

**First United Methodist Church**  
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**August 28, 2016**

**THE GATHERING**

*This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARIES**

“Like a River Glorious”

arr: Charlie Miller

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr: Mary McDonald

“Love Lifted Me”

arr: Mary McDonald

Piano/Organ Duets: Barb Mittman/Myrna Cakerice

*As this music is offered as prayer, let us be sensitive to the Holy Spirit who prepares and opens us to connect with God in Christ today.*

**GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE**

Welcome, members, friends & visitors - please fill in the ritual of friendship pad, pass it to your neighbor, and then return it to its starting place. If you are new and would like more information, please indicate on the friendship pad and also stop at the Welcome Center to visit with a member of the Welcome Committee.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We come as we are to worship God as God is.

**We are children; we are youths; we are adults.**

**We are hopes and fears, laughter and tears;**

**We are many, and we are one.**

Come, let us worship God!

**HYMN**

No. 57

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God of many names, you gather us into this community of faith.**

**Open our lips and let us shout out praise to you!**

**Open our minds to the truth of your sacred Word.**

**Open our hearts to the fullness your merciful grace.**

**We are ready to receive what you have for us this day.**

**We lift up our hearts to you, O Lord. Amen.**

## **A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

### **ANTHEM**

“Meditation on Beautiful Savior”  
arr: Cathy Moklebust/David Moklebust  
Handbell Solo: Ellen Johnsen

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

### **HYMN**

No. 2006

“Lord God, Almighty”

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### **HYMN**

No. 432

“Jesu, Jesu”

### **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### **WITNESS TO THE WORD**

Rev. Rebecca Fisher  
Leadership Development Minister in the field of Evangelism for the Iowa  
UMC

## **A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”  
arr: Cathy Moklebust/David Moklebust  
Handbell Solo: Ellen Johnsen

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

No. 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**You shower us with your goodness every day, O God.  
With grateful hearts we bring you these gifts.  
Transform them into outpourings of peace and justice  
to reconcile all peoples to one another and to you. Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

### **HYMN**

No. 557

“Blest Be the Tie that Bind”

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Postlude on "Hyfrydol" Jason D. Payne

*Let us be aware this musical offering is a statement of faith to send us from worship into service. Please be respectful of those who choose to remain to listen.*

## **LEAVING FOR SERVICE**

### **GUEST PREACHER.....**

Today our guest pastor is Rev. Dr. Rebecca Fisher. She has served as the Leadership Development Minister for Evangelism and New Ministry Development since October of 2014. She was ordained in the American Baptist Church in 2004 and ordained in the Indiana Conference in 2010. She served in Methodist churches in Bloomington, Ft. Wayne, Wabash, Winona Lake and Gary, Indiana.

Today, the Missions Committee will also be hosting Rev. Samuel G. Yarweh Jr., Executive Director of Life Agency, a non-profit organization based in Liberia, West Africa. This organization works with drug addicted youth, street girls, single mothers, disabled children and orphans. The missions committee would like to invite the congregation to a morning brunch following the church service. This will take the place of coffee time.

### **DALE AND DONNA MESSENGER** **CELEBRATING 70<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

The family of Donna and Dale Messenger invite YOU to send a card to their parents to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 28. You may send your cards to them at:

Dale and Donna Messenger  
3300 GW Carver  
APT #140  
Ames, IA 50010



***Utilities today are being provided by the Pattersons  
in honor of Pat's 95th birthday.  
Happy Birthday Pat!!!***

# Introducing 2016-17 Confirmation Class

**This year's years class is small but mighty!**

Rylie Weyrich, daughter of Lori & Roger.  
Mentor - Renee Van Marel

Jordan Hinders, daughter of Kris & Kevin.  
Mentor - Ann Murray

Ty Jerman, son of Renee & Troy.  
Mentor - Chris Nelson

Madison Wiertzema, daughter of Amber & Nathan  
Mentor - Nicole Smith

Jacob Papesh, son of Melissa & Adam  
Mentor - Rod Bodholdt

The congregation holds you in their prayers as you embark on your confirmation journey. Best of luck for a very successful year!



## Attention Fourth through Sixth Graders

You are invited to become an acolyte! This is an important job at our church that fourth through sixth graders have the opportunity to do.



Don't forget to stay after service today for training if you are interested. A schedule for the fall will go out the week after the training. The children will be scheduled to acolyte about once every 4-6 weeks. If your child has already gone through training, they do not need to attend this but please get your Sept-Oct availability to Nicole including preferred time (8:30 or 11:00) and if your child wants to be scheduled with a specific person.

**There will be a training session for anyone who is interested in or is involved in Ushering after the service today also. This should take about 15 to 20 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Thomas (712) 229-1183 (Cell) or [tim.ann.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:tim.ann.thomas@gmail.com) (email).**

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR FRED

Gratitude still has a grab on me as I post this weekend. First of all, I want all who are returning to schools and colleges and universities, both young and not so young, to know I will be praying for you as you embark on this coming year of education. Secondly, I am so grateful for anyone who is working anywhere in our educational systems to provide fine learning to expand minds' knowledge.

I remain grateful for the church staff and members of Ames First UMC for their ministries all summer long. Together we do accomplish so much for Christ's love---for the love of God and love of neighbor. Special thanks to all who have "gone beyond" to care for others.

My good news for this week is that my surgeon believes I am doing quite well and so he freed me to drive and to reduce the restrictions that I have carefully been trying to follow on this path of healing. He said to use my good sense and judgment and to listen to what my hip/body is telling me I can and cannot do. He reminded me that it has been only a month or so since my surgery. I have already discovered that in my enthusiasm I can overdo without really knowing it. So I will try to pay good attention to that but do not be surprised if you see me "out and about". I plan to start going into the office a little bit at a time in the coming days as my energy and interest allows. I will be back in the pulpit leading worship on Labor Day weekend and then looking to all the wonderful events that can happen at Ames FUMC in the fall and early winter of the year.

Shalom to you, my friend!

**INVITE SOMEONE TO ATTEND  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
WITH YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

One of the biggest, boldest, and most audacious things you can do is to invite someone back to church or to attend church for the first time with you! People do have spiritual needs and one of those needs is to worship God in the community of faith. Let's continue to spread the news that being here at Ames First UMC is one of the best places to be on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning! **This congregation will grow and be stronger only because YOU are sharing with others the JOY of belonging here at Ames First UMC --- only YOU can do this!**



**Hello Puppeteers, 7th Graders and families!**

**In case you missed it, August 21st was the First Puppet meeting! It's not too late to join though! The first official practice is this Sunday at 10:40. We are excited to get started with puppets for the 2016-2017 year! The first date to mark on your calendar is...**

**September 11th, Rally Sunday at our church. We will perform 2 songs for both services.**



**It's that time of year...where did the summer go?** We will be going back to 2 services on September 11. First service begins at 8:30 and second service is at 11:00

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP**

As September rolls around, we will be served by the members of our Finance Committee and the Council Chairperson and Secretary and the Lay Members to Annual Conference.

**The Week at a Glance  
Aug 28 - Sept 3**

**Sunday Aug. 28**

Confirmand & Mentor introduction  
Scouts Introduction  
Acolyte Training  
Ushers meeting

**Monday Aug. 29**

**Tuesday, Aug. 30**

Quilters/E109  
2-7 Farm to Folk/FH  
5:30 ARC-Fitclub/E110

**Wednesday, Aug. 31**

**Thursday, Sept. 1**

5:30 Church Council  
6:00 Circle of Faith/Potluck at  
Cami's

**Friday, Sept. 2**

**Saturday Sept. 3**

5:30 SAF in the Chapel

CR-Conference Room

FH-Fellowship Hall

MPR-Multipurpose Room

HSR-High School Room

SCR-Staff Conference Room



Altar flowers were provided by  
the Messengers in honor of their  
70th wedding anniversary.

**GREETERS**

**9:30**

Lowell & Louise Yager

**ACOLYTES**

**9:30**

Zach Heimer

**SOUND**

Doug Hill  
Pete Peterson  
Dean Swyter

**VIDEO**

Marty Sankey

**NURSERY**

Morgan & Kristen

**UTILITIES**

Pattersons for August 28

**USHERS**

**9:30**

Trustees

**Chancel Bells will resume practice Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir will resume practice Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.  
We welcome NEW members to each of these groups.**

## **WE WELCOME YOU!**

Our Welcome Center is located in the gathering space near the elevator. Please stop by if you have questions or would like to get more information about the church. Be sure to mention if you are a first time visitor.

Nursery care is available in Room E203, in the Christian Education Unit, on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings for children under the age of 5. All of our workers are trained and screened. Items for children's worship bags are available in the gathering area.

Restrooms are located in the east hallways and by the elevator. Ushers are available at the entrances of the sanctuary to assist you with hearing devices, large print bulletins or any questions you may have. An emergency phone and defibrillator are located on the wall near the west entry.

### **First United Methodist Church Affirmation of Welcome**

As a community of the people of God, we are called to minister to all people of the world, knowing that the world is often an unloving place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, as we are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society.

We stand in affirmation with the apostle Paul that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." Christ has made us one. We acknowledge that this reconciliation encompasses all within the community of faith who exhibit any and all differences in the human condition including, but not limited to: race, gender, ethnicity, age, culture, physical and mental ability, educational level, economic status, personality, marital status, sexual orientation and gender identity in response to the often hostile social climate with respect to diversity within our society and the resulting feelings of alienation from the Church, we wish to make known our caring and concern. It is for this purpose that we affirm the following:

- all persons share the sacred worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;
- all persons are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making affirmation of faith; and that as members of this congregation, all persons are invited and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Fred Lewis**, Senior Minister/Lead Pastor

**Rev. Cephas Davis**, Associate Pastor

**Rev. Dave Shogren**, Associate/Visitation Pastor

**Nicole Smith**, Director of Christian Education

**Deb Benefield**, Director of Office & Communications

**Reid Cummer**, Business Manager

**Myrna Cakerice**, Organist/Director of Choirs

**Steve Pelz**, Custodian

**Matt Woodworth**, Part-time/Sunday Custodian

Go to our website: [www.fumcames.org](http://www.fumcames.org) for the latest church information. Follow us on facebook.

Church office hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Friday 8:30 to 4:30

**Contact Reid Cummer for any questions on your financial information....how you can get your monthly Giving ONLINE so it does not have to be printed and sent to you, etc.**