

Faith First Community Church

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Focus on Faith



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YOU ARE INVITED
to join us for our
Ladies' Tea with salad and desserts

**Saturday, May 9
NOON**

*This is a FREE event
Bring your family and friends!*

*RSVP to the church office 563-391-5726
by Wednesday, May 6*



Join us for a pancake breakfast
hosted by our very own Troop 828.
Come and meet our newest Scouts,
enjoy pancakes, eggs, bacon, and
more! Free will donation.

Proceeds will be split between
Troop 828 and Faith First
Community Church.

Jarrood Hulme graduates from Montana
State University with a degree in
Biological Sciences on May 8.

Gregory Kress graduated from West
High School in December 2025.



Our Church's Graduates

YOU ARE INVITED TO A



TO BENEFIT

Hope at the BRICK House

DATE: **May 11th**

TIME: **5-8:30 pm**

LOCATION: **Bettendorf 880 Lincoln Rd**

**PIZZA RANCH WILL DONATE 10 %
OF YOUR GUEST CHECK TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION.**

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven;" ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Every summer, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, we change our worship time from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. At the March Board Meeting, we had a discussion about keeping the 10:00 a.m. time all year, instead of switching back and forth.

Change can be difficult, especially when we are used to how things are. But nothing stays the same in life. And sometimes, we need to try something different. A good friend recently reminded me that when we are too used to something, muscle memory takes over, and we stop thinking about what we are doing, and just start going through the motions. Sometimes, we have to stretch our muscle memory by changing things up.

So much of our church life is like this. We come to worship, expect that worship to be done in a certain way, and then go home. But what if this certain way has become a stumbling block for us in our faith journey? What if we need to spice things up? Or change things just a little bit? What if we are being called to something new because God has bigger plans for us?

We understand that not everyone likes the thought of worship at 10:00 a.m. year round, for various reasons. We also know there are some who feel that the 10:30 a.m. time is not their favorite.

Yes, this change will cause other changes to happen. Choir rehearsal will have to change.

During the summer, this isn't an issue, because the full choir isn't singing. But during the rest of the year, the choir will not be able to rehearse like they do now because Susan will be coming from Grace Lutheran Church (where she plays every Sunday before coming to Faith First) just in time to warm them up before worship begins.

Adult Faith Formation classes will probably stay at the 9:00 a.m. start time. But Children's Faith Formation classes will begin at 9:15 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m.

The Board is asking for a trial period of one year. We will then re-evaluate whether the 10:00 a.m. time for worship is working, or we need to rethink the time.

July 1st will be my 14th year anniversary since I was called to this church. Many, many things have changed since I arrived, and you have always rolled with the punches. I know this will be no different. I just ask that you give it a chance. Again, if after the year, it doesn't work, we will go back to what we have always done, or try something else!

Thank you for your patience, your grace, and your willingness to try new things. Our Gracious God is always working through us to make heaven on earth. I am so grateful for you!

Always Peace,
Pastor Heidi



ITALIAN SEASONINGS FOR SALE

Shara Rangel's Italian Seasonings are available for \$5 which will go towards Cookie Walk income.

See Becky Christy to purchase them.

Attic Shop Pricing

Plans are to meet every two weeks to price attic shop items. We would appreciate anyone who can come to help. May dates are May 6 and May 20 and we meet at 9 a.m. – Jan and Becky

Bible Quiz

Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)



Board Notes

Board Meeting
April 12, 2026

1. Demolition, mitigation and drying completed in parsonage kitchen.
2. Mulch put around church.
3. Worship time changes to 10 a.m. on May 24.
4. Share A Meal served 62 in March.
5. Scout Troop 828 pancake breakfast May 3rd.
6. Next board meeting will be June 7th .

Hope at the Brick House

We are scheduled to serve at 3:30 p.m. May 14th.

Share-A-Meal

We are scheduled to serve on May 5th.



Women's Group will meet at the church on May 7th at 6 p.m. We will have a Cinco de Mayo potluck supper.

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

**June Newsletter article deadline is May 17.
June Newsletter will be mailed by May 28.**



May BIRTHDAYS

5	Max Holdt
10	Todd Ozmon
13	Nancy Stamp
16	Carol Spies
17	Nora Daily
18	Anthony Cox
21	Terry Halstead
23	Deb Sullivan

reasurer's Report March 2026

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	MAR	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 6,526.00	\$ 23,054.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 395.00	\$ 1,031.00
DCWM	\$ 144.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 435.00
DOCM	\$ 38.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 332.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 805.00
Total Giving	\$ 7,191.00	\$ 7,416.00	\$ 25,385.00
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 6,921.00	\$ 24,085.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 52.66	\$ 221.22
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 7,510.86	\$ 13,138.77
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 14,484.52	\$ 37,444.99
Pastor Expense	\$ 94,152.00	\$ 10,634.92	\$ 23,470.89
Employee Expense	\$ 16,951.00	\$ 1,438.79	\$ 4,012.60
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 4,586.00	\$ 360.23	\$ 672.95
Office Expense	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 438.56	\$ 1,414.34
Property Expense	\$ 28,680.00	\$ 5,916.60	\$ 10,804.43
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 150,619.00	\$ 18,789.10	\$ 40,375.21
Net General Fund	\$ (143,942.00)	\$ (4,304.58)	\$ (2,930.22)

Submitted by Martha Watters

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



CEDAR TREE — A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.



Summer Camp 2026



Age requirements are for the grade **completed** in the 2025-2026 school year.

Registration Is Open! ↗

Early Bird registration ends May 1!
After that, there is a \$50 late fee.

Our Faith First Family

Linda Cox
Arlene Barclay
Deb Sullivan
Becky Christy
Glenn Perreault
Don Walton
Pastor Heidi
Sid and Ardella Boots
Karen Risler
Rev. Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

Paul Dammeier
Dennis Jacobsen
Hazel Jones
Harriet Meyers
Colleen Skinner
Harry Stroupe

Our Family and Friends

Bill McCoy
Dean Schmidt
Albert Perreault
Fran Frutiger
JR Showens
Lorie House
Judy Cummings
Nilofar Basti
Lylah Stineman
Garrett Paxton
Kylie
Taunia Waters
Terry Showens

Our World Prayers for May

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan,
Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Indian Ocean Islands; Comoros,
Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Iran



The Pentecost Offering on May 17 and May 24 supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision.

This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry.

The Strengthen the Church (STC)

Offering on May 24 reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts.

The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

May 2026

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3 Scout Pancake Breakfast 9 to 10:15 Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	4 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	5 Share-A-Meal 5:15 pm Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	6 Attic Shop 9 a.m.	7 Women's Group 6 p.m. at Church Cinco de Mayo celebration	8	9 Ladies' Tea Noon
10 Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	11 Pizza Ranch Hope at yhe Brick House 6 to 8:30pm Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	12 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	13 	14 Hope at the Brick House 3:30 p.m. DKG 5 p.m.	15	16
17 Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Articles Due	18 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	19 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	20 Attic Shop 9 a.m.	21 Basket Class 5:30 p.m.	22	23 
24 Worship 10:00 a.m.	25 	26 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	27	28 Mail Newsletter	29	30 Fellowship Hall Reserved for Bridal Shower
31 Worship 10:00 a.m.						