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NEWSLETTER

Loving God, Growing Together, Sharing Christ

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CHURCH UPDATES



Thank you for your generosity to God through Marshalltown First United Methodist Church. Your giving continues to make our ministry possible in what is proving to be a challenging season in the church and in the world. This year our giving has been above the last two years and almost back to pre-pandemic levels. This has allowed us to expand our ministry in different ways, including hiring a new Family Ministries Director. We are excited about the new opportunities that God has given us to do His work in the world!

As we look into the new year we are facing a lot of challenges. With rising prices and economic uncertainty, everyone is feeling a strain in their financial situations. Our denominational struggles add to this uncertainty for our congregation. Our leadership is working through a proposed budget for next year and are considering a significant increase in giving to cover the rising costs associated with our ministry.

As we are planning our budget for next year it is very helpful to know the giving intentions of our congregation. Pledge cards are available in worship on Sunday or at the office. Please fill out your pledge card and bring it to our Consecration Sunday Celebration on Sunday, November 13th. We will have a special time in worship to offer our commitments to God and then we will have a dinner after service to celebrate God's generosity in our lives. If you are unable to join us for Worship on Consecration Sunday, please mail or drop off your commitment to the office.



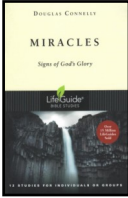
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Faith Circle has some new boxed cards for sale, including some Christmas ones. They will be available in the back of the sanctuary before or after worship on Sunday, November 13, or may be purchased in the church office during office hours. They are \$7 for a box of 12.

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a guest speaker from the Salvation Army. Donna Barton will serve as hostess.


On December 13th, Faith Circle will have a Christmas treats exchange. It will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Members are encouraged to bring 2-3 dozen cookies or candy to trade. Join us for some fun Christmas activities!




SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS are doing a 12 week study, “Miracles/Signs of God’s Glory”, in the Oasis Room at 8:30 am. Co-leaders are Marleta Scritchfield and Danny Barker.



PRESCHOOL




CHILDREN



YOUTH

SPECIAL MUSIC
On November 20, the Sanctuary Singers will be joined by soloist George Wenk. They will be offering up the song, "We Believe" which is based on The Apostles' Creed. Come and worship with us!


A New Idea for Blessing Bags
The last few years, we’ve done Blessing Bags at Christmas, but this year we are trying something a little different. Since so many organizations offer gifts and necessities to families during the holidays, we are going to postpone our Blessing Bag project until Easter. Watch for more information in the future and please be thinking of ways we can help our community. Please let Gina Ruddock or Barb Matya know if you have any questions.




The Sanctuary Singers & band will present their Christmas cantata, "City of Hope" on Sunday, December 11. In this world of uncertainty, this musical is centered on hope.....The Hope of the world found in the coming of Christ. This joyous and moving work combines a masterful blend of carols and beautiful new songs. Please join us as we usher in the Christmas season!

**The Widow’s/Singles Group
Lunch at Mojitos
Sunday November 6th
Right after church.**





**NOVEMBER
COLLECTION**
Toilet Paper



**NOVEMBER
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**CHURCH LIBRARY HAS
NEW SYSTEM**
If you have not used our library in the past you need to take a look. The books have been sorted, culled and arranged by subject. We will no longer use a card system. All books will be checked out on the honor system. Please be mindful of others when you take a book to read, and return it as soon as you are finished. Thank you and enjoy the library!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Holiday Stroll

**Chili, Chili Dogs Supper
Veggie Trays & Bars for Dessert
FREE WILL OFFERING
Proceeds will go to the
Marshalltown Salvation Army**



**Saturday November 19th
4-6:30 pm
1st United Methodist Church
202 West Main St
Marshalltown Iowa**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children & Youth SS 10:00am Worship 6:30pm Movie Night-The Chosen	31 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts	1 8:15am Yoga 10:00am Oasis Study 5:00pm Prayer Group	2 5:45pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3 8:15am Yoga 9:00am MICA Training	4 5:45pm Yoga 9:00am MICA Training	5 INGATHERING
6 Daylight Savings Ends 8:30am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children & Youth SS 10:00am Worship-All Saints 11:15am Widows/Singles Group 2:00pm Messiah Rehearsal & Auditions 6:30pm Movie Night-The Chosen	7 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8 Election Day 8:15am Yoga 10:00am Oasis Study 11:00am JFON 5:00pm Prayer Group	9 5:45pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	10 8:15am Yoga 8:15am Yoga	11 Veterans Day	12
13 8:30am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Children & Youth SS 10:00am Worship-Consecration 11:00am Consecration Dinner 2:00pm Messiah Rehearsal	14 9:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts	15 8:15am Yoga 10:00am Oasis Study 2:00pm Faith Circle 5:00pm Prayer Group	16 5:45pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	17 8:15am Yoga	18	19 4:00pm Chili/Hot Dog Supper-Holiday Stroll
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