



Route 55 Newsletter | September 2024

Orchard Friends,

Autumn is in the air... summer seems to fly by faster every year. At least we can begin the new season knowing we enjoyed summer to its fullest! We walked, we hiked, we ate, we sailed, and we celebrated ALL Route 55 birthdays with a big SPLASH! You'll want to see photos of some of the fun on the following pages.

Thank you to a great Planning Team consisting of Pam and Chuck Frost, Janet Fischer, Lois Nanke, Marilyn Jasper, Gene Richardson and Kathy Dawson. These dedicated volunteers help dream up fun and meaningful activities and they always help implement the plan. Thank you to one and all! If you'd like to join our merry crew or if you have ideas to share, please contact us.

With the start of September, we want to be sure you know about the **special Hymn Sing we will offer at 6pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 15**. Sarah Hess put a lot of thought into this and has lined up a small choir to help lead us in classic hymns and selected Scripture readings. Kathrine Krukow is arranging for a contemplative communion experience. We'll end our time together with a dessert bar. We hope you will join us for this special event. If you'd like to help with the readings, song selection, song leading, or dessert baking, please contact us.

Grace and Peace,

Kim Manning



The Route 55 Hiking Club explored the Wapsi River Nature Trail in August. Two more expeditions are planned. Join us!

ROUTE 55 BIRTHDAY SPLASH!



FEATURED EVENTS



Second Sunday Senior Socials

Sunday, September 8, between worship services
OHC Commons

Join us for coffee, conversation and pastries every 'Second Sunday'. In addition to providing important fellowship, we hope to create awareness of Route 55 and Connect & Care opportunities to members of the church who have not yet participated. We will appreciate your help spreading the word by inviting friends. No reservations are necessary, although we are seeking volunteers to bring fruit or pastries.



Route 55 Hiking Club

Thursday, September 12, 9am
Rock Run Creek
101 E Rocksylvania Ave, Iowa Falls (1 hour)

All are truly welcome and no one is ever left behind. Bring sunscreen, a hat, water bottle and a sack lunch. We'll meet in the OHC parking lot near Door 2 and try to be back by 4pm. Please bring \$5 to help with gas and money for a treat on the way home – usually ice cream!

Please contact Deb Mc Calley at 515-707-5939 or dmccalley58@gmail.com to let us know you are coming. You can also sign up in the Route 55 binder.

One additional outing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 10, at 8am. We hope to visit Pike's Peak State Park at around prime leaf-looking time. We may change the date, depending of God's progress in changing the color of the trees.



Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 15, 6pm
OHC Sanctuary

Save the date and worship with us, while enjoying some classic hymns. Communion will be offered during this special service and we'll end our time together with desserts. Contact Sarah Hess, shess@orchardhillchurch.org if you'd like to help lead in the choir, read Scripture, serve communion or bake a dessert.



Route 55 Monthly Lunch and More!

(formerly known as Ladies' Lunch Bunch, Men's Monthly Lunch)

TUESDAY, September 17, 11:30am – please note the change from our usual day and date to accommodate the fire station schedule.

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| 11:30am | El Patron Family Mexican Restaurant, 301 E 4 th St., Waterloo |
| 1pm | Waterloo's main fire station, 425 E 3 rd St. |
| 3pm | Try Pie, 522 Mulberry St. |

Join us for this special Route 55 Monthly Lunch that will include a guided tour of Waterloo's main fire station, and a stop at Try Pie for a quick tour and a treat. Ladies and gentlemen are welcome. Please reserve your place by signing up in the Route 55 binder, email kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org, or call 319-231-1619. This will allow us to report an accurate number so the restaurant can prepare for us.

OTHER EVENTS

GriefShare

Weekly for 13 weeks beginning on Sunday, September 8, 4pm

Grundy County Campus Conference Room

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Register at [Orchard Central](#). You can purchase the \$20 participation guide at the class.

Men's BBQ and Skeet Shoot

Sunday, September 22, 4pm

28599 M Ave., Grundy Center

There will be awesome food and an opportunity for shooting at clay pigeons. No experience required. See [Orchard Central](#) for additional information and to register.

OTHER 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, contact Jean Gedlinske, gedlinskejean@gmail.com, 319-486-1340.

Quilting Ministry

Weekly on Thursdays, 9am-11am

Orchard Hill Church Room 111

Contact Barb Fluent, bs.fluent@cfu.net, 319-240-9066.

Zoom Social Hour

Weekly on Thursdays, 11am-Noon
Virtual

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

SEMIMONTHLY

Waverly Sunday Men's Group

Sunday, September 1 and 8, 6:30pm

Worship Center, Waverly Campus

This group will meet twice a month in the Worship Center. Contact Spencer for additional information at ssgann930@gmail.com.

Grundy County Women's Coffee Crew

Wednesday, September 11 & 25, 9:30am

Grundy County Campus 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.

MONTHLY

Waverly Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, September 10, 4:30pm

Waverly Civic Center, 200 1st St. NE, Waverly

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. Sign up at tinyurl.com/waverlyfoodpantry.

Community Meal

Wednesday, September 11, 5:30pm

OHC Commons

Join us the second Wednesday of the month anytime between 5:30pm and 6:30pm for a free meal and belonging in community. Volunteers are needed. Please see [OrchardCentral](#) for additional information and to make your reservation.

Grundy County Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, September 17, 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. Contact Diane Adair at diane.jean51@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, September 21, 8:30am-3:30pm,

Half-day shifts are available as well

Waterloo

OHC hosts a Habitat build every third Saturday. Volunteers work alongside a Habitat employee and need absolutely no previous experience. Sign up at [OrchardCentral](#).

Men's Breakfast

Friday, September 27, 6:30am

OHC Commons

Men's Monthly Breakfast is a great opportunity to connect with other guys and have an awesome breakfast. Additional information is at [OrchardCentral](#).

Grundy Men's Breakfast

Friday, September 27, 6:30am

Grundy County Lobby & Coffee House

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See Orchard Central for additional news and events.