

# Weekly Announcements

## BAGS OF BLESSINGS THIS WEEKEND

The bags will be distributed following services. Attached to each bag will be a list of items to be donated to Center of Hope for Thanksgiving baskets. Please bring your items the next two weeks after and place on table across from the church office.

## RECEPTION-THIS SATURDAY

Immediately following worship we will have a brief reception. Nothing too fancy or formal, just a chance to grab a snack and visit for a minute before heading out. Catch up with an old friend or meet a new one. Or both. The reception will be in the Narthex.  
You are invited.

## CHURCH POTLUCK-THIS SUNDAY

Enjoy a good meal with some good people in a casual atmosphere. We will be having a church pot-luck in the lounge. Come after the 11:00 worship, after Sunday School or come back just for this. Stay for a leisurely conversation or eat and run. We hope you can join us and get to know members of your church community better.

## WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

November 18  
Join Pastor Kathy for worship at Westminster Village.  
3:30pm at Martin Health Care  
4:15pm at Independent Living  
All are welcome.

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## CELEBRATION OF BABIES AND CHILDREN

**November 11, 9:30 & 11am**

Recognizing families who have added babies and children by birth or adoption in this last year. It is such a blessing when our church family continues to grow.

If your family has grown and you haven't heard from Rev. Kim Burke, please contact her at [kburke@normalfirst.org](mailto:kburke@normalfirst.org).

## BISHOP BEARD TO HOST MEETINGS

Bishop Frank J. Beard has announced he will host meetings throughout the IGRC discussing the three plans which have been offered as plans for A Way Forward with regard to the issues of human sexuality and unity.

Nov. 17—Chatsworth UMC, 10-12 p.m.

Nov. 18—Peoria UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.

**Some church members will be attending the meeting on Nov. 17 & 18. If you are interested in carpooling, please contact the church office.**

## CARE NOTES

A new support resource, Care Notes, can be found on display across from the library. Care Notes are wellness oriented booklets that address real life spiritual, emotional, and psychological needs. These booklets written for teens and adults offer strength, hope, and healing in a concise, easy-to-read manner. A sample of topics for support includes depression, stress, grief, caregivers, self-esteem, peer pressure, and bullying. Take one and take heart. Give one and give hope.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 5:15-5:45 Meal for all, Fellowship Hall  
\$3/child; \$5/adult; \$15/family max
- 5:30-7:00 Youth Bible study, Room 302 (YL)
- 5:45-6:45 Children's Music & Lesson  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
Childcare available  
Future Faith Book Study, Lounge  
Parenting/Phases Small Group, Room 53  
Women's Small Group, **Room 103**  
Early Men's Small Group-Room 303
- 7pm Chancel Choir  
Men's Small Group, Room 303
- 9pm ISU Merge-FH

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We are grateful for the wonderful response to our Stewardship Campaign. Please accept a sincere thank you to all of those that have turned in an estimate of giving card for 2019. If you have not yet turned in a card, we hope you are able to do that soon. Cards can be found in the pews, and they can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. A returned estimate of giving card assists the church greatly in preparing a church budget for 2019. Thank you again for all your financial support.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

### ***"THE GOOD NEWS HOUR"***

Dec. 2, 11am

Kindergarten through 5th graders will engage through a "newsroom" retelling of the Christmas story.

Dress rehearsals will be Wed., **Nov. 28**, 5:45-6:45pm and Sat., **Dec 1**, 9-11am.

## A NIGHT FOR PARENTS

November 17, 4:30-7pm

Parents, drop your children ages 2-5th grader off for a few hours. We will feed the kids pizza, have games, crafts, cookie decorating and just lots of fun!! RSVP to Jill at [jmcniff@normalfirst.org](mailto:jmcniff@normalfirst.org) by November 12.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL-NOV. 22

### **SHARE A THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Thursday, November 22

Social Time – 12:30pm in the Church Lounge

Buffet Meal – 1pm in the Fellowship Hall

Turkey and gravy will be provided.

You are invited to bring a dish to share.

Sign up at the Welcome Center

October 27 – November 11.

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 25, 4-6pm

Help prepare our Church for the Christmas season.

A Barbecue Pork supper is planned. If you are able to bring a side dish, that is appreciated.

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are able to help.

## CENTER FOR HOPE

The Center for Hope is in need of drivers on Tuesdays and Thursdays for pick-up of food donations and deliveries to homebound clients. Please consider donating an occasional hour or two to help this worthy cause. If you are able to help, please contact Pat Turner at 309-808-3742 or [foodpantry@cfhministries.org](mailto:foodpantry@cfhministries.org).