meals in the entryway, and bring bars or cookies for dessert.

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

Winter Weather Policy

If the Waterloo Schools cancel or dismiss early on a Wednesday due to winter weather, then all FBC Wednesday activities will also be cancelled.

Congratulations to Justeen & Jade Chandler on the birth of their son, Briar on 11/16/21. Grandparents are Kim & John Chandler. Also to Chelsea & Adam Faucher on the birth of their son, Cael Ryan on 12/16/21. Grandparents are Terri & Rick Anderson.

THANK YOU

To the children's choir & their families, I want to thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement and gift card given to me following our musical. You are all so wonderful and supportive of our music ministry at FBC!
-Susan Price

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for your kindness and caring during these past few weeks. Your prayers and cards mean more than you'll know...and to Sandee Harmon, an extra thanks for the beautiful cards you've sent. The doctor is pleased with my treatment results so I'm looking at stem cell transplant in February. God is so great, and I continue to believe He has future plans for me. You are a wonderful church family.

-Brenda Murray

Dear CE Team, If there is one lesson I've learned in my long 21 years of living, it's that I can always count on my church family! Thank you for teaching me that lesson (and many others) over the years and for the gift card too!
-Sebastian Price

The youth would like to thank everyone that supported our Holiday Plate fundraiser! We made \$360 overall which is fantastic for the first time trying something new! This was a wonderful opportunity that took the place of our normal Holiday Highlight's dinner due to Covid restrictions.

-Abigail Agan & the FBC Youth

I want to thank the Sanctuary Choir for the generous gift certificates to our favorite restaurants—the Brown Bottle and Hickory House. Toby and I look forward to dinner out soon. It is a joy to direct such a wonderful group of faithful singers. Happy New Year to all.

-Thanks sing-cerely, Carol Teare

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 3, 2022 for the New Year Holiday and on Monday, January 17, 2022 for Dr. Martin Luther King Day.