

Celebrate THE FOURTH

First United Methodist Church
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9:30 July 2, 2017

THE GATHERING: *This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Bolivia, Chile, and Peru*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"Music for the Royal Fireworks" George Frideric Handel
Overture; La Paix (Peace); Bouree; Menuets I and II

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

We gather in peace, graced by the living, risen Christ, who welcomes us!

We come with joy to meet our Savior. Alleluia!

HYMN

No. 2268

"As We Gather at Your Table"

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

arr: Lon Beery

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“In Jesus Christ We Find Welcome and We Are Sent” Rev. Fred Lewis

THE INVITATION

Hymn No. 2255

“In the Singing”

CONFESSION, ASSURANCE AND PARDON

**God of gracious kindness,
we choose to examine honestly what it is that stops us
from being the best we can be.**

**We look at what holds us back from generous hospitality
and radical welcome.**

**We accept that we fail to include everyone into our midst,
and that there are others that we turn away. We are sorry.**

We ask for your mercy.

---A moment of silence for prayer---

God is saving us by divine mercy, no exceptions.

We are all saved in spite of ourselves, good and bad alike.

As a cup of water can wash away dirt and grime from our hands,
and a cool cup of water can quench our thirst, so the grace of
God cleanses us, restores and revives us, so we can continue
on our journey of faith.

Glory be to God!

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“We Place upon Your Table, Lord”

arr: Robert J Powell

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(singing together No. 3068)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 437

"This Is My Song"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Trumpet Tune"

Antonio Vivaldi

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



**APPALACHIAN
SERVICE
PROJECT**

ASP fundraiser at Perkins

Look for the green coupons around church, and take one every time you go to Perkins July 1-24. When you give your server a coupon, Perkins will give 10% of your total bill to ASP. Please share coupons with everyone you know who goes to Perkins. We appreciate your support!

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 ★ **JOIN IN THE PARADE --- CELEBRATE AMES FUMC** ★
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 ★ Do not let “the parade pass you by” as Dolly Levi sings about in the ★
 ★ Broadway musical, “Hello, Dolly!” Join with others from Ames FUMC ★
 ★ and our Cub and Boy Scouts in representing our congregation in this ★
 ★ year’s 4th of July parade. Dress in vividly bright colors! Meet in front of ★
 ★ the downtown Hy-Vee Drug store by no later than 10:30. The parade ★
 ★ starts at 11. Look for our scout troops and van. If the location ★
 ★ changes We will send out a cyber-news to update you. **PLEASE** ★
 ★ come and show your pride in our 151 years of ministry In the “heart of ★
 ★ Ames”. ★
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**PEACE CIRCLES TO ASSIST AS FOLLOW UP TO OUR
CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENT TOOL REPORT**

The Church Assessment Tool at First United Methodist Church revealed high levels of conflict with competing cultures at play. Church leaders have accepted the recommendation of our CAT Interpreters that “Peace Circles” will assist us in finding reconciliation and restoration for the congregation. The Peacemaking Circle process will help us to listen deeply to one another so that we might learn how to move forward in a healthy way.

Using a circle process is not simply a matter of putting chairs in a circle. The circle is a dialog process that works intentionally to create a safe space to discuss very difficult or painful issues in order to improve relationships and resolve differences. The intent of the circle is to find resolutions that serve every member of the circle. The process is based on an assumption of equal worth and dignity for all participants and therefore provides equal voice to all participants. Every participant has gifts to offer in finding a good solution to the problem.

On June 29, the members of the Church Council and members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee participated in the first of the Peacemaking circles. Look for information in the weekly bulletin or through cyber-news for times in which the whole congregation will be invited to participate. The plan is to have several of these Peace Circles happen over the next few months. Our facilitators will be Diane McClanahan and Carla Cain from the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Services; these two women were also the interpreters of our CAT report. Hopefully YOU will be willing to participate in this process.

<p>FINANCE at a GLANCE</p> <p>For the first five months of this year donations to our utility calendar have totaled \$3585. This has reduced our utility bill by 22%. Your contribution does make a difference. Thank you for your continued support.</p>
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UMW NEWS

United Methodist Women will host their Guest Day and Brunch on Thursday, July 13 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church and guests from area United Methodist churches are invited. The brunch will begin at 9:30. Sarah Paulos from "Iowa Interfaith Power and Light" will speak on "Climate Justice", a current UMW study topic, following the brunch.

Please RSVP to Sally Peterson petep@mailmis.com by July 7 if you plan to attend.



COFFEE TALK - COME JOIN US!!!

July 2nd - Not a Fan
July 9th - Not a Fan
July 16th - Not a Fan

Everyone is welcome to join us for any week! You do not need to be at all of the sessions, so just come when you can. We would love to have you join us!

Chad & Carrie Copley

UMM NEWS

The Methodist Men have received 4 packaged deals for Big Band dances on Sunday evenings this summer from Don Snyder. Each dance has 6 tickets in which their table is on the dance floor. These are being offered as auction items for our annual FUN(D) event. Anyone interested in offering a minimum bid of \$100.00 for an evening of dancing and/or musical entertainment, may contact Dean Sampson at dean.8843@gmail.com or (515) 509-7932.

Al Welch Orchestra	6:00pm.	July 9th
Sentimental Swing	6:00pm.	August 13
Jan Garber Orchestra	6:00pm	August 27
Austin Big Band.	6:00pm.	September 10

Build a Better World with God

The children and youth summer reading program is underway and we need you to help us make a difference! The theme is Build a Better World with God. The children and youth will each get a “building permit” that has specific requirements that need to be completed. Upon completion, they will have an “approved” building permit. We would LOVE to have YOU make a pledge for every “approved” building permit. Typically 20-25 children and youth take part in the summer reading program. The money raised through pledges will go to help pay for school supplies for the traveling school supply giveaway to those in need in rural Story County communities. Please contact Nicole at 232-2750 or Nicole@fumcomes.org if you'd like to pledge or stop by the office and pick up a pledge form.

Summer Family Movie Nights

July 12, we will have our second movie night of the summer with the “Lego Batman” movie. August 2, is the last of our “Summer Family Movie Nights” and we will be showing “Sky High” to finish off our superhero theme as well as bring it back to an “old school” movie. We will kick off the movie nights starting at 6:00 and have pizza and popcorn during the movie. There will be a craft activity too! This will take place in the multi-purpose room. All ages are welcome and all are encouraged to bring a friend, neighbor, grandchild, or anyone you think will enjoy it! We hope you are able to join us for at least one movie night yet this summer and that you enjoy the community fellowship opportunity.

We want to thank Pastor Fred for preaching at John’s funeral and Myrna playing the organ. We are so glad that Pastor Fred was here to preach John’s funeral. WE feel that Pastor Fred cared very much for John and had an excellent service for John. Myrna always does a wonderful job playing the organ.

John passing away was sudden but it must have been in God’s Plan. I was thinking we would have about twenty people there & so we would use the Chapel. We then realized more people were coming so Pastor Fred said we could go to our beautiful sanctuary. Today, we talked with Brian Snider, Adams Funeral Director, and he said that there were over a hundred people there. Monday, June 26, was a beautiful day. It was a day that you like to say. “What a great day the Lord has made, let us rejoice in it”. Our family remembers my Uncle Lee always saying that verse.

WE also want to thank all the people for all the beautiful cards and thoughtful words. That helps us a great deal.

Bob & Jan Samuelson

**The Week at a Glance
July 2 – July 8**

Sunday, July 2

Monday, July 3
OFFICE CLOSING at 2

Tuesday, July 4
OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Wednesday, July 5

Thursday, July 6
8:30-5:00 YSS/CR
9:00 Golden "K"/FH

Friday, July 7
5:00 Brownlee/Dwyer Rehearsal

Saturday July 8
3:00 Brownlee/Dwyer Wedding
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

Chad & Carrie Copley

NURSERY

Meredith
Audrey

VIDEO

Marty Sankey
Larry Vallery
Mike Evans

USHERS

Choir

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW PART-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the employment of Brooke Kruger to serve as our Director of Youth Ministries. She will be working up to 15 hours a week on average implementing a youth ministry program for our congregation. She will work under the supervision of our Director of Christian Education, the senior minister, and the SPRC. Brooke will begin her ministry of youth in July.

Brooke and her husband, Reid, and their daughters Aurelia and Cora have been worshipping, learning, and serving alongside this congregation for over a year. Brooke looks forward to working with all the youth and their parents of our church. The SPRC interview teams of youth and adults liked her qualities of being organized, love of planning and communicating, friendly and open manner, detailed knowledge of technology, ability to budget finances and time, creativity, and her desire to be dedicated in working with the people placed under her care. She has a heart for missions. Brooke was raised as a United Methodist and has an ever-growing faith in God's grace. Brooke has her own home based business called Memories of Magnitude.

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

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 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

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