



## Route 55 Newsletter | November 2024

Orchard Friends,

As you may know, for various reasons Cedar Falls Utilities has found it necessary to discontinue support of the email platform, @cfu.net. This means that all @cfu.net accounts will need to transition to something else. Since most people are moving to Gmail, we are planning a workshop in an attempt to provide assistance as our friends work through this change. This workshop is a collaboration with Cedar Falls Utilities, the Cedar Falls Public Library, and Orchard Hill's IT department. Thank you to Kent Halder, Kristi Anhalt and Alex Frerking for helping us put it together!

**The plan is to gather in the OHC Commons at 1pm on Tuesday, November 12.** You will receive general information about the process and then break into small groups to actually work on opening a gmail account, setting it up, and/or migrating selected messages from @cfu.net to @gmail.com. **For this endeavor to be successful, we must require advance reservations** so we can recruit enough coaches. All are welcome to attend for the general information and handouts outlining the process. **If you would like hands-on assistance, we must have your reservation by noon on Friday, November 8.** It will be best if you can bring a laptop computer. Setting up auto-forwarding, auto-responses and other advanced options cannot be done using mobile devices like phones or tablets. We may be able to arrange for a few laptops.

Please contact me to make your reservation and be prepared to tell us the following:

1. Will you be bringing your own laptop computer? If so, is it a Mac or PC?
2. Have you created a gmail account yet? If you are able to do so before our session, it will speed things up but we understand if you cannot. We'll help you with that.
3. Please be sure to bring your email and CFU passwords with you so you can access your accounts.

As you can imagine, we will have a much better idea of how the flow will work once we know how many reservations we receive. We hope/know you will give us grace as we figure it all out! Our hope is that after our workshop you will be up and running with your new email account. At the very least, you will become more knowledgeable about the process. If you are unavailable on November 12 or find that you need additional assistance, you can schedule a follow-up appointment with the reference department at the Cedar Falls Public Library by calling 319-268-5543.

Grace and Peace,

*Kim Manning*

## RECENT ROUTE 55 EVENTS



Route 55ers enjoyed lunch at the Village Inn Restaurant in October. Free Pie Day made it EXTRA fun!



Wednesday Walkers have fun every week!



Second Sunday Socials (above and below) offer a great time of fellowship and an ABUNDANCE of goodies thanks to our many talented and generous bakers!



55er's receive valuable information at our last Fellowship, Food and Fascinations gathering as Lindsay Wolff from Pathways shared about safely using, storing and disposing of medications.





Ed and Sally Baker have presented Bible Study sessions for four weeks. Thank you so much!

## FEATURED EVENTS



### Route 55 Movie Matinee at Orchard

**Sunday, November 3, 3pm**

OHC Commons & Sanctuary

Join us for this amazing production of the most important story in history. Together we will watch Sight & Sound Theatre's production of *JESUS*. Hot dogs, chips and of course soda and popcorn will be served. Bring a friend or two and some packaged candy to share. Let us know you are coming so we cook enough hot dogs! Sign up in the binder or email [kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org](mailto:kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org), or call 319-231-1619.



### Bible Study

**Thursday, November 7, 1pm**

OHC Commons

Pastor Ed and Sally Baker will wrap up their Bible Study Series this week. Sally's series for the ladies, is entitled GPS: God's Plan for Salvation, and covers the writing of John. Pastor Ed's series for the men discusses ABRAHAM: Father of our Faith. Join us! Even if you haven't been to an earlier session. We'll begin with refreshments in the Commons and then break into groups for study and discussion.



### Second Sunday Senior Socials

**Sunday, November 10, 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.

**Transitioning from  
CFU to Gmail**

Fellowship, Food & Fascinations Workshop  
Transitioning from CFU to Gmail

Tuesday, November 12, 1pm  
OHC Commons

As described on the first page of this newsletter, this hands-on workshop will help you transition your @cfu.net email account to an @gmail.com account. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** by November 8 so we can match coaches to students before the session. Please contact Kim Manning, kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org, 319-231-1619 with questions or to register.



**Route 55 Monthly Lunch**

**Wednesday, November 13, 11:30am**

Freddie's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers  
2046 Sovia Dr., Waterloo

Join us for lunch at a local restaurant on the second Wednesday of each month. 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.

**This month we'll pop over to Crossroads Marcus Theatres immediately after lunch to view The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at 1:20pm. Join us for lunch or the movie or BOTH!**



**Route 55 Movie Outing to view The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!**

**Wednesday, November 13, 1:20pm**

Marcus Theatres – Crossroads, Waterloo

Join us for this zany production co-directed by Dallas Jenkins of *The Chosen* fame. Watch as the absolutely worst kids in the history of the world take over their local church Pageant – while unwittingly teaching a shocked community the true meaning of Christmas. Matinee tickets are \$9, \$7 for seniors.



**Route 55 Christmas Celebration**

**Tuesday, December 3, 5pm**

OHC Commons

Enjoy our traditional breakfast menu and fellowship with Route 55 friends. We are arranging for some special entertainment and maybe a few reindeer games! More to come - save the date!



## Carol Sing

**Sunday, December 15, 2pm**

*OHC Sanctuary*

Sing some classic Christmas hymn with us, hear specially selected Scripture, and celebrate an extended time of Communion. Piano students (young and young at heart) will perform shortly before and after the service and we'll end our time together with fellowship and desserts. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Please contact Kim Manning, [kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org](mailto:kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org), if you would like to help sing in the choir, read Scripture, serve Communion, play a few songs on the piano, or bring a dessert.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Congregational Celebration

Sunday, November 24, 5pm

*Cedar Falls Campus*

Join us from 5-6pm for our annual Congregational Celebration, a time to come together as a church family to share stories, express gratitude to our leaders, and celebrate our incredible staff and volunteers. We will also celebrate Doug and Deb Tensen as Doug prepares for retirement at the end of December.

## OTHER ONGOING ACTIVITIES and OPPORTUNITIES

### WEEKLY

#### Wednesday Walks

**Weekly on Wednesdays, 1:30pm**

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:shess@orchardhillchurch.org), 319-596-6223.

### SEMIMONTHLY

#### Grundy County Women's Coffee Crew

**Wednesday, November 13 and 27,**

**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, November 12, 4:30pm**

*Waverly Civic Center, 200 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Additional details at [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org).

### **Community Meal**

Wednesday, November 13, 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 [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org) for additional information and to make your reservation.

### **Habitat for Humanity Build**

**Saturday, November 16,  
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](http://OrchardHillChurch.org). Half-day shifts are also available.

### **Grundy County Mobile Food Pantry**

**Tuesday, November 19, 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](http://OrchardHillChurch.org).

### **Grundy Men's Breakfast**

Friday, November 22, 6:30am

*Grundy County Lobby & Coffee House*

Men's Monthly Breakfast is a great opportunity to connect with other guys and have an awesome breakfast. Additional information is at [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org).

### **Men's Breakfast**

Friday, December 6, 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 [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org).

See [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org) for additional news and events.

You may also want to check out the [Community Groups](#) section as there are lots of fun new offerings!