



Church Directory

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ACKLEY

Ackley United Methodist Church, 416 Hardin St., David Wagner, pastor. (641) 847-3251. Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11:15 a.m. Fellowship.
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. (641) 847-3188. Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

East Friesland Presbyterian Church, Lynn Arends, pastor. (641) 847-2896. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship; video livestream of the Sunday worship is available online https://www.facebook.com/EFPres. Sunday School to follow.

First Presbyterian Church, Diane Martin, pastor. Sunday- 9 a.m. Services with fellowship to follow, 10 a.m. Sunday School. Women meet the fourth Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Harvest Baptist, Dave Buhman, pastor. (641) 847-1921. Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship; Wednesday- 7 p.m. Service.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (NALC), (641) 847-2276. Sunday- 10 a.m. Worship, Fellowship to follow.

St. John's United Church of Christ, Pastor D.J. Steen, (641) 847-2685. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10 a.m. Sunday School. Livestreaming of services can be found at www.facebook.com/StJohnsAckley

St. Mary Catholic Church, Fr. Kevin Earleywine, pastor. Sunday- 8 a.m. Mass. More information can be found at www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org.

Washington Reformed Church, (641) 847-2817, Pastor Kevin Pulliam, www.wrcackley.org. Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Service. Service will be livestreamed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WashingtonReformedChurch

ALDEN

Alden United Church of Christ, 212 West St., Alden. Rev. Robert A. Miller, Rev. Kerry Oliver, pastors. Church phone 515-859-7259. Facebook and YouTube: Alden United Church of Christ. Email: aldenucc@gmail.com. Weekly schedule: Sunday School for preschool through 4th grade, 9:30 am. Worship 10:30 a.m. with fellowship time following Communion celebrated first Sunday of the month. Wednesday: 1:30 Bible Study; 3:45 - 5 pm TGIF for kids 3rd - 7th grades. Worship service is live-streamed on our YouTube channel, sent out via email and reposted later in the day on Facebook. Midweek meditation including a joke, words of encouragement, and prayer posted Wednesdays on YouTube and our Facebook page.

Alden United Methodist Church, 1512 Harding St. PO Box 67, Jason Ellingson, pastor. (515) 291-4797. Email: jasonellingson24@gmail.com. Sunday- 10 a.m. Worship with Fellowship to follow.

Find more information on church's website, http://www.alden-umc.org or at www.facebook.com/AldenUnitedMethodistChurch. **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, Alden and Buckeye, will offer both continued online services and in-church services. Social distancing rules apply. Services begin at 8 a.m. in Buckeye and 10 a.m. in Alden.

BLAIRSBURG

Missionary Alliance Church, 501 3rd St., Blairsburg, Danny Hodges, senior pastor, (interpreted for deaf). Sunday- 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Cafe is open serving donuts, smoothies & coffee beverages, 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school, 10 a.m. Worship service, Nursery Available for children up to age 2, Kids Church for children 2 yrs. to grade 5; Wednesday- Cafe Open 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Youth and Kids Club for children grades 1-5.

BRADFORD

Morgan/Bradford United Methodist Church, Bradford, pastor Rev. Le Anne Clausen. Office: (515) 852-3394. 569 100 St., P.O. Box 405, Dows, IA 50071; email: deaconjudyr@yahoo.com, home: 115 South Hampshire Place, Mason City, IA 50401. Worship rotates each month on Sunday at 10 a.m. between Morgan-Bradford and Lee Center United. April is Morgan-Bradford.

DOWS

Abundant Life Chapel, 202 Fairview, Dows. (515) 852-4520. Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Lee Center United Methodist Church, 393 Ironwood Ave., Dows. Office: (515) 852-3394. 569 100 St., P.O. Box 405, Dows, IA 50071; email: deaconjudyr@yahoo.com, home: 115 South Hampshire Place, Mason City, IA 50401. Worship rotates each Sunday at 10 a.m.

ELDORA

First Baptist Church, 1307 3rd St., Mark Chapman, pastor. Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Morning Service.

First Congregational UCC, 1209 12th St. Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

St. Mary Catholic Church, Fr. Rod Allers, pastor. Mass rotates between four area parishes. Sunday- 10:30 a.m. Mass. More information can be found at www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1105 Washington, Rev. Aaron Hambleton. Sunday- 8:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Eldora United Methodist Church, 1415 12th St. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship Service; Wednesday- 7 a.m. Bible Study. Masks are optional and are supplied, if wanted, but are not mandatory.

GARDEN CITY

Stavanger Lutheran Church, Garden City. Eric Swenson, pastor. (515) 893-2240. Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service following Covid guidelines; Monday- 7 a.m. Prayer Time; Wednesday- 7 p.m. Bible Study. Video streaming of services remains available.

GENEVA

Geneva United Methodist Church, Brent Hamilton, pastor; Delores Mooty, alternate pastor. (641) 430-6872. Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship. Video livestreams of Sunday worship are available online at https://www.facebook.com/GenevaUMC/.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ, (641) 847-3157 or stpetersiaucc@gmail.com, Facebook St. Peter's UCC Church. Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship; Wednesday- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Book Club.

GIFFORD

United Methodist Church, Ward C. Richards, Jr pastor. Sunday- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Services.

HAMPTON

St. Mary Catholic Church, Fr. Kevin Earleywine, pastor. Sunday- 10:30 a.m. Mass, 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass. More information can be found at www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org.

HUBBARD

Salem United Methodist Church, Hubbard. Sunday- 8:30 a.m. Gifford Worship, 9:30 a.m. Salem Worship, 10 a.m. Owasa Worship; Tuesday- 2 p.m. Owasa Bible Study; Wednesday- 9:30 a.m. Salem Bible Study.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hubbard, Dr. Matthew W. Rueger, pastor. (641) 864-2672. Sunday services following social distancing guidelines. Sunday services are also available on YouTube youtube.com/user/StJohnLCMS.

Zion United Church of Christ, Hubbard, Laura Renault, pastor. Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship with Choir with live and streaming on YouTube, 11 a.m. Fellowship; Wednesday- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, 7 p.m. Choir Practice.

IOWA FALLS

Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA), 2712 Washington Ave., Maureen Howard, pastor. Thursday- 1 p.m. Quilt-Tiers and Quilting; Saturday- 5:30 p.m. Worship Service; Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. Education for All Ages; Wednesdays- 6 p.m. Meal, 6:15 p.m. Worship, 7 p.m. Kids Activities and Confirmation, 8 p.m. Sunday Service on KIFG; Second Wednesday of Month- 7 p.m. Grade 3-6; Fourth Wednesday of Month- 7 p.m. Family Fun Night. All are welcome. More information online at www.bethanyiowafalls.net.

Bethel Baptist Church (GARBC), 1206 Cedar St., Steven A. Hill, pastor. Services will be on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIb6WunLn_Fs_aYo9XMNkxw, and they will be offered in-person at 10:30 a.m., following social distancing rules.

Church of the Open Bible, College & Estes streets, Kurtis Rupe, pastor. First Saturday each month- 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Sunday- 10:15 a.m. Church Service; Monday- 5:30 p.m. Men's Group; Tuesday- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Coffee; Wednesday- 6:30 p.m. Faith Case Kids and Middle School Youth and Adult Group, 7 p.m. High School Youth. Website at www.iowafallsoopenbible.com.

Cottage Community Church, rural Iowa Falls, Kenneth Nason, pastor. Wednesday- 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study; Sunday- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Evangelical Free Church, Box 66, 19939 Highway D20, Iowa Falls, Jeremy Nelson and Nick Dykema, pastors. Office (641)648-3305. Sunday worship service at 10:15am. Find details about other ministries at www.ifree.org.

First Baptist Church, Rocksylvania Avenue & Stevens Street, Dave Schwechel, pastor. Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship. Services online at www.fbciafalls.org.

First Christian Church, Washington & Fischer, T.J. Norman, pastor. Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship and BAM. Listen to the sermon on KIFG 95.3 FM. Or go online at www.firstchristianiowafalls.org and Facebook page. Call office for details.

First Church of God, 113-115 Indiana Ave., Stephen Acheson, pastor. Sunday- 10:30 a.m. Service.

First Congregational United Church of Christ, 520 College Ave. Thursday- 7:30 p.m. Choir; Sunday- 11 a.m. Worship; Wednesday- 6 p.m. Council.

First United Methodist Church, Main & Hickory, Iowa Falls, Erling Shultz, pastor. Saturday- 5:30 p.m. Saturday Nite Alive with Holy Communion; Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Praise and Worship broadcast on Channel 15; Monday- 5:15 p.m. Church Council; Tuesday- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Coffee Attic; Wednesday- 8 a.m. Meal Prep, 5:30 p.m. Meal and Confirmation, 6:15 p.m. Word On Wednesday. There is a link to all sermons under the media

tab on their website www.ifumc.org.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, West Washington & Lee Lane, Paul Beisel, pastor. Sunday- 9:45 a.m. S.S. and B.C., 10:45 a.m.; Tuesday- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Ladies BC; Wednesday- 10 a.m. Book Study, 5:30 p.m. Confirmation and Weekday Classes, 7 p.m. Advent Midweek Service. Sermons on YouTube channel found under the worship tab on their website www.immanueliowanowafalls.org.

The River's Edge, 204 College Ave., Iowa Falls. Sunday- 10:07 a.m. Worship Service; Tuesday- 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery; Wednesday- 6 p.m. Stuck in the Middle, 7:30 p.m. The Edge. For more information visit us at www.rechurch.us or call (641) 648-6017.

St. Mark Catholic Church, Fr. Rod Allers, pastor. Saturday- 5 p.m. Mass; Sunday- 8 a.m. Mass. More information can be found at www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org.

St. Matthew-By-The-Bridge Episcopal Church, 501 Railroad Street. Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, 10 a.m. Family Worship Service.

NEW PROVIDENCE

Honey Creek New Providence Friends Church, Sunday- 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship; Second and Fourth Thursdays- 9 a.m. HOME Group. Sermons on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC--amGHZZ2EWGzlsa9CcFEA.

OWASA

Owasa United Methodist Church, Owasa, Ward Richards Jr., pastor. Sunday- 10 a.m. Service; Tuesday- 1 p.m. Bible Study.

RADCLIFFE

Faith Evangelical Church, Andrew Johnson, pastor; www.faithec.com. Sermon series on the website www.faithec.com. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m. Fellowship, 10:15 a.m. Sunday school for all ages; Tuesday- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Marti Nalean, pastor, 601 Isabella St. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship Service. Scripture lessons and sermons may be emailed or found on the church website and on Facebook https://radcliffeoisc.wixsite.com/lcmc.

St. John's United Methodist Church, 207 Amanda St., (515) 899-2327, Anita Matchie pastor. Sunday- 10:30 Worship Service.

Salem Lutheran Church, Radcliffe, Matthew Nelson, pastor. (515) 899-7980. Thursday- 7 p.m. Bible Study; Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10 a.m. Sunday School; Wednesday- 6 p.m. Confirmation. Sermons available at www.salemchurch-afic.org. St. John's United Methodist Church, Jerry M. Spencer, pastor.

Zion Lutheran Church, Marti Nalean, pastor, 13171 330th St., rural Radcliffe. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship. For more information contact Pastor Nalean at martinalean@gmail.com

STEAMBOAT ROCK

Steamboat Rock Baptist Church, 107 2nd St., Steamboat Rock. (641) 868-2458, Harrison Lippert, pastor. Sunday- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service, 9:35 a.m. Prayer Time, 10 a.m. Contemporary Service and Pathway Classes for all ages, 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service and Children's church. There is a link on church webpage to register. Online video worship will be available via website at 10 a.m. at www.steamboatbaptist.org/watchonline.

First Presbyterian Church, 401 Market Ave. West, Steamboat Rock. (641) 868-2292, Lynn Arends, pastor. Sunday- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship. Video livestreams of the Sunday worship is available online https://www.facebook.com/srpsc1

WELLSBURG

First Christian Reformed Church, Steven J. Mulder, pastor. (641) 869-3305. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship Service. St. John's Lutheran Church, Bruce Zimmerman, pastor. (641) 869-3838. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Bible class.

St. Paul Lutheran Church (ELCA), Lisa Robison, vicar. (641) 869-3992. Sunday- 8:15 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 Worship. Video of worship will also be available on the church's Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/St-Paul-Lutheran-Church-Wellsburg-Iowa-185793831526351/.

United Reformed Church, Joel Worries, pastor. (641) 869-3633. Sunday- 9:30 a.m. Worship, 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship, 7 p.m. Evening worship.

Wellsburg Reformed Church, Steve Mulder, pastor. (641) 869-3316. Sunday- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Online services are available through 1st CRC for those who are uncomfortable attending or who can't attend.

WILLIAMS

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Box 157, 404 Fourth St., Williams, Stephen Meyer, pastor. Thursday- 8:30 a.m. Mass; Sunday- 8 a.m. Mass; Tuesday- 8:30 a.m. Mass. St. Paul's Lutheran, Williams, Jeff Tjelta, pastor. Sunday- 9 a.m. Worship following social distancing guidelines.

Add volunteering to resolution list

On behalf of the entire congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church and myself, we wish you a very happy 2023! May you see and acknowledge God's blessings as God continues to forgive, save, and lead you throughout the year. We embrace this new year with hopeful expectations for good health, joy in family celebrations and gatherings, and prosperity. Oh, the beginning of the year is so bright with possibilities. A new year brings enthusiastic convictions to make positive changes in our lifestyles: exercise more, eat healthy, work less to spend more time with family, and finally tend to our mental health. As we buy gym memberships, join weight loss programs, and see therapists may I suggest you add something new to your 2023 activities. This activity is free, the rewards are life-changing, and the benefits will continue long after you quit going to the gym or return to eating chips. I would like to suggest that you add volunteering to your routine.

Throughout my life I have volunteered in a variety of areas. This past week I volunteered at the Christian Women United Thrift Store (CWUTS). What an operation we have in Iowa Falls! My job was to sort the items that were brought to the store into various categories: clothing (men, women, girls, boys, infants/toddlers), crafts, jewelry, fabric, toys, glassware, books, games, electronics, kitchenware, household decorations to name the categories I remember. As a newbie in this sorting position, I was instructed that the CWUTS does NOT take clothing which is stained, ripped, dirty, has company logos (I don't mean fash-



Guest Column
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ion name brand logos, but clothing which advertises a company), clothing with last names on the back, or out of season clothing. All clothing, that did not meet the standards of the CWUTS, was placed in the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) box for their thrift store. Clothing which is not sold at the DAV is pulverized and used in roadside ground cover as an example. The thousands of articles of clothing, which did meet CWUTS's standards, were placed in designated areas for further sorting or testing to make sure donations are in working order. Before donations are accepted, before you can walk out with your newly found treasures, before the CWUTS Board can give money back to community non-profits, the CWUTS relies on the generosity of volunteers (men and women) to keep the store operating.

What is your passion? What is it that gives you life and joy? We all have a few hours a week/month that we fill with unproductive endeavors. Instead, give those hours to volunteering and you will be rewarded with joy and satisfaction. As 2023 begins, let us become less self-centered and more servant focused.

As Jesus humbled himself and served humanity, let us humble ourselves and serve our neighbors in our communities. May you know blessings beyond measure as you connect your passion with giving of yourself in volunteering. Happy New Year! ■

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- Get a Comprehensive Eye Exam:** It's the best way to know if your eyes are healthy and you're seeing your best. Reading a chart at your physical or at the DOT is NOT an eye exam, see a professional!
- Live a Healthy Lifestyle:** Maintain a healthy weight and eat foods like fish and dark leafy green vegetables to lower your risk of eye disease.
- Know Your Family History:** Genes are a factor in eye disease, including the diseases that are the leading causes of blindness.
- Use Protective Eyewear:** Safety glasses or goggles can protect your eyes at work and at play. Talk to your eye care provider about the right protective eyewear for your sport or job.
- Wear Sunglasses:** Protect your eyes by choosing sunglasses that block out 99 to 100% of both UVA and UVB radiation.

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