



Route 55 Newsletter | July 2025

Orchard Friends,

We've got a fun evening planned with dinner at SingleSpeed in Waterloo followed by the musical production of *Cinderella* performed by the Waterloo Community Playhouse. The date is Thursday, July 17 and we'll begin with an early dinner at 4:30pm and then walk or drive over to the Waterloo Center for the Arts for the play. What fun! Tickets are \$22.50 and **reservations are due July 9.**

You will also want to mark your calendars for our Annual Route 55 Birthday Bash, which will take place on Thursday, August 21. We'll be in the Commons between 5pm and 8pm. Our theme is Outdoor Adventure so save the date and get ready for some fun!

In addition, we've got hiking, quilting, Bible study and other dining outings planned. We invite you to join us!

Grace and Peace,

Kim Manning

RECENT ROUTE 55 EVENTS



Jeff Burris shares his knowledge about keeping safe from scams and fraud at a recent Fellowship, Food and Fascinations event.



55er's are paying close attention to Jeff's presentation and asked very smart questions.



Route 55 ladies enjoyed one another's company and a delicious lunch at the Cedar Falls Family Restaurant.



The men (and a few junior men) had a great time too!



Sally leads a Bible Study covering the entire Bible! There's still time to join in on Tuesdays in July.



Jean Gedlinske continues to pour love into friends, Dee Harper, Debbie Flannery, and her great aunt Mimi, buy accompanying them for outdoor exercise.

FEATURED EVENTS

SQUARE ONE...
A place to begin understanding the Bible

SQUARE ONE Bible Study with Sally Baker

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1pm – 2pm

OHC Commons

Come at 12:45pm to enjoy refreshments and a little fellowship before the lesson begins.

SQUARE ONE provides an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation covering basics like important people and places, the flow of historical events, God's plan for a relationship with Him, the biblical foundations of our faith, and a look at Jesus as a man, his message, and his role as Messiah.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! Please register by contacting Kim Manning, kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org so we prepare enough materials.



Route 55 Hiking Club

Does spending time in nature bring you closer to God? Join us for a hike! We've scheduled monthly outings throughout the summer. Some are in town exploring our outstanding trail system and some are up to an hour away traversing state parks. All of our outings end with fellowship and ICE CREAM! ;-)

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a mountain-climber or Olympian to participate. If we encounter hills or uneven terrain, we often split into "flat-lander" and "billy goat" groups so everyone is comfortable. Bring sunscreen, a hat, water bottle, and a sack lunch unless otherwise noted below. You will also want to bring

money for ice cream and if we use the church van, we appreciate \$5 to help with gas. If we leave town, we are generally back by 4pm.

Contact Deb Mc Calley at 515-707-5939 or dmccalley58@gmail.com to let us know you are coming, or if you'd like to be added to her monthly email list, or have questions. We really do have a great time together and are anxious to welcome newcomers to our group!

Here is what we have planned for the rest of the summer:

Wednesday, July 9, 10am

Zabel's

6642 W Bennington Road, Cedar Falls

Kevin and Kim Zabel have graciously invited us to their place to hike and enjoy the myriad of prairie flowers that grace their land. Meet at OHC to car pool or drive directly to the Zabel's and meet us there. Wear sunscreen and bring a sack lunch. You will want some bug spray too. We'll hike a while, break for lunch, and then hike a little more.

Wednesday, August 6, 9am

Pine Lake State Park

22620 Co Hwy S56, Eldora (45 minutes from OHC)

Meet at OHC to ride in the church van or car pool to the park. Bring a sack lunch. We'll hike a few hours, break for lunch, and then maybe hike a little more before loading up in the van for an ice cream stop on the way home. If you are riding in the van, please plan to bring \$5 to help with the gas.

Wednesday, September 3, 9am

Hickory Hills Park

3338 Hickory Hills Road, La Porte City

We've reserved a van for this one, so meet at OHC to ride with us or car pool. Bring a sack lunch, \$5 for gas if you're riding in the van, and some money for ice cream.

Wednesday, October 8 or 15, 9am – this date is tentative, depending on when the leaves are in full color.

Backbone State Park

1347 129th Street, Dundee (1 hour from OHC)

Meet at OHC to ride in the van or car pool. Bring a sack lunch, \$5 for gas if you're riding in the van, and some money for ice cream.



Route 55 Monthly Lunch
Wednesday, July 16, 11:30am
Joyful Java Coffee Shop
 568 Main Street, Dike

We generally meet on the second Wednesday of each month, but this month will be a week later. Ladies and gentlemen are welcome. Please reserve your place by signing up in the Route 55 binder, or email kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org, or call 319-231-1619. This will allow us to report an accurate number so the restaurant can prepare.



Dinner and a Show
Thursday, July 17, dinner at 4:30pm, play at 7pm
 Dinner at SingleSpeed Waterloo
 Theatrical performance at Waterloo Center for the Arts

Enjoy an early dinner at SingleSpeed and then we'll walk or drive next door to the Waterloo Center for the Arts for the musical production of Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*! The play begins at 7pm. Tickets are \$22.50. Please sign up in the Route 55 binder or email kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org or call 319-231-1619 to indicate your interest and we'll work together to arrange for tickets. **We will need your reservation by July 9.**



Route 55 Birthday Bash!
Thursday, August 21, 5pm
 OHC Commons

We're planning an Outdoor Adventure to celebrate ALL Route 55 birthdays! Well, we won't really be outside, but we'll be pretending! This annual event will include music, fun food, fellowship, games, and who knows what else! Consider inviting some friends. Please let us know you are coming by signing up in the binder or contacting Kim.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES and OPPORTUNITIES **WEEKLY**

Wednesday Walks

Weekly on Wednesdays, 9:30am

Pfeiffer Park

Get outside with friends and walk the trails. This friendly group makes an hour of exercise go by almost without notice! All abilities are welcome and no one is ever left behind. To learn more including weather-related announcements, contact Jean Gedlinske, gedlinskejean@gmail.com, 319-486-1340.

Quilting Ministry

Weekly on Thursdays, 9am-11am

Orchard Hill Church Room 111

Contact Kim Manning at kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org or 319-231-1619.

Zoom Social Hour

Weekly on Thursdays, 11am-Noon

Virtual

Contact Sarah Hess for a link at shess@orchardhillchurch.org, 319-596-6223.

MONTHLY

Grundy County Women's Coffee Crew

Wednesday, July 9 and 23, 9:00am

OHC Grundy County Lobby

All women are invited for coffee and conversation. Bring your own snack and drink and enjoy a casual time of belonging in community and friendship that generally lasts for 1 ½ hours. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Grundy County Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, July 15, 4:15pm

Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Avenue, Grundy Center

Volunteers from area churches help the Northeast Iowa Food Bank by unloading the truck, arranging the food, assisting with distribution, carrying bags and boxes to vehicles and cleaning up. Additional details at OrchardHillChurch.org.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, July 19, 8:30am-3:30pm,

Waterloo

OHC hosts a Habitat build every third Saturday. Volunteers work alongside a Habitat employee and need absolutely no previous experience. Additional information is at OrchardHillChurch.org. Half-day shifts are also available.

LOOKING AHEAD

Global Leadership Summit

August 7 and 8, 8:30am

OHC Community Center

Join us for this annual event designed to stretch and challenge you with world-class speakers, interactive dialogue, and practical training. No matter where you lead, The Global Leadership Summit is a world-class experience designed to help you get better and embrace your grander vision: The reason God called you to lead. See OrchardHillChurch.org for pricing and additional details.

See OrchardHillChurch.org for additional news and events. You may also want to check out the [Community Groups](#) section as there are lots of fun offerings!