

You Are Invited to Worship With Us at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday!
Rev. Jonathan Singer, Pastor

All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 6 - Music: Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader: Dwayne Price.
Sunday, Nov. 13 - Music: Sanctuary Choir. Worship Leader: Carol Teare.
Commitment Sunday, Nov. 20 - Music: Celebration Choir. Worship Leader: Terri Anderson.
1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27 - Music: Band of Light. Worship Leader: Anne Lange.

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 9/30/2022)

Checking/Savings \$49,218.98
Sept. Contributions \$12,959.00
Sept. Expenses \$13,793.18
Foundation \$169,330.98

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Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

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The Messenger - November 2022

Good Stewards

Did you ever have a goldfish? I did when I was about 7 or 8. I don't recall the circumstances that ended up with the little bundle of orange being ours, but I do remember Goldy's short life. I remember we had a small fishbowl that we usually used for coupons that became Goldy's home, but we didn't have any blue stones or anything fancy in the bottom of the bowl. I do remember feeding the fish and cleaning his tank.

I also remember thinking how much I appreciated a hot bath and thought Goldy might appreciate that as well. Turns out I was wrong. Fortunately, Mom wondered why Goldy was swimming in such a panicked state. (I just thought he was excited.) He was returned to his normal (cold) water, and all was well. Goldy was the first responsibility I had, and I cared for him and loved him, and was surprised one morning when he was floating rather than swimming. His fish bowl returned to being a holder of coupons. You know, it turns out fish need more than food and water to live. They can survive short term in a bowl or a bag that's changed regularly, but need other things to actually live. Who knew?

Hopefully in the years that have followed I've learned some things about stewardship and caring for others. Stewardship involves discovering, providing, and investing in all we need to thrive in life today and into the future. Oftentimes, especially as we enter our yearly Stewardship Season and approach commitment Sunday (where we all pledge our financials for the next year) we can think stewardship is just about money and helping our church survive financially.

Tom Cruise once yelled, "Show me the money!" into the phone, but stewardship is about more than just \$. It involves our whole life lived before God. It includes our money, but also our time, thoughts, and even our emotions. Have you ever bothered to calculate how much time you have "invested" in your phone or on your favorite TV show? What if we were to pledge some of our time, and our emotional energy towards our community of faith. I've come to believe that our thoughts bring about reality. I'm not talking about wishful thinking, but intentional hopeful thoughts, empowered by faith, and rooted in love. Begin with gratitude for all that we have, and build on it!

I invite you, as we enter into our Stewardship Season to invest your whole selves into our wonderful shared community. We have been gifted something extraordinary in one another and our community of faith. Our community is worth all that we give, and I've found that it gives back exponentially more into all our lives.

Join us on **November 6th** on All Saints Sunday. We will remember all those who have spiritually lifted us up and in grateful remembrance honor them as we enter our Stewardship Season and intentionally consider how God would have us invest ourselves together.

Then, two weeks later, on **November 20th** as we approach Thanksgiving, you are invited to come forward and return your pledge card during Commitment Sunday.

Thank you for being part of and taking care of our church family!

-Pastor Jon

Stewardship Season

Sunday, Nov. 6 - Stewardship Kickoff with the 2023 proposed budget made available.

Sunday, Nov. 20 - Commitment Sunday when we have the opportunity to return our 2023 pledges.

Sunday, Dec. 18 - Church business meeting will be held to vote on the proposed 2023 budget.



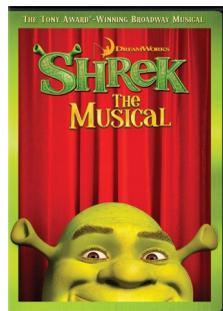
Waterloo Community Playhouse presents Shrek The Musical Nov. 11 - Dec. 4, 2022

“Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...” And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero on a journey with a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess. You won’t want to miss this musical filled with fun for the whole family. You’ll also get to see members of the Lange family in their roles as Mama Ogre, Giny and Baby Bear.

There are 10 performances and tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Visit wcpbhc.org for ticket information.

**If you’d like to go as a group from FBC, we have adult tickets and student tickets reserved for the 2pm matinee on Sunday, November 20.

Contact the church office to purchase a reserved ticket at a 10% discount.



RYE2022

Region Youth Event November 4-6, 2022

The Church on Northland in Cedar Rapids

RYE is the region youth event of the year for students grade 6th-12th. The fun kicks off Friday night and ends on Sunday morning with worship.

Women’s Wellness Retreat November 11 - 12

The Church on Northland in Cedar Rapids

Slow down, look up, give thanks. Ladies, it’s time to reTREAT yourself! Plan on attending a weekend away with other sisters from our region. Use this time to focus on self-care, rest, and thanksgiving before the busyness of the holidays. **Registration forms are on the hallway table.**

Celebration Choir Christmas Musical Sunday, December 4, 2022

Join us for a Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 4th, at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Celebration Children’s Choir will present a musical, *Jesus, Light of the World*, featuring original songs and traditional carols complete with instruments, costumes, and sets.

Following the musical, there will be a luncheon in the social room hosted by the Christian Education Team.

“The Music of Christmas” (Listen With Your Heart)

SING with the choir for Christmas, accompanied by organ, brass, strings, and percussion!

We invite you to become an Associate Choir Member and join the Festival Choir as we prepare our Christmas gift of music to the congregation and community. The First Methodist Church Choir will join us this year and we look forward to filling the sanctuary with the sounds of Christmas.

Rehearsals are 7:00-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday from now until December 7th, with the cantata to be presented at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 11th at First Baptist. ALL ARE WELCOME.

November Birthdays

2 - Sebastian Price	9 - Jerri lehl
4 - Brandon Murray	11 - Jenny Kramer
4 - Bijou Zondo	16 - Gwen Ramsey
5 - Kristin Stanford	19 - John Hoppes
6 - Chelsea Faucher	22 - Fran Lemper
7 - Liz O’Malley	25 - Shanna Bravener
8 - Sue Harty	27 - Judy Thompson

November Anniversaries

22 - Candi & Travis Newman

Team Meetings & Administrative Council Monday, November 14

6:15 p.m. All Team members gather in the Chapel
7:30 p.m. Administrative Council meets

Drive-thru Community Meal Wednesday, Nov. 30, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the hallway board to help with this important ministry. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, package & hand out the food and donate desserts.

Happy Thanksgiving

There will be **NO** Wednesday activities for children, youth, and adult choir on Wed., Nov. 23rd.

**The church office will be closed
on Thursday, November 24th**

SAVE THE DATE!

Mid-ABC Mission Trip to
Rainbow Acres in Arizona
January 29-February 4, 2023
Cost: \$209 + transportation

Visit RainbowAcres.com to learn more
about their ministry.

Contact Jan Grogan (jangrogan@aol.com) for
Mission Trip details.



In Sympathy...

Our sincere condolences go to the following people who have recently lost a loved one.

*Melody Steed

*Bev Moser & family

THANKFUL FOR FOOD

The Diaconate Team is sponsoring a special Thanksgiving food drive in November. One of our outreach ministries is to supply food bags for people in our community and for referrals from Love INC. We would like you to bring items for these food bags, since sometimes items are not available at the NE Iowa Food Bank. There will be a box in the hallway, and the following items are the most needed:

- 5 oz. canned chicken and tuna
- 16 oz. peanut butter
- 15 oz. canned fruit and vegetables
- 17 oz. box mixes (muffins, cake, cookies)



REMINDERS:

If Waterloo Schools dismiss early or are cancelled due to weather conditions on a Wednesday, then Children’s Choir, Friends Club and Youth Group will also be cancelled. Sanctuary Choir will be notified by phone or email if their rehearsal is cancelled.

Don’t forget to contribute regularly to our **communion offering** on the first Sunday of each month. The funds received from that offering help your Diaconate Team and Pastor Jon reach out to people in need from our congregation and community.