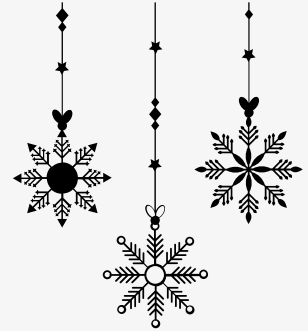
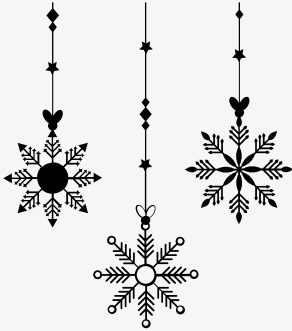


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"You are welcome here!"



THIS SUNDAY:

January 25, 2026

10:30 AM - Worship Service

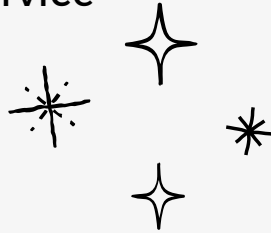
Scripture Text:

Nehemiah 6:1-16

Sermon:

Finishing the Work

Click [Here](#) to watch last Sunday's service



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 25

12:00pm - Lunch and Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

5:30pm - Bells Practice

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - The Gathering

7:30pm - Choir Practice

January 18 Sermon Recap:

As the wall begins to rise in Nehemiah 4, resistance grows. Mockery turns into threat, and discouragement begins to wear down the people from within. Nehemiah calls them to remember the Lord, stay focused, and keep building together. The work continues because faith and action are held side by side.

Reflection Question:

What is one place where discouragement is pulling your focus, and how might God be inviting you to keep building anyway?



A Great Big Pantry Thank You!

Thank you for supporting our neighbors and making a difference by bringing food for the pantry. Keep up the great work.

Here are some ideas for foods to bring: tuna, chicken, peanut butter, rice, beans, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, snacks, canned soups/fruits/vegetables, meals (pop-top cans preferred), sealed/unopened drink mixes, etc.

And a special thank you to last month's pantry delivery team of Craig and Karen Jensen!

Visits Welcome

Bonnie Bessman warmly invites anyone to come enjoy a lovely visit at the Martin Suites on 10th St in CF! She really misses being able to make it to church, but mobility is restraining her at this point. Bonnie's phone number is (319) 575-5334.

Giving Statements

End-of-year giving statements were mailed out last week.

Church Directories

Michelle will begin working on the 2026 Member Directory at the beginning of next month. Please let her know of any corrections to your family information or if you would like to send in a new picture (office@fccwaterloo.org or 319-233-9448)

2026 Envelopes

There are a few boxes of 2026 offering envelopes left at the "Donation Station" across from the elevator in the foyer.



Snow or Inclement Weather Policy

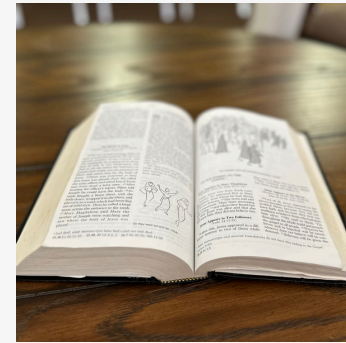
During the winter months, not only heavy snow but also icy or extreme cold conditions can cause a Sunday Worship Service cancellation. If weather conditions seem questionable, check our Facebook page or watch the announcements on kwwl.com.



The Gathering

Join us on Wednesday nights as we dive into the stories of the Bible and share meaningful fellowship together!

To make these evenings extra special, we're asking for volunteers to bring food each week. Whether it's a main dish, side, or dessert your contribution will make a difference! You can click [Here](#) or sign up at the information wall to bring food. Thank you in advance!



Saturday, January 24, 2026 / 3pm - 5pm
ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries
2422 College St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613

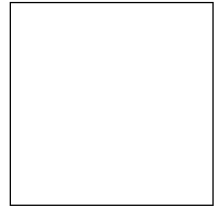
Come learn more about our vision to empower people of faith and spirituality to take bold action for a just, healthy, and sustainable future for all. We'll share exciting updates on what we're doing, what we've accomplished, and where we're headed.

Enjoy light refreshments, good conversation, and the opportunity to support our growing movement at ThreeHouse! Your support helps us nurture environmental leadership, advocate for climate justice, and build strong interfaith partnerships across Iowa. This is a free event, but donations are warmly encouraged to sustain and grow our impact. Stay tuned as we will also have a silent auction that includes environmental and climate friendly experiences in the Cedar Valley as well.

Parking is limited at ThreeHouse so valet parking will be available to those who need it. We can't wait to see you there!

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The Annual Meeting will be held this Sunday, January 25th following the worship service. Lunch is provided! The board of Spiritual Growth and Programs is providing fried and grilled fish, sloppy Joe's, baked beans, side salads, fruit, dessert and drinks after service on the 25th, just prior to the meeting. Please plan to join us!

** You may pick up a copy of the 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Proposed Budget in the Crossroads.*