



The Voyager



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

January 2024

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Five Island Christian Women present

THE

Joy
FORMULA

Strong Foundation + 5(Mindset) = Joy

Featuring Speaker

Carrie Copley

of

 *Your Life*

Saturday, January 20, 2024 9am-3pm
(Snow date—January 27th)

Family Life Center, 711 Broadway, Emmetsburg, IA

Register today at www.emmetsburgumc.com

Or call 712-298-1137

Cost \$40 includes lunch & all materials

Five Island Christian Women is a ministry of Emmetsburg First UMC

Dear First UMC Family,

Merry Christmas! Yes, it's still Christmas, at least until Epiphany on January 6. I hope that you enjoyed a holiday season connected with friends and family. We were thankful to visit with all our kids in Michigan the week after Christmas.

With the gift of Jesus Christ, God makes all things new—giving us the opportunity to refresh our faith and our discipleship. I'm excited to start 2024 with all of you, renewing our mission and ministry in this community together. Watch for opportunities to connect with our neighbors, to care for one another, and to explore our own discipleship as United Methodists this year.

We'll start the year with a new worship series: **GENEROUS: The Beauty of Giving**.

We get lots of messages about what is important, what the "good life" is, and everything we need to do – and have – to achieve it. Still, so many of us remain unsatisfied, chasing after the next thing in search of fulfillment or just feeling empty. And especially this time of year, we may feel the need to scrimp and save our resources, from time to money to friendship.

But there is good news for us! God desires for us to have lives of contentment, freedom from worry, and joy in abundance. *And Jesus shows us the way there.* As we learn how to find our contentment in God, we will also discover the beauty in giving. Our lives will be evidence that the good life is the generous life – a life through which the grace of God flows into the world.

Join me January 14 for this series exploring generosity from Jesus' perspective.

Praying for each of you in this new year. Looking forward to meeting more of you and joining together in serving the Lord,

Pastor Kolleen

Lent starts February 14
Ash Wednesday



January Worship Stewards

	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25 10 am
Acolytes	Ally Rouse	MaKenna & Maddi Burns	Steve Horseman & Savannah Strohmman	Jameson Fehr Kysen Kogel
Liturgists	Brian Garrels	Michelle Chase	Sarah Frederick	Danielle Ditch
A-V	Anderson Family	Duhn Family	Ditch Family	Hudson Family
Video/	Paxton Duhn			
Offering Counters	Brian Garrels	Jim Hobart	Shayne Kogel	Tony Salas
Communion	Kathy Heng Amy VerMulm			



- ♥ Roger Chism
- ♥ Jackie Donovan
- ♥ Ken Kassel
**Emmetsburg
Care Center**
2405 21st St,
Emmetsburg
- ♥ Darlene Harris
**Emerald Oaks
Assisted Living**
2603 17th St,
Emmetsburg

- ♥ Marjorie Solberg
St Luke's
1301 St Luke's Dr, D9
Spencer IA 50501
- ♥ Virginia Place
- ♥ Shirley Laverenz
**Lakeside Senior
Care**
301 N Lawler St,
Emmetsburg

- ♥ Joyce Muller
- ♥ Helen Merrill #203
PARC Hall
3201 1st St,
Emmetsburg
- ♥ Pat Anderson #103
- ♥ Jan Bare #206
- ♥ Anne Carney #216
Willow Ridge
3203 1st St,
Emmetsburg
- ♥ Missy Hall
(recovering from
heart transplant)



Please send a card or stop by to brighten their day!

If you are, or know, someone who is homebound, please let Pastor Kolleen know.
Also, if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church—the hospital does not call.
Contact the church office at 712.852.2154 or email: emmetsburg-first-umc@iaumc.net

Chapters in Our Life Together

- Birthdays*
- 2 Dayton Strohmman
 - 3 Hudson Herr
 - 6 Ava Salas
Seth Freeman
 - 7 Joyce Miller
 - 8 Janice Bare
 - 10 Carol Simonsen
 - 11 Julie Leners
 - Michelle Kogel

- 12 Craig Kassel
- 13 Judy Duhn
Tony Salas
Heather Strohmman
- 14 Troy Sargent
Linda Hill
- 18 Karen Sargent
Logan Gonzales
Cade Shirk
- 19 Marjorie Solberg

- Tami Culver
- 22 Robert Frederick
- 23 Anne Carney
- 25 Martha Wells
- 27 Bill Bramley
- 28 Paxton Duhn, Parker &
Jamison Hokinson, Paxton
Hamell, Cenek Hoch



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First UMC, Emmetsburg, Iowa

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 3pm Coffee Time 5pm 5 Island Team 6pm JAM Team	4 1pm Horizons* 7:30pm AA	5	6 Epiphany
7 9am Adult SS 10am Worship & Holy Communion 6pm Boy Scouts	8 12pm Card Club* 1pm Horizons* Just For Kix	9 12pm Card Club* 1:30 Bible Study	10 3pm Coffee 5:30pm JAM* 7:15pm Finance 8pm Council	11 1pm Horizons* 7:30pm AA*	12	13 12pm Private Party*
14 9am Adult SS 10am Worship 6pm Boy Scouts	15 12pm Card Club* 1pm Horizons* Just For Kix Martin Luther King Day	16 12pm Card Club* 1:30 Bible Study	17 3pm Coffee 1:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm JAM*	18 1pm Horizons* 7:30pm AA*	19	20 Women's Conference 9am-3pm *
21 9am Adult SS 10am Worship & Brunch 6pm Boy Scouts	22 12pm Card Club* 1pm Horizons* Just For Kix	23 12pm Card Club* 1:30 Bible Study	24 3pm Coffee 5:30 pm JAM*	25 1pm Horizons* 7:30pm AA*	26	27
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Endowment Scholarship & Grant Applications

- ◆ All United Methodist students planning to attend/attending college are eligible to apply for Memorial Scholarships.
- ◆ First UMC Ministries are eligible to apply for Endowment Grants.

Applications will be available January 10 and are due March 1.

Confirmation 2024

This year we have 6 students in Confirmation class, which is meeting Wednesday afternoons on school early-out days. Classes will be a combination of Bible study, theology, mission, membership.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As members of First UMC, you promised to support these students at their baptism—now is your opportunity!

We need a second adult to join Pastor Kolleen at each session in

order to follow standard safety policies AND to provide an example of discipleship for these students.

This is an easy way to serve Jesus—just be yourself one Wednesday at a time! No preparation necessary.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider giving one or two afternoons this spring to raising up our beloved children of God.

Questions?

Talk to Pastor Kolleen



Empowering First UMC Ministry

Giving Report (December) 2024

Monthly Offerings	\$19,153.34
JAM & Kitchen	\$110.00
Rent Income	\$175.00
FLC Rental	\$100.00

Your generous and consistent giving makes a difference. *Thank you* for your faithful support of First UMC Ministries

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

You can give to your church

- ◆ In person
- ◆ By mail
- ◆ Online at vancopayments.com or emmetsburgumc.com
- ◆ Mobile phone: Vanco App
- ◆ Venmo App - @Eburg-UMC Code 2508
- ◆ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

FLC Mortgage Update

Thanks to your special offerings this year, our FLC mortgage balance is \$7,638.00. We should be able pay it off in 2024!



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Join us for

JAM (Jesus & Me)

Wednesdays, 5:30-7ish pm



- ◆ 5:30 - Small Groups (Adults in FLC, Children Upstairs, Middle School FLC Kitchen)
- ◆ 6:15 pm - Supper Served
- ◆ 6:50 pm - Casual Worship

This is YOUR opportunity to invite & welcome
someone who seeks to know Jesus

EVERYONE is Welcome!