

The Link: Connected in Christ

September 2026



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**

Peace be with you all!



The hot, steamy summer has finally passed us by, and all the major summer events, including VBS, Day Camps, Country/State Fairs, and Nationals, have ended. The school year has begun, and the kids are back in school. Yes, time flies.

There is a rhythm, or we can call it a cycle. There is a time to relax, and a time to be busy with lots of work to do. Then there is time to plan and time to do the work we planned. So, now is the time again to move forward and accomplish what we have planned. As we start a new season, I want to remind all of us of God's

guidance with us. We do not want to forget what God does in our daily lives. God's guidance is always with us. It is invisible, but it is with us. Trust in God, who is always trustworthy and faithful to us. May God bless you with an abundance of his love and mercy in this new season.

Rally Sunday (September 13, 2026) We Build Together!



As we go back to our ordinary season, church kicks off Kids and Youth Group and small group Bible studies. So, we're celebrating with a Rally Sunday on **September 13**. This year's theme is "**We Build Together!**" As a body of Christ, we build together; we build the church together, we build the community together, and we build the family together. As Christians, we are called to build together and help each other. So, I invite you and your family to come together for a worship service with other church members and friends. We will have fellowship after the service over brunch.

Big Thanks for a laptop

I announced one Sunday in August that a lady was looking for a tablet for her online GED classes. One of our church members told me right after the service that she would bring one. This is not just a donation of an electronic device. It is giving her hope. The lady shared a little of her life with me: she married too young, and her life got out of control and went too far. It would be a great gift for her, who is willing to rebuild her life. I cannot share who she is, but I would like to ask for your prayers for her so that she can get the GED and have a better life. What she received is not just a laptop but hope for her life. Thank you again for your generous heart.

As a faith community, we are called by God to do the ministry Jesus did on earth. As I mentioned last Sunday of August, we are the ambassadors of Christ in your family, in your workplace, in your community, and beyond.

Blessings,
Pastor Jaeseong Lee

August Month-End Financial Update

August General Budget: **\$28,595**
August General Giving: **\$39,536**
August General Expenses: **\$28,951**

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

www.kfumc.com/calendar

313 E. Montgomery Street, Knoxville, IA 50138

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641-842-3712

Wednesday, 09/02 @ 5:00-6:30 PM

Free Community Meal with Pop-up Pantry

Location: Lower Level Menu: Mac N Cheese, Goulash, Veggies, Roll & Drinks

Thursday, 09/03 @ 6:00 PM

United Women in Faith General Meeting Speakers: Ruth & Dwight

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)

Saturday, 09/12 @ 9:00 AM-1:45 PM

Community Quilt Show Free Admission Quilt Check-in: 9-10 AM

Location: Sanctuary

Quilt Viewing: 10AM-1PM

Sunday, 09/13 @ 9:30 Worship Service & 10:30 Brunch

Rally Day contemporary worship service in the Sanctuary, with special music by Kaurie Kincaid along with special activities for all ages during worship, followed by brunch in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, 09/20

New Sermon Series Begins - Jesus is Lord, Children's Church Resumes, Youth Group Kick-Off Party, Sign Up for Pathfinders by October 5th

Sunday, 09/27 @ 9:00-9:30AM & 10:30-10:45 AM

Advance tickets for sale for the Fall Harvest Hamball Dinner at discount prices before and after church on 09/27 and 10/04 in Narthex.

Wednesday, 09/30 @ 5:00-6:30 PM

Free Community Meal

Location: Lower Level Menu: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Lettuce, Cookie & Drinks

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Fall Harvest Ham Ball Dinner – Save the Date

Saturday, October 10th

5:00-7:00PM

Menu: Ham Balls, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Homemade Pie & Drinks

CHURCH EVENTS



**FREE
COMMUNITY
MEAL!**

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2,
2026**

5:00PM-6:30PM

NO COST. NO SIGN-UP. JUST SHOW UP!

**313 E MONTGOMERY STREET
KNOXVILLE, IA
(LOWER LEVEL)**



- Mac N Cheese
- Goulash
- Vegetable
- Roll
- Drink

Fuel your fall with good food and great company. Spread the word!

EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME!



United Women In Faith General Meeting

United Women in Faith (UWF) will hold their General Meeting on **Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall (lower level). The evening will begin with a light supper, followed by a presentation from **Dwight and Ruth Johnston**, who will share information about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and its important mission. If you are not a member of UWF, you are still invited to attend. We welcome everyone to join us for this informative and inspiring evening. We hope to see you there!



The poster is for the "AMERICA 250! COMMUNITY QUILT SHOW". It features a white background with decorative elements including blue and red stars and swirling lines in the corners. The title "AMERICA 250! COMMUNITY QUILT SHOW" is prominently displayed in red and blue. Below the title, the date "SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12" is in a red box. The location "KNOXVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" and address "313 E MONTGOMERY STREET, KNOXVILLE, IA" are listed. It is presented by "THE HENRY KNOX CHAPTER, NSDAR". A list of activities includes quilt check-in, judging, viewing quilts, a program on the role of quilts in the American Revolution, and award announcements. A "COME JOIN US" section lists benefits like viewing quilts, learning history, voting, and free admission. Contact information and a QR code for registration are at the bottom.

AMERICA 250!
COMMUNITY QUILT SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

KNOXVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
313 E MONTGOMERY STREET, KNOXVILLE, IA
PRESENTED BY THE HENRY KNOX CHAPTER, NSDAR

- 9:00-10:00 AM-QUILT CHECK-IN
- 10:00 AM-JUDGING BEGINS
- 10:00 AM-1:00 PM-ALL ARE WELCOME TO VIEW QUILTS
- 1:00-1:30 PM PROGRAM: THE ROLE QUILTS PLAYED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- 1:45 PM AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

COME JOIN US

- VIEW BEAUTIFUL QUILTS
- LEARN REVOLUTIONARY WAR HISTORY
- VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE
- FREE ADMISSION - EVERYONE WELCOME

AMERICA 250!
Dedicated to the American Revolution

QUESTIONS: CALL/TEXT ANNA 641-820-0694
EMAIL: AHUMESTONEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

SCAN FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION



Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 13



Join us for a special morning of worship, fellowship, and celebration as we kick off a new season together.

Worship Service

 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Featuring:

- Contemporary Worship Service
- Special Music by Kaurie Kincaid
- Special Activities for All Ages

Brunch

 10:30 AM Fellowship Hall (Lower Level) - following worship

Enjoy great food and fellowship with friends, family, neighbors, and members of our church community.

Whether you're new to our church, returning after some time away, or have been worshipping with us for years, we invite you to join us.

Everyone Is Welcome!

 313 E. Montgomery, Knoxville 

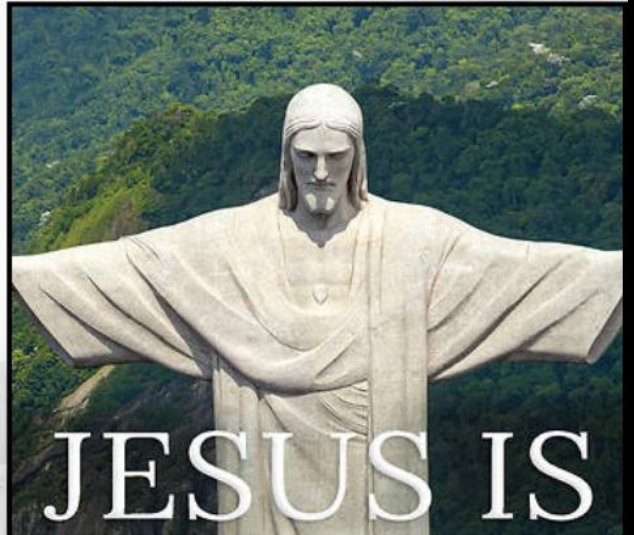
NEW SERMON SERIES & BOOK STUDY

JESUS IS LORD!

Join us for Jesus Is Lord, our new 6-week sermon series beginning Sunday, September 20!

Explore how putting Christ at the center of your life can bring new purpose, strengthen relationships, and reshape priorities.

We invite you to grow with us as we learn what it means to declare and live out the truth that **Jesus Is Lord.**



JESUS IS LORD

LIVING in the LORDSHIP of CHRIST

TOM BERLIN

Sermon Series Begins Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026 @ 9:30AM

📖 Small Groups begin Tuesday, Sept 22, 2026, at 1:00 PM

✍️ Sign up in the narthex

📚 Pre-order your study book today. Orders must be placed by Tuesday, September 8.

Cost: \$15 per book. ✍️ Order in the narthex

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Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one*

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

When:



Tuesdays



1:00 PM - 2:00 PM



13-Week Series

Where:

Knoxville First United Methodist Church
313 E. Montgomery St., Knoxville, IA - Lower Level

Facilitator: Pastor Brent Hanna

\$ Cost: \$20 Supply Fee

REGISTER TODAY!

Email: first@kfumc.org **or Call:** 641-842-3712

Wednesday,
September 30, 2026
5:00-6:30 PM

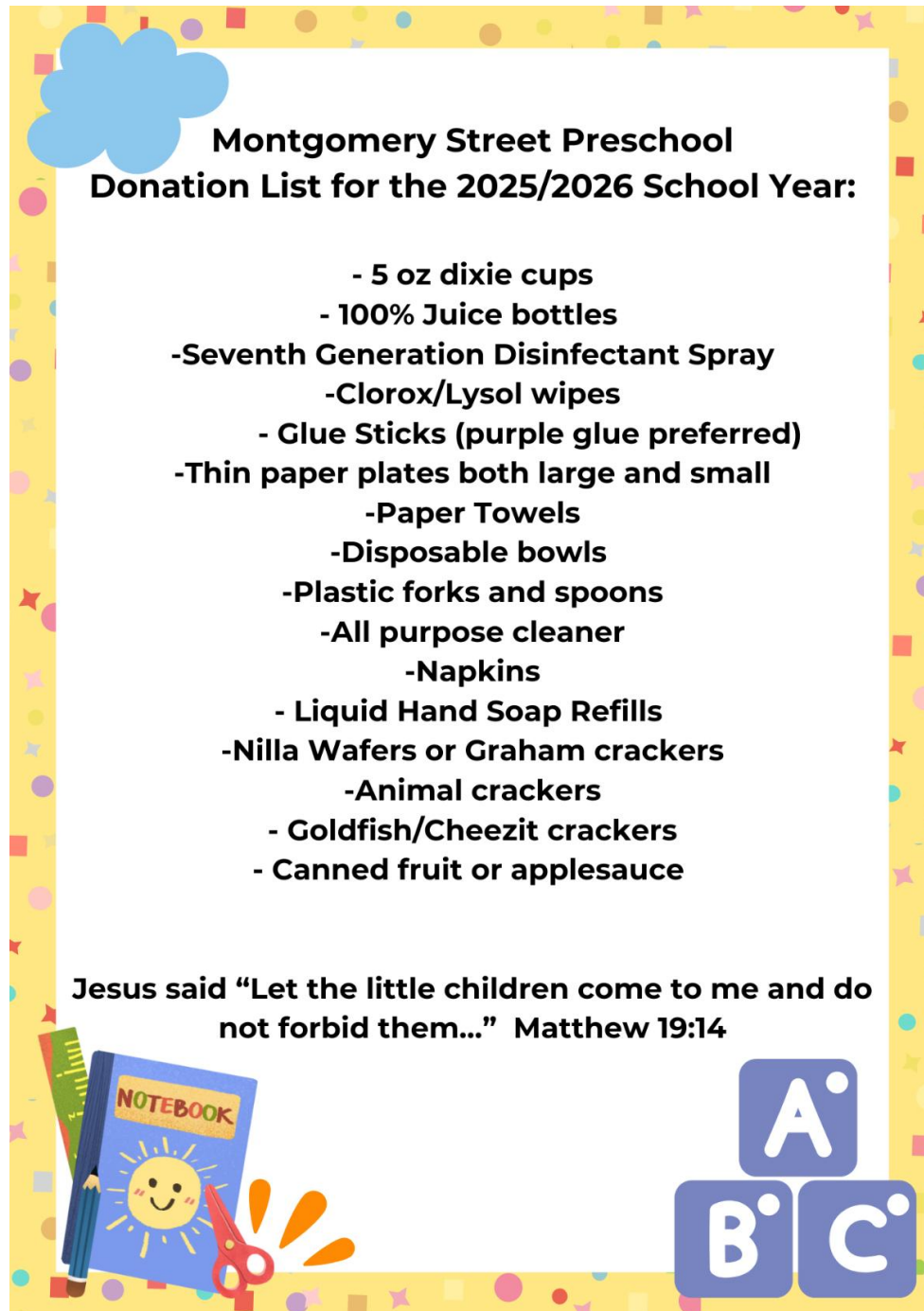


313 E. Montgomery St.
Lower Level

FREE
COMMUNITY
MEAL
SPAGHETTI,
GARLIC BREAD,
LETTUCE SALAD,
COOKIE &
DRINK!

VOLUNTEER/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

As we kick off the 2026/2027 school year, the preschool could use some items to help get the year started off. If you would like to donate items, please drop them in the office or at the preschool. Thank you to our Church Family for supporting the preschool!



Blessing Box Needs

Clothing & Toys:

- As you are cleaning your closets, if you find clothing of any size or children's toys that are not of good enough quality to sell at the Almost Free Shop but are still in usable condition, we would love to put them in our Blessing Boxes. Your donations can help meet a need and bless someone in our community.

Food items:

- Kids' Snacks
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

UPDATES!

THANK YOU

What a surprise! Thanks to all of you who attended my birthday party! Thank you for the cards, notes and greetings. I am grateful for your help in celebrating a milestone birthday. Mary Hanna

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Fall is finally here and we are ready to kick-off our programs once again. We are excited to see all the kids and families and hear all about their summer adventures! We will begin our programming year with our Rally Sunday Event on September 13th. See below for further details on all of our fall programs! If you have any questions, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Do you have an idea for an event or ministry that you would like to see here at KFUMC? Share your ideas and thoughts with Lauren! We are always looking for new ways to serve our church and community. Events we have done in the past include Free Movie at the Grand Theater, Family Game Night, Trunk or Treat, and Bingo to name a few. Let us know if you like these events or if you have an idea for something new! Email Lauren at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Children's Church

Children's Church is our version of Sunday School designed for kids in preschool through 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!

Children's Church will begin on September 20th!

Living Way Youth

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. This year we are looking forward to continuing to grow in our faith, diving deeper into scripture, serving our community, and raising money for 2027 trips and events!

Save the Dates:

- Youth Group Kick-Off Pizza Party
 - September 20th, 5pm
- Youth Group Schedule
 - October 4th, 5-7pm
 - October 18th, 5-7pm
 - November 1st, 5-7pm
 - November 15th, 5-7pm
 - November 25th – Pie Baking 10am – 2pm

Pathfinders

Pathfinders is designed for kids in grades 3-5. They enjoy a 7-week session in the fall and spring where they will learn about bible stories and lessons through games, crafts, activities, and service projects. Jane and I are so excited to see the kids back mid-October. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader interested in joining Pathfinders, please RSVP to Lauren by October 5th via email or calling the church.

Pathfinders Fall Schedule

Tuesdays, 3:30-5pm

Transportation available from Northstar Elementary

Dates: October 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.

Fall Events Save the Dates

3rd Grade Bible Sunday – Oct. 25th, 9:30am

Trunk or Treat – October 29th, 5:30-6:30pm

Children's Christmas Play – December 13th at 9:30am, practices begin November 1st, Sundays before worship.

Blessings,
Lauren

Nothing Is Possible Without Jesus



Understand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them. I assure you, until heaven and earth disappear, even the smallest detail of God's law will remain until its purpose is achieved. So if you break the smallest commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be great in the kingdom of Heaven. But, I warn you—unless you obey God better than the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, do, you can't enter the Kingdom of Heaven at all.

--Matthew 5:17-20

In this message, Jesus seemingly set the bar impossibly high for us. Just why would Jesus tell us that we have to do the impossible? Well, without Jesus, entering the Kingdom of Heaven, of course, is impossible. The point is that attaining eternal life is impossible for us to do on our own. We can't go it alone. I ask forgiveness for the days that I think that I can go it alone. God sent his Son, to Bethlehem, and then Jesus taught us how to live under God's direction. Ultimately, Jesus willingly died upon the cross, to do for us what we are unable to do for ourselves. Therefore, like the former television program and the movie, mission: impossible. If it were possible to do on our own, then God wouldn't have sacrificed his Son, Jesus Christ, to achieve what we could have done alone, on our own. God's plan of Salvation, through our believing in Jesus, changes the mission from impossible to possible. Salvation is the ultimate gift from God, to be able to live with our Creator into eternity. It is up to us individually to accept this free gift and make God's eternal gift complete.

This September please note some special programs, including Rally Sunday on Sept 13, a special evening on Sept 3 with Dwight and Ruth Johnson sharing about St. Jude Children's Hospital, and our two free community meals on Sept 2 and 30. We continue to share the message of God's plan of salvation in our worship, and through our missions here at First UMC. May God bless each of our activities and may we continue to reach out and bring people to Christ.

Thanks to those who could make it to Mary's surprise birthday party! She appreciated your kind wishes, cards, and prayers. God bless you, and see you Sunday!

----Pastor Brent

CALENDAR

September 2026

KFUMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 30 8:30 AM ☞ Adult Bible S☞ 9 AM ☞ Holy Donut Hol☞ 9:30 AM Worship Service☞ 10 AM Education Room ☞ 11 AM Chapel Reserved ☞ 4 PM Pickleball (Petec, P☞ 7:30 PM ☞ NA Meeting ☞	31 7:30 AM Monday Mornin☞ 10 AM Staff Meeting ☞ 2 PM Almost Free Shop ☞ 5 PM Beginners Adult P☞ 5 PM Girl Scouts ☞	Sep 1 9 AM Almost Free Shop ☞ 9 AM ☞ Chair Yoga Exer☞ 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor☞	2 12 PM WINGS ☞ 4:30 PM MSPS Meet the Te☞ 5 PM Free Meal (Cookin)☞ 6:30 PM Chancel Choir ☞	3 5 PM Pickleball (Petec, P☞ 5 PM ☞ UWF Executive R☞ 6 PM ☞ UWF General M ☞ 7:30 PM NA Meeting ☞	4 HEATHER OFF 9 AM Almost Free Shop ☞ 9 AM ☞ Chair Yoga Exer☞ 12 PM Alcoholics Anony☞ 6 PM Narcotics Anonym☞	5 8:30 AM ☞ Yoga on the La☞ 5 PM Chapel Worship Sr☞
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