

**Prayers and Squares-** Prayers and Squares make small quilts. Most are tied. These quilts are brought to a Sunday service where attendees are invited to pray for the recipients, known or unknown. They are meant to give comfort, knowledge they are loved and prayed for, etc. The quilts are available in the library for anyone to take or give. Most often they are given to persons with serious illness, loss of loved one, or other significant life change or for happy reasons. We do ask that the recipient is recorded in the little notebook stored with the quilts to prevent duplicates. There are cards available there as well to explain what the quilt means. The cards are printed by our office staff. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month in the fellowship hall at 1:30 PM.

*Contact Person: Gloria Scharnweber*

**Bed Mats Ministry-** The Bed Mat Ministry is a group of ladies who meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 1:30 to cut plastic grocery bags for preparation for the weaving of bed mats. Mats are used by the Willis Dady Shelter in Cedar Rapids to assist the homeless and underprivileged in the area.

*Contact Person: Shirley Patrick*

**9am Sunday Small Group-** Our small group enjoys getting to know one another on a more personal level. We learn and share in biblical based studies, pray for and with one another. Our time includes fellowship time, study time and will always close in prayer for one another and the church. We will focus on personal growth in Christ, Ministry within the Church and Mission to the Community.

*Contact Person: Linda Stoolman*

**Thursday Night Bible Study-** We read the Bible aloud, review commentaries and discuss insights to guide and inspire living a life of faith. Bring your Bible every Thursday at 6:00pm.

*Contact Person: Ruth Blayer*

**Sunday Sermon Discussion-** This is a group of folks who want to dig into the sermon we have heard and it is available for anyone who would like to discuss, ask questions or just listen. There can be anywhere from 13-23 in attendance. We also participate in providing fellowship "goodies" on the third Sunday of each month. *Contact Person: Bev Spencer*

**Choir-** Choir is a joyful group of people who vocally give songs of praise to our Lord during worship, the 2nd & 4th Sundays & Special services...Advent & Lent. The joyful group is for ANYONE who wants to sing!

No age or experience necessary.

We will rehearse on Wednesday nights immediately after the Discipleship program

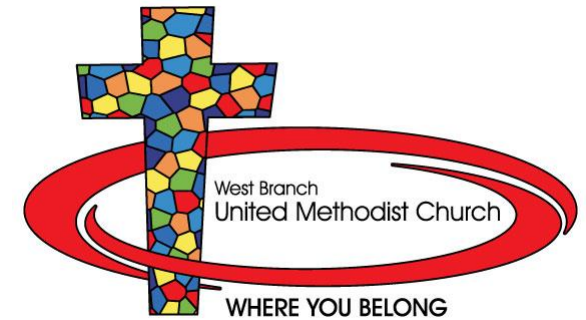
Come eat, worship, & rehearse!

*Contact Person: Maggie Mowery*

**CUPS-** Join each Tuesday morning at 9:30-11 am for C.U.P.S. This time involves connection, prayer & Bible study/discussion related to the previous sermon. We pray for all on the prayer list by name. Coffee provided. All welcome, attend when able. *Contact Person: Ruth Blayer*

**RESET Team-** RESET Team (Formerly known as CAT Team) Worked on the Congregational Assessment Tool to know what our church wants going forward. Currently the RESET Team is working with Pastor Beth to support her in any way we can during her transition and have been hosting Cottage Meetings so Pastor Beth can get to know our congregation better. We look forward to working on many things to come! *Contact Person: Jennifer Herring*

**Christmas Families- Holly Searson**  
**Fellowship Committee- Nancy Lathrop**  
**Single Board- Tom Long & Lynn Patrick**  
**Cleaning Team- Shirley Patrick**



## West Branch UMC

# Ministry

# Menu



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## Men

### **Men's Group**

The Men's Group meets the first Monday of each month, at 6:30PM. Get to know other men and discover our role in the Church. We want to support each other and develop our ministry in the church, community and beyond. Everyone invited to join us.

*Contact Person: Tom Long*

## Women

**United Women in Faith-** United Women in Faith [formerly United Methodist Women] is a group within the church whose purpose is to serve God through mission with special emphasis on women, children, and youth. We support this area with our financial giving, attending district events to learn about the emphasis for the coming year and through study and special speakers locally. This is also why we do special events/fundraising such as ham balls and salad suppers so we can support our purpose.

*Contact Person: Katie Sabourin*

**Mary/Martha Fellowship-** Mary/Martha Fellowship is a group of Christian women who meet the second Thursday each month at 1:30. Anyone is welcome to join us for spiritual sharing, caring and good fellowship.

*Contact Person: Carol Jones*

## Everyone

**Missions-** All persons in the church are an extension of the Mission Committee. As a group we learn of needs and then consider how to help. We complete school backpacks, health kits, UMCOR Blankets, school kits, and help families with a special need by hosting the rummage sale, candy sale, and fall church auction. Each person supports the mission committee with their time, talents and money.

*Contact Person: Bob Cumings*

**Mental Health-** Several groups have met at different times. We are open to starting what is useful at the time. Resources for immediate need are located in the Library.

*Contact Person: Barb Wilcox*

**HACAP Food Truck-** HACAP MONTHLY FOOD TRUCK comes on the third Tuesday of each month. Twice a year WBUMC is responsible for helping from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., with set up, distribution and clean-up at the east parking lot of the WB Fire Dept. There is a yearly schedule of churches and organizations to cover the monthly event. March and September are WBUMC service months. Everyone in the congregation is welcome to show up and help out.

*Contact Person: Barb Wilcox*

**Little Libraries-** The sermon discussion group sponsors a little library at the mobile home court in West Branch. Supplies are solicited from the congregation. If you have supplies to donate, please put them in the marked box under the hangers in the entryway. *Contact Person: Barb Wilcox*

### **Sacred Spaces-**

This team creates welcoming, usable spaces throughout our church building.

*Contact Person: Linda Stoolman*

## Youth

### **Kids 4 Christ**

Kids 4 Christ (K4C) is for youth PreK-6th grade on Wednesday nights. We sing, we play, we learn about Jesus and God's love for us! ALL are welcome!

*Contact Person: Katie Sabourin*

### **J8:11 (Youth Group)**

7th - 12th graders join together on Wednesday Nights. We play games in Fellowship Hall and then move into Bible study and prayer. Come laugh and learn about God with us! ALL are welcome!

*Contact Person: Katie Sabourin*

### **Wednesday Night Discipleship**

Every Wednesday during the school year we gather together for supper and classes for students Preschool-High School.

Come learn about how much God loves YOU!

6:00pm- Family Supper (adult Required)

6:30pm-7:30pm - K4C

7:30pm-8:15pm - J8:11

*Contact Person: Katie Sabourin*

### **Wednesday Night Supper**

Wednesday Nights during the school year there is a free meal provided at 6pm in fellowship hall every Wednesday evening.. EVERYONE is invited!