

CONNECTIONS

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Sunday Services

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Inner Mission
10:30am Worship Service
(Livestream Available)

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm

Friday

9:00am—12:00pm

(Office will be closed on
Monday, September 7 in
observance of Labor Day.)

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HOT DOGS & S'MORES AT THE LEMONTS' FARM

Steve & Marlene LeMont have once again graciously offered their farm for an evening of food and fellowship. Join us at 11505 Maple Grove Road (south of Fairfax) at 4:30pm on Saturday, September 12 for hot dogs and s'mores. We will start eating about 5:00pm. **Please bring lawn chairs or blankets, lawn games, your own drinks, and roasting sticks if you have them.**

The Fellowship Team will provide hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and s'mores. Please **SIGN UP** at the Welcome Center or on Breeze and indicate the number of hot dogs you and your family would like to have. This helps us shop and purchase what we need, to ensure that all who want a hot dog will have one. Bring your lawn games — there is plenty of yard space for games and other fun interaction.

The Fellowship Team would also like to acknowledge people who are new to our church family. **If you have been attending 1 year or less (member or not), please make sure you indicate that on the sign-up sheet.** We will have a pain free way to introduce you the night of the picnic.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 4:30PM**

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Provided: Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and s'mores**

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER



HAPPY LABOR DAY

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK

Please give contact
information updates
to the church office.

NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

**PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN SEPTEMBER 24-26/OCTOBER 1
SIGN UP IN THE FOYER ON SUNDAY OR ONLINE MONDAY - FRIDAY
RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY 8X10 PORTRAIT, AS WELL AS A DIRECTORY**

Schedule online at www.ucdir.com:

Click on "photography appointment scheduling login"

Enter ia387 as the Church Code and calvarymember as the password

If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots



CALVARY CHOIR

The Calvary Choir will begin another season of ministry on Sunday, September 13. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:45pm. New members are welcome! Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Tuesday, September 22, at 11:30am, when we will have lunch from Arby's (\$11/person) in the Fellowship Hall. Following lunch, we will move to the Sanctuary for a special presentation by Karen Woeste, who has traveled to multiple 2nd and 3rd world countries with Wheels for the World, a ministry of Joni and Friends. They take wheelchairs and other mobility equipment to custom fit to people with disabilities, as well as providing a Bible and sharing the gospel with each recipient.

GRIEFSHARE

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Our GriefShare group meets weekly on Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. You are welcome to begin attending the Grief Share group at any session, as each session is "self-contained." There is a suggested donation of \$20 for the workbook. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/269241> or contact the church office.

Family Forum

APPRECIATION

Greetings to you from Thailand. It was such a joy to see you this summer, participate in your amazing VBS week, and worship together with you on Father's Day. Thank you so much for your care, kindness, and the generous check we received. That was such a help to us with our extra medical expenses this summer. What a huge blessing you are to us!

Nathan and Carey

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice with Tyler & Jenna Seamans on the birth of their son, Logan Kenneth Seamans, on July 24. We also offer our congratulations to grandparents Mark & Allison Seamans and great-grandparents Alex & Evelyn Lykkegaard and Charles & Marilyn Seamans.

Congratulations to parents Ricardo & Nattacha Etienne, as well as big sister Malia, on the birth of Samuel Jackson Etienne on August 10.

NEW ADDRESSES

Shawn & Marla Hoy
Izzy, Kylene, Brienne
1330 Wiley Blvd NW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

Charles & Marilyn Seamans
1900 Stoney Point Rd SW, #27
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404



For more information, go to:

**friendsofbridgehaven.org/
light-up-the-night/**

or use this QR code.



Join us for Light Up the Night!

We are excited to invite you to our Light Up The Night event held on Friday, September 18. Check-in begins at 6 PM at Noelridge Park ITC Pavilion.

Salsa Guy and The Freeze will have dinner and dessert available for purchase with Sonny Butler bringing the music. This family-friendly event is one you won't want to miss!

Enjoy activity booths, luminaries, a trail art competition, and a variety of activities designed to engage guests of all ages. The evening will conclude with a "Light Up The Night" walk along the trail—symbolizing hope, unity, and the impact we can make together.



\$35 per adult

\$20 per youth 12 and younger

FREE for ages 3 and under

**Families of 5 or more can
register at a capped cost of \$130**

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30am Elders Meeting 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	2 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer	3 2:00pm GriefShare	4	5
6 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR INNER MISSION 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) NO EVENING PROGRAMS	7 LABOR DAY Office Closed	8 9:15am MUMs Leadership Team Meeting 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Trustee Committee and Missions Ministry Team Meetings	9 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study & Prayer	10 2:00pm GriefShare	11	12 10:00am–3:00pm Positive Impressions 4:30pm Hot dogs & S'mores at the LeMons!
13 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sonshine Singers 6:00pm Ministry Training/Teen Girls & Guys Groups	14 6:30pm Ladies Night Out at Emil's Hideaway 6:30pm Fellowship Team	15 6:30am Elders Meeting 9:15am MUMs (begins) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	16 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study & Prayer	17 2:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm Deacon/Deaconess Committee Meeting	18	19
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1 Peg Moore
2 Emberlee Tower
3 Carol Hagen
7 Steve Patton
8 Mike Frey
9 Katie Hensch

13 Ephraim Staab
14 René Morris
15 Amy Caldwell
Diane Hill
Jennifer Sandersfeld
16 Errol Caldwell

17 Andrea Smale
18 Henry Balson
19 Marla Hoy
Madison Kaufman
20 Colt Churko
David Eastburn

21 Steve Morris
Katelyn Woodward
24 Joshua Melanson
26 Happy Brindle
27 Janet Williams
28 Tara Volz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Awana Returns

The Awana clubs begin again on Wednesday, September 9,
from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**Register online at www.CalvaryCR.org
or in the forms on Breeze.**



MUMs (Mothers Uplifting Mothers)

NEW!!! Whether you are a mom expecting your first baby, or your baby is about to graduate high school, this group is for you! (We are no longer a group just for moms of preschool age children.) We will begin on Tuesday, September 15 (registration begins at 9:00am), and we will meet every first and third Tuesday (9:15am–11:15am) through May. For more information, see our brochure at the Welcome Center, click the link on the church website, or email crmums2019@gmail.com. Childcare will be provided in our Little Sprouts program. If you are a stepmom, foster mom, adoptive mom, birth mom, or bonus mom, you are a MOM, and you are welcome in our group!



LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out is for all ladies in the church, and they are welcome to invite friends as well. We will meet on Monday, September 14 at 6:30pm at Emil's Hideaway (222 Glenbrook Dr SE). If you plan to attend, please call or text Debbie Gaeta (319-491-7720) so she knows how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, please let Debbie know and she will arrange to have someone to pick you up.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 10:00am–3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in creating with rubber stamps or working on some other favorite craft project. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to spend time developing relationships and building bridges in order to make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved friends and family members. Even the greeting cards or other crafts that you create for other people can be beneficial in making a positive impression on their lives. If you plan to attend, please call or text Kim Nelson (319-640-9856) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.