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!
Contact Person: Katie Sabourin

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Nights during the school year there is a free meal provided at 6:30pm in fellowship hall every Wednesday evening. EVERYONE is invited!

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

Christmas Families- Holly Searson
Fellowship Committee- Nancy Lathrop
Cleaning Team- Shirley Patrick

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West Branch
United Methodist Church
WHERE YOU BELONG

West Branch UMC
Ministry Menu

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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*

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 7:00pm. *Contact Person: Pastor Leila*

Sunday Sermon Discussion- This 11:30am Sunday group is a gathering 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 joyful group is for ANYONE who wants to sing!
No age or experience necessary.
We will rehearse Sunday mornings at 9am.
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: Pastor Leila*

Sacred Spaces-
This team creates welcoming, usable spaces throughout our church building.
Contact Person: Linda Stoolman