



## First United Methodist Church

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**9:30 May 28, 2017**

Ascension Day  
Memorial Day Weekend

**THE GATHERING:** *This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Botswana and Zimbabwe*

### OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"For All the Saints"

arr: Douglas E. Wagner

"Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious"

William H. Monk

"Convocation"

Charles Callahan

*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.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** - Ron and Donna Fennema; Ted and Bev Hutchcroft

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Why are you standing here, looking toward heaven?  
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,  
Will come in the same way that you saw him go to heaven!  
**Come, let us worship God.**

**HYMN**

No. 3087

"O Christ, When You Ascended"

## OPENING PRAYER

As we worship together,

**O God, may we live together.**

As we live together,

**O God, may we witness together.**

As we witness together,

**O God, may we journey together.**

As we journey together,

**O God, may we meet together.**

As we meet together,

**O God, may we worship together.**

And may our worship here be in you,

**O God, as you are in us. Amen.**

## A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

### ANTHEM

“Look at the World”

John Rutter

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1: 6-14

### HYMN

No. 2150

“Lord, Be Glorified”

### THE GOSPEL

John 17: 1-11

### WITNESS TO THE WORD

Rev. Cephas Davis

### A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

*As quiet music is played, the poppy wreath is brought into the chancel by a Veteran to remind all of us of those who have sacrificed their lives for our nation as well as to pray for all men and women serving today in our armed services to protect our freedom and liberties.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR A MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead,  
we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth,  
give thanks to you.

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage,  
whose lives that have empowered us,  
whose influence is a healing grace,  
**we lift up thankful hearts.**

For the dear friends and family members  
whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us  
forever

**we lift up thankful hearts.**

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth,  
and for the members of our household of faith  
who worship you now in heaven

**we lift up thankful hearts.**

For those who sacrificed themselves,  
our brothers and sisters who have given their lives,  
for the sake of others

**we lift up thankful hearts.**

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance,  
and ever think of them as with you,  
in that city whose gates are not shut by day  
and where there is no night

**we lift up thankful hearts.**

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world  
where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations  
made one,

**O Lord, save your people and bless your  
heritage.**

**Day by day we magnify you,  
and worship your name, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## **OFFERTORY**

"The Risen Lord" (Medley)

arr: Ethel Tench Rogers

## **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**For all the gifts we have been given, we give thanks.  
The gift of your love, the gift of Jesus, the gift of life  
everlasting. We acknowledge our mission to serve and so  
we bring what we can that others may know your love, too.  
We pray with all the saints in heaven and on earth. Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

## **HYMN**

No. 413

"A Change to Keep I Have"

## **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

"A Festive Postlude"

Don Phillips

*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**

# REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS ON MAY 27 AND 28 IN WORSHIP

As we celebrate Memorial Day this weekend, we will have a moment of silence in prayer and offer a recognition for all of our veterans. Memorial Day began in

1866 in Waterloo, New York, as a day to honor the war dead of the United States. It is now observed on the last Monday in May. Many observe this day by decorating the graves of loved ones, and especially those who died in war. If you are making a trip to decorate a grave, please consider taking extra decorations to place on the graves that seem to perhaps be forgotten as a way of recognizing “the saints.”



Our FUMC “Connections” Young Adult Sunday School class will be participating in the American Cancer Society’s “Relay For Life” on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-9:00 in Ankeny.

This is the last weekend to support our “Relay for Life” team. You can purchase a luminary, in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one who has fought the fight. You can also give a donation without purchasing a luminary. We will have a table in Fellowship Hall today to collect contributions and answer questions. Every dollar raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society to be used in the fight against cancer.

In an effort to make this event truly special, our relay team is once again gathering pictures of friends and loved ones who have battled cancer. We will be attaching the pictures to our “Relay Ribbon” and taking them with us to the relay. If you would like to bring a copy of a picture to church between now and May 31st, we will take the fighting spirit of friends and loved ones with us to the relay. If you have provided us with a picture in the past, we still have those and will take those along as well.

Finally, you are welcome to join our team on the track in Ankeny. You can sign up to join our team throughout the event, or you can participate in special events like the “Survivor Lap” or “Caregiver Lap”. Of course, we also welcome your prayers of support as we work in ministry to fight back against cancer. If you would like to join our team, follow our progress, or make an online donation you can do so at this link: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17MW?pg=entry&fr\\_id=79907](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17MW?pg=entry&fr_id=79907) Just make your selection and reference “FUMC Connections” so your contributions will be credited to our team.

For more information, email Sandee Bodholdt at [cyfam4@gmail.com](mailto:cyfam4@gmail.com).

**PENTECOST SUNDAY IS June 4 ---**  
**PENTECOST IS A SEASON OF FIRE!**

You are encouraged to wear your reds, oranges, or bright yellows as we celebrate the “birthday of the church on June 4th!” Read Acts 2 for inspiration!

Pentecost arrives like the rush of wind that takes our breath away. Pentecost is a day and a whole season in the church year for personal and church renewal; it’s a time for rededication among individual Christians. It’s a time to seek the unity found in God’s love.



**STEWARDSHIP HOSTS SEMINAR ON JUNE 4 AT 11 A.M.**

The Stewardship Committee, along with the Committee on Finance and our Foundation Board, are hosting a workshop on Sunday, June, 4, at 11 a.m. on “Estate Planning and Wills”. The meeting will be held in the multiple purpose room. Professionals will be on hand to share and answer questions regarding the need for everyone to have a will and an estate plan. This seminar will last an hour and is an important one for you to consider attending.

**Liturgical Dance**

The Liturgical Dance group will perform one more time before their summer break. The performance will be June 4, Pentecost Sunday. It is a fun piece to “Soul on Fire” and we need LOTS of people to join us for this! Nicole will be sending out an email to discuss potential practice times during the month of May to prepare for this. We hope for a great turn out for this group as it will close out the worship service on Pentecost Sunday. All ages, all genders, all abilities are welcome!

**Build a Better World With God!** The Summer Reading Program will be in place of Sunday school during the summer months. The children and youth will have the opportunity to still meet for a short lesson along with taking part in the summer reading program every Sunday beginning June 4. New books have been added to the cart including some excellent ones for middle and high school youth. Remember, reading over the summer months helps prevent the “summer slide” or the decline in achievement from end of school in spring to the startup of school in fall. Let’s help our kids keep their achievement up AND read good quality books that help them grow in their faith journey and learn how to Build a Better World with God in their lives. We hope to also have a children and youth mission project connected with this with everything coming together by the beginning of August.

**A SPECIAL CONCERT ON PENTECOST:**  
**Craig Jordan and Brandin Kreuder**

Bring your friends and neighbors to this special violin and piano concert on Sunday, June 4, at 3:00 p.m. in our beautiful historic sanctuary. A freewill financial offering will be received.



If you have a friend or relative who might be interested in sharing their gift of music for the summer, please contact Myrna Cakerice--450-5556....June is filled which leaves July and August for you.

**Travel to the Holy Land with Pastor Fred  
January 2018**

Pastor Fred is joining with Bishop Haller and her husband and others from around Iowa to tour the Holy Land on January 9-18, 2018. Educational Opportunities is the tour host/company. That company has been in service for many decades and excels at tours. The trip will leave from Des Moines on January 9 and return there at its conclusion on January 18. Tel Aviv is where we will land in Israel. We will then go on to see Caesarea by the Sea, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, and Nazareth. We will spend time around the areas of the Sea of Galilee and Jordan River. There will be time spent in Jericho, Qumran, Masada, and the Dead Sea. There will be a stop in Bethlehem and then a few days in Jerusalem before returning to the USA.



A brochure may be picked up at the church office for your further review. The tour includes: airfare and taxes, all basic guided sightseeing, entrance fees, first class hotels and gratuities, daily buffet breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor coaches and much more. \$3,496 from Des Moines. Trip protection insurance is additional. EO will also help match you with a roommate or single rooms are at an extra price.

To register for this trip you will need to go online to [www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel). Or, you can call them at 1-800-247-0017. The tour ID is HL 18. The date # is 010918. The group # is 069. The host # (ID) is 57572. When it asks for a code of a single letter, put the letter "I". A registration fee of \$300 is due now, after July 8<sup>th</sup> it raises to \$600. A current valid passport will be needed.

**The Week at a Glance  
May 28 – June 3**

**Sunday, May 28**

**9:30 ONE SERVICE**  
Ascension Sunday  
Memorial Weekend

**Monday, May 29**

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 30**

Quilters  
11:00 Life Group/CR  
2:00 - 7:00 Farm to Folk

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Thursday, June 1**

9:00 Golden K/FH

**Friday, June 2**

**Saturday June 3**

Music Recital 1-4  
**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**

Zachery & Savanna Smith

**SOUND**

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

**GREETERS**

Becky Jordan

**NURSERY**

Clove  
Meredith

**Ushers:**

Dale Vander Schaaf  
Jim Miller  
Phil & Sandy Johnson  
Bob Studer

**VIDEO**

Marty Sankey  
Larry Vallery  
Mike Evans

**NEWS FROM OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP 160**

**Troop 160 is cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, serving chips, and soft drinks on Monday, May 29, from 11 am to 2 pm in front of Lowe's Home Improvement Store on Airport Road in Ames.**

**We'll be selling a hamburger, veggie burger, or hot dog with chips and soft drink combo for \$5.50. We call it our Be Prepared Special - as in be prepared to have a good lunch for not much money.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Our 2017 Operational Budget Income	\$700,000
Our 2017 Budget Expenses	\$697,403
Income for January – April	\$224,410.62
Expenses for January –April	\$226,228.54
Balance	-\$1,817.92

**GIVE A GIFT FOR THIS FATHER'S DAY THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!**  
**SUPPORT THE HEIFER PROJECT**

Once again our Mission-Outreach Team is inviting folks to remember and celebrate FATHER'S DAY by giving a gift to Heifer Project International in loving memory or in joyful honor of all "Dads." Heifer Project animals offer hungry families around the world a way to feed themselves and become self-reliant. Children receive nutritious meat, milk or eggs; families earn income for school, health care and better housing; farmers learn sustainable, environmentally sound agricultural techniques. Families who receive an animal pledge are asked to "pass on" a baby of their gift animal to increase the welfare of their whole community. The idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief has continued for more than 50 years. As a result, families in 115 countries have enjoyed better health, more income and the joy of helping others. ***Return this to the church by June 14<sup>th</sup>.***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10   \$20   \$25   \$50   \$60   \$120   \$250   \$500

*Make checks payable to Ames FUMC and put "Heifer Project" on the memo line.*

**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.

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

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