This Week's Schedule

November 16

Worship 9am

High School Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:15am Christian Ed Meeting 4pm

November 17

LHN 8:30-11:30am

ELO 9-2pm

Paper Magnolia's 10-12 noon

Finance Meeting 5:30pm

November 18

Mat Weaving 9-11:30am

Homestead 9am

Van Buren 10am

Prayer Devotions @ 12 noon

Care Team Meeting 5pm

November 19

LHN 8:30-11:30am

ELO 9-2pm

Vine Meal 5:30pm

Bells, Kids Club, Confirmation 6:15-7pm

High School Youth Group and Choir 7pm

November 20

LHN 8:30-11:30am

Charity Circle 9m

Friendship 1:30pm

November 21

ELO 9-10am

Office will close @ 10:45am

Announcements

Before you leave today, sign up for a time to host the Nativity Scene!



Mission of the Month CWS Blankets \$10





If you want to buy a poinsettia In Honor Of or In Memory Of someone this Christmas; sign ups are in the office or in the back of the sanctuary. The Price is \$23 Orders are due December 1st!



Algona First United Methodist Church

November 15 & 16, 2025

Welcome Serve Love

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: All that we are is a gift from God.

People: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

Leader: All that we have is a gift from God. **People: The world, and those who live in it;**

Leader: There are no words to describe the wonders of God's

creation.

People: For God has founded it on the seas,

Leader: Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

People: God established it on the rivers.

Unison Opening Prayer

Gracious God, Your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all circumstances of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need. Help us to call on you for the strength we need for the tasks you call us to, so that we are faithful to the end. Help us to give with joy. We gather now to offer our worship to you. We bring our prayers and praises. Amen.

*Song #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Proverbs 3:5-10 New Testament 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Responsive Congregational Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.

People: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

L: You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self.

P: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

L: You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.

P: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

L: You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.

P: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy.

L: We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.

P: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

Assurance of Pardon

L: While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love.
All: Amen.

*Song #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Celebration

Offering & *Doxology

*Unison Offertory Prayer

Loving God, you have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of this gift. As caretakers of all that you have provided, we give back now. We dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these tithes and offerings. Help us to always use your gifts wisely. Lead us as we share them generously with others. Help our faithful stewardship to show Christ to others. We pray these things in the name of our Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Song** #399 "Take My Life"

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Haggai 2:6-9

Message "Generations" Rev. Dr. Katharine Yarnell

*Response The Faith We Sing #2065 "More Precious Than Silver"

*Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

Sermon by guest preacher
Katharine Yarnell:
Five Generations in Your
Church

Katharine Yarnell, Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation, has over 15 years of experience with Financial Stewardship and Estate Planning. She served a rural congregation in Kansas for 10 years, and as Field Outreach Minister of the North Central District for five years. She has her M.Div. D. Min. CFRE FCEP and AIF®

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