



**First United Methodist
Church**
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9:30 July 9, 2017

THE GATHERING: *This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Columbia, Ecuador, and Venezuela.*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Voluntary on "Slane"

Eugene Butler

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

arr: Paul Manz

"To God Be the Glory"

arr: Donald Hustad

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

People of God, come gather here to praise our God;
for the One who so delighted in creating all that is
abides with us and within us today.

Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Let us delight in this community and the warm and
loving relationships that grow within it.

Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Let us remember Christ who loved sharing stories and
bringing healing and wholeness to all he encountered.

Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Let us feel the embracing goodness of the Spirit who
leads us toward a future of justice and joy.

Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Let us pray:

With hearts filled with gladness and gratitude and joy
we come to worship you, God, lover of all that is and will be.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of the quiet places, God of the stormy seas,
We gather in your calming presence.
Silence the crashing waves of trouble in our hearts.
Let us hear your promise to us in Christ's whispered, "Be still." And in our stillness, let us know within our whole selves that you and you alone are our God. Amen.**

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Write Your Story"

Trio: Lauren McEvoy/Emma McEvoy/Sydney Stover

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

WITNESS TO THE WORD

"The Yoke of Christ" Rev. Fred Lewis

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

No. 2218

"You Are Mine"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O God, be present among us, as we pray for some of the needs of this world,

and be gracious to all those in trouble:

those who are exhausted,

those who are deep in sorrow,

those whose lives are ebbing away,

those who are without friends,

those who are forgotten by the world.

Ever loving God, we entrust them your care.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A MOMENT FOR DISICPLESHIP

Rod and Sandee Bodholdt

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"The Gift of Love"

arr: Hal H. Hopson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you, God, for all you provide. We are delighted by the gifts we receive and delight in being your people on earth. We dedicate ourselves to serving and loving your world. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 451

“Be Thou My Vision”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude

Douglas E. Wagner

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!

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.

Report from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance

On June 27, GNEA board met at the Good Neighbor office at 613 Clark Ave. In the first eleven months, Good Neighbor has provided rent and/or utility assistance to 329 households, 8,562 Healthy Food vouchers to 1,427 households and 269 gas vouchers. This represents an increase in all programs based on 2016 with 23 more households in rent and utilities, 1,308 in Healthy Food vouchers and 50 more in gas vouchers. At the present rate Good Neighbor will surpass the total services provided in FY 15-16. Good Neighbor is presently able to fulfill all financial demands, but will be applying for several grants and is always looking for possible donations.

There is a possibility of housing several staff members of the local Boys and Girls Club at the Good Neighbor facility in the future. With this action, Mike Fritz toured their Club facilities and learned more about the programs they offer.

There are plans on August 19 for Terry Lowman to have his "Tuscan Dinner" fund raiser at the Unitarian Church. As details are made, they will be included in the church bulletins and newsletter.

The next board meeting will be held on August 15 at noon at the Good Neighbor Office at 613 Clark Ave.

Submitted by:

Steve J. Hanlin board representative for First United Methodist Church



Take Me Out To the Ballgame!

We are planning a fun family outing to the I-Cubs game on Sunday, July 23. Game starts at 1:08. We can caravan down after worship service or meet up there. If you want to caravan, wear your baseball game clothes to church that day! We have 30 general admission tickets for \$3 each. If you'd like to purchase one of those in advance, please contact Nicole. Otherwise, you can get general admission tickets at the door for \$8. We can plan to sit together and enjoy some ballpark hotdogs and sodas for lunch at the game! Join us for a fun afternoon at the ball game!!

UMW NEWS

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



COFFEE TALK - COME JOIN US!!!

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

2017 GRADUATES AND PARENTS....

Just to remind senior parents OR graduates. Please pick up your pictures. You can just take off the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for now! Later they will be in the church office.

Thanks



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 will go towards the traveling school supply giveaway to those in need in rural Story County. Please complete the form below and turn it in to the office or directly to Nicole. You will be contacted around the middle of August to let you know how many building permits were “approved.”

Name _____

Ph.# _____

Address _____

Email _____

Amount pledged per “approved” building permit \$ _____

The Week at a Glance
July 9 – July 15

Sunday, July 9

Monday, July 10

Tuesday, July 11

Quilters
Farm to Folk

Wednesday, July 12

6:00 Family Movie Night/ MPR

Thursday, July 13

9:30 UMW Guest Day
Brunch and program

Friday, July 14

8-6 Quilting Connection/FH

Saturday July 15

8-6 Quilting Connection/FH

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

Ainsley & Addie Jurgens

SOUND

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

GREETERS

Nancy Tamashunas

NURSERY

Eryn
Meredith
Audrey

VIDEO

Marty Sankey
Larry Vallery
Mike Evans

USHERS

Youth

We Need Your Help!

Do you love helping others and spreading the word of God to a younger generation? Then we have a job for you! For the 2017-2018 school year, we have positions for leaders in pre-school, as well as in children's Sunday school for grades kindergarten through 5th as rotation teachers (teach a pre-planned lesson for 3-4 weeks) or as a guardian angel (stay with the class as they rotate, monitor, participate with the children and assist as needed), teachers and assistants for 6th-8th grade and assistants for high school age. We are also in need of volunteers to assist teachers on Wednesday nights for Little Kid's Club (Kindergarten - 2nd grade) and Big Kid's Club (3rd-5th grade), Middle School and High School ages. We appreciate any time you are able to give to serve the church and its children. We have a GROWING number of children and youth at our church and we need more adults to help in leading this amazing group of kids!! Please contact Nicole Smith, Director of Christian Education, if you are interested! nicole@fumcomes.org or 515-232-2750. **THANK YOU** for considering being a part of the faith journey for our children and youth!!

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**