

**This Weeks Schedule**

**October 18**  
Worship 5pm

**October 19**  
Worship 9am  
Adult Bible Study & High school Sunday School 10:15am

**October 20**  
LHN 8:30-11:30am  
ELO 9-2pm  
Finance Meeting 5:30pm

**October 21**  
Mat Weaving 9-11:30am  
Homestead 9am  
Van Buren 10am  
Prayer Devotions 12 noon  
Care Team 5pm  
Prayer Partners 5:30pm

**October 22**  
LHN 8:30-11:30am  
ELO 9-2pm  
Vine Meal 5:30pm  
Bells, Kids Club, Confirmation 6:15pm  
High School High Group 7pm

**October 23**  
LHN 8:30-11:30am  
Mission Meeting 5:30pm  
Football Supper 5-7pm

**October 24**  
ELO 9-10am  
Office close @ 12 noon

**Announcements**

**Mission of the Month is Operation Christmas Child.**  
See more info in the insert. And watch the slides before the service.



**Trunk or Treat**  
October 31  
5:30-7pm  
Would you like to help out? Would you like to have a trunk? Call the office and Kim will help you.

**Food Pack Event**  
November 9  
2 Shifts available  
Sign Ups are in the back of church, the church office or online.

**Algona First United Methodist Church**  
invites you to our

**FOOD PACK EVENT!**  
the Outreach Program Feeding Hungry, Encouraging Love

**NOVEMBER 9, 2025**  
THIS IS FOR ALL AGES & GROUPS!  
LET'S COME TOGETHER TO FEED THE HUNGRY!  
**10,000 MEALS STAYING RIGHT HERE IN ALGONA!**

**SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT!**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SHIFT:**  
12:45-2:45 PM

**2<sup>ND</sup> SHIFT:**  
3-5 PM

**CALL 295-7241 TO GET SIGNED UP!**

**ALGONA 1<sup>ST</sup> UMC INVITES YOU TO**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**OCTOBER 31 5:30-7PM**  
Everyone is welcomed!

Call the church office to register your trunk! 515-295-7241  
**FREE HOTDOGS, POPCORN & DRINK**  
201 E. NEBRASKA ST. ALGONA IOWA

**Chicken & Biscuit Luncheon**  
November 13  
11am-1pm  
Tickets \$11.  
Available in the office.

**The United Women in Faith**  
**CHICKEN & BISCUIT Luncheon**  
**NOVEMBER 13 11AM-1PM**  
DINE IN - CARRY OUT  
ADULT \$11  
AGES 6 & UNDER \$2  
Algona 1<sup>st</sup> UMC  
201 East Nebraska Street  
Cards & Brooms Available to purchase

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**Algona First United Methodist Church**

October 18 & 19, 2025

**Welcome Serve Love**

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

People: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: Thanks be to God for new beginnings!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation through Christ Jesus.

L: Together we will make a new beginning in Christ!

P: Let us worship God with joyful hearts, trusting God to renew us and all things. We will lift our praises to God with hearts refreshed by grace.

Unison Opening Prayer

God of Mystery and Mercy, we gather to worship you in humility and hope because we believe you have the power to change the world for the better with your love. We gather to worship you trusting that no one or situation is beyond your concern, or your embrace. Such love astonishes us. Without your grace we cannot imagine such love. Inspire us with a vision of love which will change the world and our lives through the love and mercy we meet in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior.

\*Song #89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Saturday)  
“God with Us” & “Forgiven” (Sunday)

Old Testament Reading Psalm 103:1-13

Congregational Prayer #481 “The Prayer of St. Francis”

\*Song #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Saturday)  
“Less Like Me” (Sunday)

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & \*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

We place these gifts into your hands, O God. Bless them with your transforming grace so that they may become seeds springing up with new life in the world you love. Fill our hearts with that same grace so we can bring hope to weary and worried lives in Jesus’ name. Amen.

\*Song #399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” (Saturday)  
“Keep Making Me” (Sunday)

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading Ephesians 4:17-32

Message “Transformed Minds, Transformed Relationships”

\*Response The Faith We Sing #2152 “Change My Heart, O God”

\*Benediction II Thessalonians 2:16-17  
May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.

Sermon Notes

1st) Transformed Mind-set: Life is less about me and more about Jesus

Ephesians 4: 17 Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer walk as the gentiles walk, in the futility of their minds; **18** they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. **19** They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. **20** That is not the way you learned Christ! **21** For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, **22** to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, **23** and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, **24** and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

2nd) Transformed Lifestyle: Life is less about me and more about others

4:25 Lies are replaced with Truth

Ephesians 4: **25** So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another.

4:26-27 Destructive Anger is replaced with Maturing Relationships

**26** Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, **27** and do not make room for the devil.

4:28 Taking is replaced with Giving

**28** Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

4:29 “Tear Down” words are replaced with “Build Up” words

**29** Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

4:30 Grieving the Sprit is replaced with Being filled by the Spirit (5:18)

**30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

4:31-32 Bitterness & Destruction (Rage, brawling, slander, malice) are replaced by Compassion & Forgiveness

**31** Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. **32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Kindness is a foundational Christian attitude. Kindness is love in action. Forgiveness brought us into God’s family. It is essential that we forgive one another as we have been forgiven by Christ.