

The Link: Connected in Christ

October 2025



Our Mission: “Bring People to Christ”

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Church Service Times

**Sunday Sanctuary
Worship 9:30 AM,
In-person worship**

**Saturday Chapel
Worship 5:00 PM
In-person worship**

**Sunday Children's
Church 10 AM**

**Live Worship
Streamed Online
Sunday 9:30 AM via
YouTube and KNIA**

**Radio Worship
Worship with us via
the radio at 1320 AM,
95.3 FM or 94.3 FM at
9:30 AM on Sundays**



Greetings in God's grace!

Now, the fields are ready and waiting for the harvest. At this time of year, we get to think about what we sowed and harvested in our lives. Nature is straightforward; it offers only what we sowed. That is what God made for us, too.

This is an excellent lesson for all of us: We must plant what we want to harvest. This is the same as the golden rule that Jesus mentioned. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

We will have what we passed out to others.

A Community is Coming Together at the Dinner Table

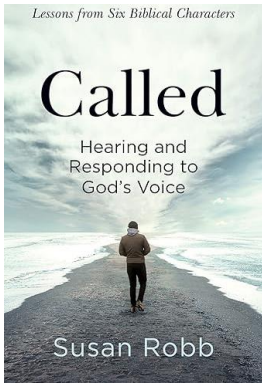
We hold community meals on the first and last Wednesdays of each month. This place is open to everyone, regardless of wealth. About 100 people attend each time, and most of them come regularly. We greet each other with smiles and make them feel welcome. Our guests start to get to know one another and continue welcoming each other.

We just started having some greeters at the door. They welcome all our guests, help them get food, and find their seats. I am glad we have more people to help our guests.

Now, many people know that we serve meals with love and care. We need more volunteers to cook, serve, and clean up to keep this wonderful ministry going. Let others know about this ministry and that we need help. Many organizations are eager to serve the community. Please share this message and tell others about this wonderful ministry.

Upcoming Sermon Series

I hope we can learn about God's calling in general through the figures in the Bible and have time to consider our own calling from God and how to respond to it. (Pastor Jae)



"Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice" by Susan Robb for 6 weeks

1. Father Abraham
2. Here I Am (Sammuel)
3. A Time Such as This (Esther)
4. A Most Reluctant Prophet (Jonah)
5. I Have Seen the Lord! (Mary Magdalen)
6. Leaning it (Beloved Disciples)

Thank you to all who helped with Rally Day



CHURCH EVENTS

Knoxville Methodist Church's 180th Anniversary Celebration



HAM BALL FALL HARVEST DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

*Bid on amazing items while
enjoying a
delicious meal!*

Delicious Food

Ham balls, cheesy potatoes,
green beans, homemade pies
& more all for FREE WILL
OFFERING from 5:00PM-
7:00PM!

Silent Auction

Bid on a variety of great items
from 3:30PM-6:30PM! For a
silent auction preview go to
<https://www.facebook.com/knoxvillemethodistchurch/>

Fundraising Activities

All proceeds support
Montgomery Street Preschool
and for Fellowship United
Neighbors local community
projects.

4PM-7PM

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OCTOBER

**KNOXVILLE
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

313 E MONTGOMERY ST
KNOXVILLE, IA 50138



**10/11/2025 (VIEWING & BIDDING 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM)
KNOXVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW LIST (MORE ITEMS TO BE ADDED!)**

**HANDCRAFTED &
CUSTOM ITEMS**

- Antique Desk from Belknap Estate
- Baby Quilt
- Coaches Vs Cancer Knoxville Panthers Quilt
- Crystal Basket Vase
- Gourmet Home Cooked Meal for Four People
- Hand Blown Glass Pink Vase
- Handcrafted Greeting Cards
- Hand Stitched Greeting Cards
- ISU/UI/UNI Canvas
- ISU/UI/UNI Ceramic Tiles
- Jewelry
- Lap Quilt
- Local Artist 3 x 3 ft Canvas Painting
- Scarves
- Wall Art
- Wooden Carved Custom Calendar
- Wooden Carved Custom Cribbage Semi-truck & Playing Set
- Wooden Custom Crosses
- Wooden Handmade Custom Clocks, Music Box, Jewelry Box, Cutting Board, Cheese Slicers

LOCAL GIFT CERTIFICATES

- Animal Health Center
- Bushel and A Peck
- Coffee Connection
- DeYarman
- Downtown Diner
- Fast Freddy's Pizza
- J&C Indoor Play Center
- Kline's Quick Time Car Wash
- Knoxville Raceway
- Knoxville Therapeutics
- Mane Attractions
- Raceway Tire & Exhaust
- Red Rock Towing
- Ricky Bobby's Haircuts
- Smash & Grab Burger
- Subway

SPECIALTY GIFT BASKETS

- Baby Items
- Dan's Plumbing and Heating
- Dog Bed and Accessories
- Fall Accessories
- Home Canned Goods (peaches, jam, tomatoes, peanut brittle)
- Jam and Tea
- Hormel
- Knoxville Therapeutics
- Mane Attractions
- Pickleball
- Pine Knolls Golf Club
- Pumpkin Bread
- Shear Designs
- Subway
- Sweet Red Farm

HOUSEHOLD

- Bedding
- Christie Vilsack Tea Cup and Saucer
- Crepe Maker/Griddle
- Cranberry Butter Dish
- Drinking Cups/Tumblers
- Oral B Electric Toothbrush

CLOTHING & APPAREL

- Bags
- Footwear
- Knoxville Panther Hoodie
- Stanley Baseball Caps

313 E MONTGOMERY STREET, KNOXVILLE, IA 50138, LOWER LEVEL

PATHFINDERS FALL 2025

Begins Wednesday October 15th

3:30-5pm

All Kids grades 3-5 are invited to join!

Transportation available from
Northstar Elementary.

FUN! Team Building
Music Games
Crafts Snacks
Service Project
Bible Lesson

To Register
Contact

Lauren Petersen
lpetersen@kfumc.com
515-201-1082



CHILDRENS

Christmas Play

Performance

December 7th 9:30am
During Sunday Service

Rehearsals

Sunday's from 8:45-9:15am
Beginning October 26th

All children are welcome.

Sign-up Today:

Contact Lauren Petersen at lpetersen@kfumc.com



Knoxville
FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Knoxville First United Methodist Church's
2nd Annual

Trunk *or* Treat

October 28

5:30-7pm



Music - Games - Candy

313 E Montgomery St, Knoxville, Iowa

www.kfumc.com

VOLUNTEER/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Knoxville First United
Methodist Church

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Host A Trunk

Sign-up sheets in the lobby or email Lauren
at lpetersen@kfumc.com

Tuesday, October 28th
5:30pm - 7pm

FREE
CANDY!



KFUMC Meals on Wheels Delivery Volunteers Needed

Join us in delivering nutritious meals and bringing a little joy to those in need through the Meals on Wheels program! We need KFUMC volunteers to deliver meals from Monday, November 10, 2025, to Thursday, November 13, 2025. Each day, there are 4 routes to fill. If you're interested in helping out on any of these routes, please reply to this email or sign up in the Narthex. Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a rewarding way to make a quick, meaningful difference. It's open to everyone, making it perfect for families and individuals of all ages. Sign up today to help bring nourishment and independence to your neighbors!

All meals will be ready for pickup between 10:30 and 10:40 a.m. in the alley behind the police station. If you're volunteering on multiple days, signing up for the same route will make the process easier.

<u>DATE & ROUTE</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>CELL NUMBER</u>
Monday, November 10, 2025			
Route 1	Cheryl Tucker		<u>(641) 891-0808</u>
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			
Tuesday, November 11, 2025			
Route 1	Cheryl Tucker		<u>(641) 891-0808</u>
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			
Wednesday, November 12, 2025			
Route 1	Cheryl Tucker		<u>(641) 891-0808</u>
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			
Thursday, November 13, 2025			
Route 1	Cheryl Tucker		<u>(641) 891-0808</u>
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

We have had a great kick-off to our fall programs and look forward to starting pathfinders and our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat this month. If you have any questions, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Living Way Youth Group

Youth group is for students in grades 6th through 12th. Youth from any school or church are welcome and encouraged to join us. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 5-7pm.

Save the Dates:

- Youth Group

- o October 5th, 5-7pm, dog walking at Marion County Park

- o October 19th, 5-7pm, Pumpkin carving/decorating

Children's Church

Children's Church is our version of Sunday School designed for kids in preschool through early elementary. All kids are welcome to attend, and we encourage older children to come down and help! Children will sit through the first part of worship in the sanctuary, then will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Message in big church. They will have about 30-35 minutes of learning about bible stories through fun games, songs, crafts, and more!

Pathfinders

Pathfinders is designed for kids in grades 3-5. They enjoy a 6-week session in the fall and spring where they will learn about bible stories and lessons through games, crafts, activities, and service projects. Email Lauren if you have a 3rd through 5th grader interested in joining Pathfinders this year!

Fall 2025 Pathfinders Schedule

Time: 3:30-5pm

Dates: October 15th, 22nd, 29th, Nov 5th, 12th, 19th

2nd Annual KFUMC Trunk or Treat

October 28th, 5:30-7pm

We are excited to bring back our trunk or treat again this year. If you are interested in hosting a trunk, please email Lauren by October 15th. We are looking for 10+ trunks. If there is bad weather, we will move the event inside to Fellowship Hall.

Children's Christmas Play

December 7th, 9:30am

Rehearsals 8:45-9:15am Oct 26th, Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd + dress rehearsal December 5th or 6th

What do Jesus and superheroes have in common? Find out at our annual Children's Christmas Play this year! All kids and youth are welcome to participate. If you have a child who would like to be a part of the play, please email Lauren at lpetersen@kfumc.com. Both speaking and non-speaking parts are available.

Fall Save the Dates

3rd Grade Bible Sunday –Oct. 12th

Trunk or Treat – October 28th, 5:30-7pm

Children's Christmas Play –play December 7th, practices begin October 26th

Blessings,
Lauren Petersen

PRESCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Pickleball and Pumpkins was a huge success!!

Thank you to all of our sponsors that helped make this event possible. Also thank you to our church and preschool families for filling donations and volunteer slots to make the event run smoothly. It was a great event and we hope to hold it again next fall.





A big thank you to our Pickleball and Pumpkins Sponsors for a great event and for supporting Montgomery Street Preschool:

Bright Futures Sponsors (\$500+): Jipe Pearson, Edward Jones – Adam Norris, Jim & Susan Hicks, United Methodist Church Congregation

Playmaker Partners (\$250 - \$499): Dan's Plumbing, McKay Group, Kevin Wadle, CPA, Cairn Yoga & Wellness



Classroom Connections Partner (\$100 - \$249): First Presbyterian Church, FUN Group, Creative Landscaping, Croghan & Russell CPA, Eye Health Solutions, Fast Freddy's Pizza, Hy-Vee Knoxville, Iowa Realty, Knoxville Hospital & Clinics, Lori Pearson, Dave & Peggy Johnson, Casa Grande, Dan D Farms, Ramaeker Screen Printing, Dairy Queen – Knoxville, Chris & Sue Agan, Knoxville Fareway

Our Church Bell's History



I have gathered the following dates and information from Iva Roorda's notes and other historical documents in our church library.

Our bell story begins when Iowa had been a state for only twelve years. We were without a bell until on a cold winter day, Jan 5, 1858, retired Methodist pastor David Boydston, arrived in Burlington with a team of horses, to load up and return with our new church bell. It was financed by the Methodist ladies Sewing Circle. Within a month, it was mounted on a post north of the church, right in the middle of where the alley is now. The alley at that time was only a small narrow path. At this time, we were meeting in the 2nd of 3 Knoxville Methodist churches to be built. The construction of the second church cost

about \$6000.

In March 1858, twenty percent of Knoxville's population were Methodists, with a population of around 2000, and our church membership was at 400,

On Sept 4, 1861, Mr. Tom Jackson was directing a boys and girls' choir on the main level of the church when Captain Christofel rang our church bell continuously. Some of the children knew that the bell ringing was a signal to assemble the Knoxville Home Guard, on the southeast corner of the square. Iowa Governor Sam Kirkwood had sent word that Hannibal and St. Joe, MO had been taken by the Confederate rebels. The Union Forces had been driven into Iowa, with 2 small towns burned to the ground, and Union men shot and killed. Thirteen days later, on Saturday, Sept 17, 1861, Captain Christofel led the assembled Knoxville Home Guard toward Allensville, MO.

On Sept 26, 1865, the Iowa Methodist Conference held its state-wide meeting in Knoxville under the leadership of Bishop Ames. What an exciting time!

In 1872, Mr. John Roller was our official Bell ringer, who rang the church bell after funerals until the funeral procession reached the cemetery. John and his wife Mary lived in a tiny brick house just west of our church. Mary was a tidy housekeeper who spoke no English, only German. When there was a death, John rang the bell once if it was a man, and twice if it was a woman. He also rang the bell once for year of the deceased age.

It is interesting to note that some public school classes were held in the church's lower level, with children responding to come to school with the bell ringing.

Two names that many of us will recognize include, in the 2nd church building, Mr. Albert Brobst, from Brobst Street, was the choir leader and Alice Bellemy played the organ.

Our current church was formerly dedicated by Bishop Bowman on April 12, 1896 debt free, with the bell placed in it's current location. We don't have any news clippings about the placement of the bell in the steeple, but it had to have been a spectacular sight. Remember that the courthouse was also under construction at the same time.

Sept 12, 1896, the 53rd Iowa Annual Conference again held their state-wide meetings in this church.

Our church bell has rung for many Knoxville High School graduations and baccalaureates that have been held in this church.

The day WWII was declared over, our bell was rung continuously. Knoxville's citizens spontaneously poured into the sanctuary with prayers of thanksgiving that the war had ended.

In most recent memories, John Scott rang the bell 15 minutes before our worship service began. For 167 years, our church bell has played an important role in the development and the activities of our church and of the Knoxville community.

It has been both fun and very interesting gathering this information, and I hope that you enjoyed it.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Brent

October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	1 PM Neighbor Helping	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	9 AM UWF Exec Meeting	9 AM Almost Free Shop	7 AM Iowa Conference Uni
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	2 PM Almost Free Shop	11:15 AM Staff Meeting	1 PM Neighbor Helping	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	5 PM Chapel Worship Sr
9:30 AM Worship Service	5 PM Beginners Adult P	12:30 PM Lay Speaker Pl	5 PM Free Meal (Cookin)	7:30 PM NA Meeting	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
10 AM Education Room	5 PM Girl Scouts	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor	6:30 PM Chancel Choir Prac			
10 AM Children's Church			7 PM Confirmation			
11 AM Chapel Reserved						
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)						
7:30 PM NA Meeting						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday/For	7:30 AM Monday Mornin	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	9 AM Rachel Circle	9 AM Prep For Fall Harv	5 PM Fall Harvest Dinne
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	1 PM Neighbor Helping	11:15 AM Staff Meeting	1 PM Neighbor Helping	5 PM Silent Auction Wor	9 AM Almost Free Shop	5 PM Chapel Worship Sr
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	2 PM Almost Free Shop	6 PM Soccer Club Mtg	6:30 PM Contemporary M	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	
9:30 AM Worship Service	5 PM Beginners Adult P	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor		6 PM Worship Team Mei	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
10 AM Education Room	5 PM Girl Scouts			7:30 PM NA Meeting		
10 AM Children's Church						
11 AM Chapel Reserved						
1 PM Sorority Meeting						
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3rd Grade Bible Presenta	7:30 AM Monday Mornin	9 AM Almost Free Shop	12 PM WINGS	11 AM Adult Bible Study	9 AM Almost Free Shop	Distribute Commitment Ca
8:30 AM Adult Bible S	11:15 AM Staff Meeting	1 PM "Called" Book Sr	1 PM Neighbor Helping	5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	12 PM Alcoholics Anony	5 PM Chapel Worship Sr
9 AM Holy Donut Hol	1 PM Neighbor Helping	5 PM Garden Club	3:30 PM Pathfinders	7 PM Rebecca Circle	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	6 PM Confirmation Wars
9:30 AM Contemporary	2 PM Almost Free Shop	5:30 PM Soccer Board M		7:30 PM NA Meeting		
10 AM Education Room	5 PM Beginners Adult P	6:30 PM "Called" Book				
10 AM Children's Church	5 PM Girl Scouts	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor				
11 AM Chapel Reserved	5:30 PM Finance/Endow					
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	6:30 PM E.U.N. Meeting					
7:30 PM NA Meeting						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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9 AM Holy Donut Hol	1 PM Neighbor Helping	4 PM PEO Meeting	3:30 PM Pathfinders	7:30 PM NA Meeting	6 PM Narcotics Anonym	
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10 AM Education Room	5 PM Beginners Adult P	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor				
10 AM Children's Church	5 PM Girl Scouts					
11 AM Chapel Reserved	5:15 PM Memorial Commit					
4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P)	6:30 PM SPRC					
5 PM Youth Group						
7:30 PM NA Meeting						
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
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10 AM Education Room	5 PM Girl Scouts					
10 AM Children's Church	6 PM Trustees					
11 AM Chapel Reserved						
2 PM Charge Conference						