



First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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8:30 & 11:00
October 1, 2017

THE GATHERING:

This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

8:30

“Worthy of Worship” arr: Carolyn Hamlin
“By Streams of Everlasting Love” Robert J. Powell
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” arr: Susan Caulill

11:00

Harp Meditations Harp: Barbara Evenson

As this music is offered as prayer, let us be sensitive 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 and recall the stories of our ancestors.

We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Recall how God divided the seas and made the waters stand like a heap.

We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Recall how God led our ancestors with clouds and fiery lights.

We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Recall how God made streams come out of rocks in the wilderness, causing water to flow down like rivers.

We will remember and tell new generations of the glorious deeds of God.

Come and worship God, who has and continue to do glorious deeds.

HYMN

No. 2170

“God Made from One Blood”

OPENING PRAYER

God, we thank you for the words and actions that tell the story of who we are and from where we have come. We thank you for the abundance of your gifts, and for the ability to find something extraordinary in unexpected places. May we uncover something special in this sacred time of worship together. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

“We Are the Body of Christ” Bruce Greer
Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

11:00 a.m.

Harp Solo: Harp: Barbara Evenson

PREACHING TEXT

Exodus 17:1-7

HYMN

No. 3031

“God Leads Us Along”

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Is The Lord Among Us Or Not” Rev. Cephas Davis

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

No. 3168 “Come to the Table of Grace”

CONFESSION, ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Complete Love, we long to be complete in our love,
despite our many imperfections.

When we act out of selfish ambition and conceit.

Forgive us and help us to be humble.

When we disregard the needs of others,

Forgive us, and help us to regard the interests of others.

When we idolize ourselves, our ideas, and our ways,

Forgive us, and help us to be more like Jesus the Christ. Amen.

---a time of silence for prayer---

Beloved, know that God is at work in each of us,
enabling us to both will and work for the kingdom
to be on earth as it is in heaven.

Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT FOR WITNESS ON STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” arr: Anna Laura Page

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 no. 3068)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Jubilation” 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

Blessing of the Pets -

In honor of St. Francis who loved all of God’s creatures, we will have a Blessing of the Pets today at 10:00 on the south side of the church. Please feel free to bring your pets to this short outdoor blessing. You will have plenty of time to return your pets to your home prior to the 11:00 service. If your child has a beloved stuffed toy “pet,” they may also bring it to be blessed.

If your child has a fear of animals, they may wait in the multi-purpose room. There will be teachers with them during the blessing time. They will be joined by their classmates following the blessing. We hope to see you and all your “furry friends” there! (In case of rain, please bring a photograph of your pet to share)

CROP WALK

This is *your* chance to be a hunger fighter. To show the world you care. CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide – including here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. CROP Hunger Walkers, volunteers and sponsors put their caring into action, raising funds to help end hunger and poverty at home and around the world. The Ames CROP Walk supports several local ministries.

Please support our team – Team First United Methodist Church (FUMC)! If you would like to walk with us on October 8 or make a donation, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/amesia/Team/View/47259/First-United-Methodist-Church-FUMC>. If you prefer, you can also register at the event and donations can be sent to the church (please put CROP Walk in the memo).

Together we can be part of the solution! Thank you!

Ames CROP Hunger Walk--Sunday, October 8:

Location:

Brookside Park

1325 6th St.

Ames, IA 50010

Registration: 1:00 p.m. - **Walk:** 1:30 p.m. - **Distance:** 3.8 miles

Iowa Christians Engaged in Faith Formation Conference

I'd like to invite you to a conference being held here at Ames First UMC on Saturday, October 7 from 10am-2pm. I would LOVE it if all of you could attend. This conference will be a great training event for our teachers and leaders for all of our different children and youth groups. It would also be a great opportunity for parents to get a chance to learn more about child development and what our kids face in today's society. The information may not affect you and your child directly but it could easily be something your child's friends and family may be dealing with. This is also a great opportunity for those who no longer have kids in the children and youth categories to find out what life is like for our children and youth today and how we can ALL-no matter what age-can help the future of our church AND world!

The event is called Healthy Classrooms, Healthy Faith and will have school psychologist Tara Misra and YSS Director of Treatment and Prevention Jason Haglund presenting. The presentations will both be in the morning. I recommend those who have a background in education attending Jason's session and those who do not have a background in education to attend Tara's session. There will be a lunch followed by some practical application and discussions.

If you are only available for part of the day, please join us still! Free child care during this too!

Please let Nicole know if you can attend or not attend no later than Friday, September 29. She will register everyone then. This is NO cost to you at all!!

Old School Academy Session 1 is October 8!

The Old School Academy sessions are for our Kindergarten through Fifth grade students for their Sunday school classes on the set dates. Preschool classes will still go to their classrooms and have their regular sessions with their teachers. The academy sessions will be October 8, November 5, March 4, and April 8. These sessions will each have a specific focus of a story or person(s) from the Old Testament. Our first one on October 8 will be based on stories in Exodus. Each academy class will have a different story. You will need to sign your child up for the one they are most interested in. Each class is capped at 12 so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. The link to sign up is now open and can be found at www.fumcameseevents.com at the Events section. Sign up closes Oct 6 at 5:00p.m. On Old School Academy Days, the children will still meet in the sanctuary for music and announcements and will then be divided up into their session groups and sent to their special locations for the sessions.

Sunday School Children will Sing!

On October 8 at the 11:00 service, the Sunday school children (ages 2 through 5th grade) will sing the fun 'Old School' song "Rise and Shine." Pastor Fred will accompany the children in this rousing rendition that tells the story of Noah and the Ark.



Preschool Bible Presentation on October 8

On Sunday, October 8 during the 11:00 service, the children from the 4 & 5 year old preschool class will receive their bible. These are wonderful story bibles that the children enjoy for many, many years. They are great to bring with them to worship service to sit and read the stories and look at the pictures of some of the scripture passages that are being read during service! If your child has not received their preschool bible and you have not heard yet from Nicole or Erika (4-5 preschool class teacher), please let Nicole know as soon as possible.



October 11-Mid Week Special Plans

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fields of Faith Event will be held again this year at the Gilbert High School football stadium. Any youth interested in attending can talk to Brooke. The event begins at 6:00 with a free tailgate and then the program starts at 7:00. The featured speakers this year are Allen Lazard, Brian Peavy, David Montgomery, Will Windham, and Ethan Staskewicz. Also on October 11, we will take a break from our Adam Hamilton Moses study and study Moses in a different way. We will kick back "Old School" style and watch the animated film from 1998 (I told you it was 'Old School') Prince of Egypt. We will have pizza and popcorn that night. The movie will start at 6:00. It is one hour and forty minutes long so plan to be here for about 10 minutes longer than usual. Kids are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a blanket. We will watch it in the multipurpose room which can sometimes get rather cool so all can bring a blanket if you'd like.

FAMILY MISSION TRIP

We are planning a Family Mission Trip to Wesley Woods on Oct. 7. We will plan on leaving Ames at 7:30 a.m. and arriving at Wesley Woods at 8:30 a.m. We will work from about 9:00 a.m. until around 4:30 or 5:00 with a lunch break around noon. Please bring a sack lunch to eat and dress appropriately for working out side.

We will plan on staying and eating supper around the fire afterward and have Hot Chocolate and S'mores.

Please spread the word and let everyone know. They can contact me for details. I also need to know how many are going so that I can get enough Hot dogs and S'mores. So, please let me know if you will be going.

We hope to see you there!
Thanks! Ken & Kathy Van Pelt

NOMINATIONS TIME OF YEAR Is God Calling YOU to Serve as a Leader in our Congregation?

If you are interested in being part of any of our church boards, committees, or councils, please contact Pastor Fred today! We are looking for persons with a willing spirit and open heart and mind to work alongside one another to listen for what and how God is calling this congregation to be in ministry and mission.

Church Family,

I wanted to give you all an update on our re-entry team program. Since its conception, it continues to grow in both attendance and success. We continue to experience Christs love and spirit in everyone that is involved. I cannot thank enough the following individuals who received the call for this very special ministry and have been such an intricate part of its success.

Taylor Bodholdt

Rod Bodholdt

Kevin Hinders

Tanya Killian

Emma Killian

I humbly request your continued prayers and support for the team and our candidates as the adversary is always at work and prayers from the faithful always allow our God to prevail. Blessings!

In Christ,
Fredrick Killian

HOLIDAY FAIR

Planning for Holiday Fair 2017 is well underway. This year the fair will be held on Saturday, November 4. Hours are 8am-2pm. Start your day with the morning coffee from 8am – 10:30am. Noodles and tea rings will once again be available after a hiatus last year. A lunch of pulled pork, choice of a side, chips, dessert and beverage will be offered for \$8 (\$4.00 for children 12 and under). A vegetarian option will also be available upon request. Please keep Grandma's Attic and Kitchen Corner in mind if you are cleaning or downsizing. Made with Love has become very popular for homemade items. As always, the Quilters are busy working on beautiful quilts for the Fair. New this year, we will have a Seasonal Room for decorations and décor (in good condition) for any special occasion throughout the year. Please consider donating items and time to make the Fair a success! Remember, funds from this event support many church and local programs as well as national and international causes.

For questions, contact any of the following co-chairs.

Carolyn Yorgensen, (292-5648) Donna Banker, (515-419-4966) Joan Peterson, (515-451-3011) Margaret Torrie (515-231-9111) and Joyce Schafbuch (319-331-7025)

Grandma's Attic

We are looking for donations for Grandma's Attic. We especially need antiques and collectibles. We have also had jewelry, linens, tchotchkes, furs, serving dishes, small furniture (limited space), etc. donated. If you want to set a price for an item or collection, please include that in your box along with your name and phone #, especially if you want to pick it up if it does not sell. Please call if you have questions about a donation.

If you are not sure which room something goes in, bring it to us and we will decide where it fits best.

You may drop off your donations to any of our rooms starting Wed. Nov. 1st. We will have a set-up crew on Thurs./Fri. Grandma's Attic is located in the lower back hall, room 110. Mary Mekemson 451-3151.

BAKE SHOPPE NEWS!

It's time to get out recipes, gather ingredients, tie on aprons and warm up the ovens! Holiday Fair is coming November 4th and the Bake Shoppe will be bigger and better than ever with **YOUR** help!

We need lots of tasty treats to stock our Bake Shoppe - cakes, cookies, rolls, pies, bars, muffins, candy, other specialties - we'll have people waiting to buy your donations!

All items should be visible, please don't wrap in foil. **IF YOU INCLUDE NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE LABEL TO INDICATE THAT.**

Please bring items to the Bake Shoppe (upstairs in the West Youth Room) on Friday or early Saturday morning so they can be priced and arranged. Candy will be weighed and priced. Baked goods will be priced depending on size, ingredients and decorations.

Any questions: call Carol Miller (515-233-5516)

THANKS FOR HELPING MAKE OUR HOLIDAY FAIR BAKE SHOPPE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Kitchen Corner (basement room #105)

The "Kitchen Corner" will be taking donations of clean, good quality kitchen items for sale at FUMC Holiday Fair Nov. 4, 2017. We need linens, dishes, table and glassware, aprons, pots, pans, coffee & tea pots etc. Please mark your items for "Kitchen Corner" and deliver to the church by Wed. Nov. 1. Contact Margaret Torrie mtorrie@iastate.edu (515) 231-9111 with questions and offers to help.

Made with Love

Our "Made with Love" room will be showcased in the Conference Room near the south entrance and will include handmade and functional handmade items such as purses, scarves, table runners, aprons and some jewelry.

NOODLE TIME!

It is soon time to get the rolling pins out. No experience is necessary for this job! We could really use your help to make as many noodles as possible. The dates are Oct. 10 & 11, Oct. 17 & 18, and Oct. 24 & 25. We roll out and cut the noodles in the main kitchen on Tuesdays, beginning about 7:30 a.m. and then bag the noodles beginning about 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. Hope to see you there!

**The Week at a Glance
October 1 – October 7**

Sunday, October 1

8:30 & 11:00 Services

World Communion Sunday

9:45 Sunday School for all ages

10:00 Blessing of the Pets

Monday, October 2

5:30 CEMT

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 UMM/CR

Quilters

9:30 Staff/Nicole

2-7 Farm to Folk/FH

5:30 SPRC/CR

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 Pies

12:00 Worship Committee/CR

4:30 Confirmation

6:00 PPP

6:30 Wed Classes

Thursday, October 5

4:30-8:00 United Way/MPR

5:30 Church Council/R

Friday, October 6

Saturday October 7

8:00-3:00 Iowa CEF/multiple rooms

5:30 SAF/Chapel

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

8:30

Evan Nelson & Sydney Gelder

11:00

TBA

SOUND

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Fredrick Killian

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

GREETERS

1st service

Sally & Pete Peterson

2nd Service

Sarah Sandy

NURSERY

Eryn

Meredith

Audrey

VIDEO

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Mike Evans

USHERS

8:30

Bob Fowser

Cindy & Donald Sienknecht

Nancy Tamashunas

11:00

Carol & Paul Payne

Jerri Adams

Nancy Tamashunas

To view go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIttXqFq7LbMZiAYObRZgbQ/live> or go to youtube.com and search for Ames First United Methodist Church channel. You can also find archived services at the church's channel.

FINANCE at a GLANCE

Coffee hour is more than just a time to socialize after first service. It is an opportunity for members to discuss church activity such as concern for members who are sick, church programs such as UMW, UMM, various church committees, etc. It is also a time for ministers to visit with church members to discuss their concerns on church and family issues. During the first 8 months of this year, expenses were \$144.49 more than donations. We appreciate your continued support of coffee hour.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week were provided by Bob and Brit Blattert in loving memory of their son, Jon's birthday.

THE JOY OF BELONGING

Would you like to learn more about Ames First UMC and join with us as a church member? We make it fairly simple for folks. Visit with Pastor Fred about it. He will be holding a get-together at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 15 in the church's fireside parlor, located just off of the sanctuary. Another gathering will be held on November 19 for those who can't attend the one in October. You can also contact Pastor Fred if you want to visit with him at his office or at your home whenever it is convenient.

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!

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. Cephias 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, Facility Director

Matt Woodworth, Part-time/Sunday Custodian

Go to our website: www.fumcomes.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

Chancel Choir ALWAYS welcomes NEW members! Join us!