

"YOU ARE THE  
MESSIAH,  
THE SON OF THE  
LIVING GOD."  
MATTHEW 16:16-17



**First United Methodist Church**

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**9:30 August 27, 2017**

**THE GATHERING:** *This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of the Pacific Island nations.*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARIES**

"Day by Day"

Oscar Ahnfelt

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

arr: Gilbert M. Martin

Festive Prelude on "Built on the Rock"

arr: Gilbert M. Martin

*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 in the narthex to pick up a Welcome packet.

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to Christ, that living stone,  
rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call,  
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,  
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,  
called out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

**Therefore we sing with the church of all ages:  
Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.  
By your mercy we have been born anew to a living  
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from  
the dead.**

## SUMMERTIME HYMN SING

(Be ready to suggest a favorite)

### OPENING PRAYER

**Jesus, we claim you as our Savior and friend.**

**This may be a bold claim, yet we know  
your amazing grace and unconditional love and so  
we speak and pray boldly.**

**We fix our vision on you so that we might see the world  
with clear sight and with the eyes of deep faith and hope.**

**We seek to know your mind and commit ourselves  
to walking upon your path.**

**We ask that you gather us together in your warm embrace  
and kindness now and always. Amen.**

### A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

#### ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace” arr: Cathy Modlebus  
Handbell Solo: Ellen Johnsen

#### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

#### WITNESS TO THE WORD

“A Chip off the Old Block” Rev. Fred Lewis

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

“Upon this Rock” soloist, Bradley Duckstein

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

Let us pray:

**O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank  
you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern  
for one another as we care for the real needs of those  
around in this world. May our congregation be an  
incarnation of your love within and beyond these church  
doors, where there is loneliness, injustice, or  
misunderstanding; through Christ our Head, and the Holy  
Spirit our strength. Amen.**

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER (singing)

No.3068

#### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

“Morning Has Broken” arr: Jason W. Krug  
Handbell Solo: Ellen Johnsen

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have given us so much and you have loved us steadfastly. In response, we seek to be bearers of your love in the world. We return a portion of what you have given us. May these gifts impact those who receive them in truly meaningful ways. Amen.

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### HYMN

No. 670

"Go Forth for God"

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Grand Choeur"

Theodore Dubois

*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

### PRAY FOR OUR



### AS THIS SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS WE SAY "REMEMBER OUR SENIORS"!

Congratulations to our seniors and their families as they begin their final year of high school. Let us pray for them as they reach for their goals and dreams. This is such a milestone time for them. Please make sure we have your seniors name!

Lauren Cassaidy  
Thomas DeLay  
Oliver Dies  
Calvin Evans  
Megan Goodhue  
Beverly Hawley  
Shelby Heimer  
Casey Hinders  
Sarah Hinnners  
Kyler Holm  
Kari Holmes  
Karli Jerman  
Emma Killian  
Ryan Pretzer  
AJ Reed  
Sally Schrunk  
Nathan Schmitz  
Mackenzie Weyrich

## Annual Usher Training

If you would like a refresher course or learn about being an usher, please attend the training session on August 27 after the 9:30 church service . Thank You

Tim Thomas, Head Usher

## Attention Third graders on up!

You are invited to become an acolyte! This is an important job at our church that third graders on up have the opportunity to do. Third graders will be trained in August but may not start to be scheduled until January. Acolyting is a fun way to be a part of our worship services. Usually acolytes work in pairs, so you can participate with a friend. You can acolyte at whatever Sunday service your family normally attends. On Sunday, August 27 we'll have a training following our 9:30 worship. If your child can't be there and wants to participate, please let Nicole know and we can set up a separate training. A schedule for the fall (Sept-Oct) part of the year will go out the week after the training.



## PIZZA PARTY FOR OUR YOUTH

On Sunday, August 27 from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m., we will have a pizza party for our middle and high school youth. This will be a time for them to get to know Brooke as well as gather together at the start of the school year for pizza, catching up after the summer break, and playing some games. We hope all of our middle and high school youth will attend. Brooke is excited to get to know the youth and hear directly from them about what things they are looking forward to and/or want to do throughout the school year. If they can't be there right at 5:00 or can't stay as late as 7:00, that's okay. The youth can come and go as needed and are also welcome to bring friends! This will be hosted by Brooke and Nicole so two adults will be present. We will have other adults present as needed.

## Rally Sunday, September 10

With our **Focus On Old Testament (FOOT)**, we are going to have a **NEW SHOES AND SOCKS DRIVE** on Rally Sunday, September 10. These shoes and socks will go to various organizations in Story County. We will also have a Sock Hop (wear your 50s best!) following the 11:00 worship on Rally Sunday. We will grill burgers, have milkshakes, and listen to some fun Rock N' Roll from the 50s while we dance and have a great time celebrating being back together for our church school year.

## **WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS**

Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply  
Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes.  
Experience: No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower.  
Union Affiliation: Must be "in union with Christ" and committed to serve.  
Wages: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.  
Fringe Benefits: Social Security--we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.  
Hours: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime.  
Rehearsal: Wednesday 7:30--8:30 p.m. starting September 6. No practices on ISU basketball nights!

## **PEACE-MAKING CIRCLES ARE NOW SCHEDULED AND AWAITING YOU TO SIGN UP!**

As a follow-up to our congregation's CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool), the Church Council and Staff Parish Relations Committee, are hosting three opportunities for members of the church to come together for a time of listening and sharing with skilled facilitators Carla Cain and Diane McClanahan from the DMPCC. The dates for YOU to choose from are: August 28 (Monday), August 31 (Thursday), or September 18 (Monday). There will be two circles held on each of these evenings with up to 15 persons per circle. The evenings will begin with a social gathering time from 6-6:30p.m. in the MPR. Meetings begin at 6:30p.m., lasting up to three hours as needed. You can sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Deb at the church office (232-2750) during the week. You can visit with Brenda Bright, Gina Smith, Kathy Van Pelt, Matt Carney, or Terry Goodman with questions.

## **HOLIDAY FAIR REMINDER!**

Mark your calendars for Holiday Fair 2017 which will be on **November 4!** That is a later date than normal so you will have plenty of time to get ready this year! The Committee had their first meeting and welcomed new members Jo Durlam, Sally Peterson, Mary Ann Silence and Judy Zunkel to the Planning Committee. Watch for news of new ideas and changes in upcoming weekly bulletins and newsletters. As always, keep Holiday Fair in mind as you are cleaning or downsizing. Made with Love, Grandma's Attic, Kitchen Corner, the Bakery and Quilts will return and plans are being made to have a separate room for all seasonal items. Noodles and tea rings will also be made this year, and a noon lunch will be served. Direct any questions to Carolyn Yorgensen (294-5648), Donna Banker (515-419-4966), Joan Peterson (515-451-3011), or Margaret Torrie (515-231-9111).

## **CHURCH COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER APPOINTING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORSHIP TIMES/STYLES**

Pastor Fred, after consulting with the Worship Committee chairpersons and Lay Leader and Church Council chairperson, is going to recommend to the church council at their September 7 meeting that a Task Force be formed to study the issues surrounding our worship times and styles as a congregation. This was listed as the NUMBER ONE concern on the recent Congregational Assessment Tool. As this Task Force does their study and reports their recommendations to the Church Council, they will need to take into consideration all the other activities/ministries that happen here on a Saturday and Sunday and what impact making changes would have. The Task Force may be composed of an appointed chairperson, the worship committee's co-chairs, two representative choir members (one from Chancel and one from Chancel Bells), two members representing our Christian educational ministries, two representatives of our youth/young adults, plus three persons representative of our three current worship times. Serving ex-officio will be our Director of Music Ministries and Director of Christian Education. This is a large group to schedule and convene but hopefully it can work. No doubt, the Task Force will want to read and learn about the history of our worship times/services here, what are emerging worship trends, and certainly do canvassing of the congregation's feelings and thoughts, and so forth. You can visit with Terry Goodman, chairperson of our Church Council, about this matter.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

The Welcoming and Marketing Committee at First United Methodist Church would like to thank you for visiting our church. We take pride in our beautiful church and hope you had a pleasant and welcoming experience. To thank you for visiting our church, we would like to give you a small gift to show our appreciation for attending one of our services. Please stop by the Welcome Center located behind the sanctuary and to the left of the open stairway before or after service on Sunday morning. We hope you will join us again!

### **DISCOVER HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER HERE AT AMES FUMC**

We strive to make it fairly simple for folks to become a member here in our congregation. Persons desiring membership need to speak to a pastor about their intentions and/or attend one of our monthly informational get-togethers that we host throughout the year. The September New Member Get-Together will be Sunday, September 17, at 10 a.m. in the church's fireside parlor. Future gatherings this fall will be held on October 15 and November 19.

**The Week at a Glance  
August 27 – September 2**

**Sunday, August 27**

8:30 3rd Graders receive Bibles  
Following service - Acolyte Training  
Following service - Usher Training  
5-7 Youth Pizza Party

**Monday, August 28**

9-10:30 Ruth Cir/MPR  
6:00 Peace Circle/MPR

**Tuesday, August 29**

Quilters  
2-7 Farm to Folk/FH

**Wednesday, August 30**

**Thursday, August 31**

1-4 YSS/CR  
6:00 Peace Circle/MPR

**Friday, Sept 1**

**Saturday Sept 2**

10:00 Cakerice wedding/Chapel  
5:30 SAF Worship

CR-Conference Room

FH-Fellowship Hall

LIB - Library

MPR-Multipurpose Room

MSR-Middle School Room

HSR-High School Room

SCR-Staff Conference Room

Par - Parlor

**ACOLYTES**

TBA

**SOUND**

Doug Hill  
Pete Peterson  
Dean Swyter  
Fredrick Killian  
Mike Evans  
Calvin Evans

**GREETERS**

Norma Downs & Marilyn Gibbs

**NURSERY**

Audrey  
Clove  
Eryn

**VIDEO**

Marty Sankey  
Larry Vallery  
Mike Evans

**USHERS**

UMM  
Life Groups



Altar flowers and coffee time will be provided by the Sampson's on Sept 3 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Happy Anniversary  
to  
Dean & Judy!!**



## **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

**Nicole Smith**, Director of Christian Education

**Brooke Kruger**, Youth Director

**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

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Church office hours:  
Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.  
Friday 8:30 to 4:30

**AS ALWAYS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE CHURCH HAPPENINGS, PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE: WWW.FUMCAMES.ORG**