



First United Methodist Church

Faith & Fellowship Newsletter

July-August 2026



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers offer compassionate, confidential care for people walking through difficult seasons, including job loss, grief, cancer, divorce, or depression. If you would like to be trained to listen, care, and offer steady support, a Stephen Ministry class is offered this fall. Contact Vauri Henri at 402-371-7449 or Melva Kube at 402-371-8469.



Mission/Evangelism Team

The team has been assisting with **Everybody Eats** by donating food and helping serve on Tuesday evenings.

We plan is to assemble 60 Health Kits by early October for **Project Homeless Connect**. We already have some of the items, but we still need:

- Band-Aids
- Washcloths
- Toothpaste, 4.3 oz.

In August we will place a collection tote in the Welcome Center for your donations.

Sorting and packing clothing at the **Orphan Grain Train** has become a time of fellowship as well as a service for that organization, which helps so many people in our city, our country, and abroad. Upcoming sorting dates are July 24 and 31, and August 21 and 28, at 1:00 PM. We meet at the Orphan Grain Train, 601 W. Philip Avenue.



On June 15, we volunteered at **Mercy Meals**. Thank you to our church members and friends at Westridge. We packed 7,922 meals!



The Snowball Mountain Challenge is finally here!

Each night begins with a free meal for the entire family. Then it's time for an unforgettable adventure with science, games, storytime, music, and more! Our Challengers are gearing up for snowy surprises and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Then, the kids are guided by our Activities Director and the lovable Ollie the Arctic Seal.

Challengers aren't just singing and playing games; they're drawing strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV). Come join in the mountaintop experience filled with laughter, life lessons, and lasting faith.

Sensory Kits

We are grateful for a "Tiny Experiments with Kids in Worship" grant from the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, which made it possible for us to create sensory kits for children and families.

These kits include calming tools designed to support children who may become overstimulated during worship services.

Sensory kits are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the nursery, and in Sunday School classrooms. We invite you to use any of the items to help make your family's worship experience comfortable, welcoming, and joyful.





United Women in Faith will host the Junk in Trunk sale on July 25, from 9:00 AM to noon in the church parking lot. Any member of the church may participate, with funds going to UWFaith for Mission Giving. If you have smaller items to donate, contact Mary Wakeley at 402-371-7559 or Melva Kube at 402-371-8469 for pickup.



Scrip Special Orders

At Christmastime, we take special orders for Scrip cards that we do not commonly keep in stock. Some of these cards offer generous commissions of 8 percent or more, but inconsistent demand makes them impractical to carry year-round.

So, during the month of July, we are offering the same opportunity. You may choose from any of the 573 participating Scrip merchants. Order forms are available on Sunday mornings, along with printed copies of the full merchant list for you to browse. You can also view the complete list at raiseright.com/brands or scan the QR code.

Pay special attention to restaurant cards. Many offer higher-than-average returns for the church.

This is a simple, effective way to support the church while doing your regular shopping. Our Scrip fund paid \$10,000 toward the recent masonry work above our front entrance. Your continued use of Scrip cards helps ensure that we have funds available the next time a special need should arise.

The specially ordered cards arrive in early August.

See the full list of available cards.



SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for an uplifting day of worship and celebration as we kick off the new program year! On Sunday, September 13, we begin a special tradition by handing out Bibles to all third graders during the 11:00 AM worship service. This is a meaningful milestone as our children start their journey deeper into faith and scripture.

Worship services are at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, giving you two opportunities to participate in the celebration. Between services, from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, Sunday School meets for preschool through sixth grade, marking the first day of classes with lots of exciting activities and learning.

After the 11:00 AM service, at noon, we invite you to bring the whole family and join us for a delicious meal together. It's a wonderful time to connect, enjoy great food, and build community with your church family.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS START SEPTEMBER 16

Our Wednesday programs, including Youth Group, begin on September 16! Midweek gatherings provide opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun for elementary children through seniors in high school.

Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, make new friends, or get involved in church activities, Wednesday nights are the perfect time. We are excited to embark on another enriching year.

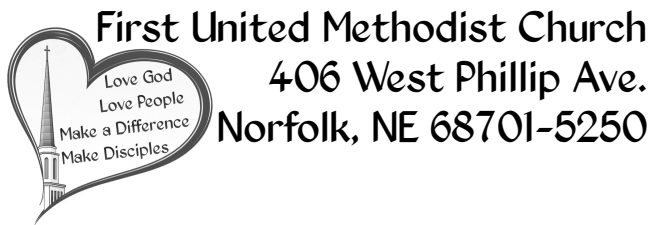
Stay tuned for more details on times and activities, and come ready for faith, fun, and friendship!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28 8:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:45 AM Fellowship Coffee - Wesley Hall 9:45 AM Retirees and Wannabes Adult Sunday School - Room 110 11:00 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary / Online	June 29 7:00 PM Troop 122 - Wesley Hall	June 30 1:00 PM Staff - Room 110 5:30 PM Little Bakers with Jesus - Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM Everybody Eats - West Entry 6:30 PM Open Door - Fellowship Hall	July 1 6:30 PM Community Garden	July 2 6:45 AM Early Risers for Christ - Wesley Hall	July 3	July 4 8:00 AM -12:30 PM Pancake Feed & Bake Sale
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**PANCAKE FEED
& BAKE SALE**



JULY 4
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Junk
in the
Trunk**



PARKING LOT SALE
GREAT FINDS GOOD CAUSE!

Saturday, July 25
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The proceeds will support mission projects through the United Women in Faith

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 19-23
5:30 PM Meal
6:00 PM VBS

Cokesbury Kids
SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE



FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



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ON TUESDAYS

EVERYBODY Eats

at 5:30 pm

Free Meals to Go!