



First United Methodist Church
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8:30 & 11:00
October 29, 2017

THE GATHERING: *This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of The Indian Ocean islands.*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

8:30 & 11:00

“Sun of My Soul”

Arr: Clarence Kohlmann

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Arr: Wayne L. Wold

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Arr: Lindell Leatherman

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

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

O God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.

A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.

From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.

You satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.

From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.

We praise you and your glorious power.

From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God, and we worship you!

HYMN

No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

This is being sung today in honor of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, as a parent tenderly cares for its child, you deeply care for each of us.

**May we come before, without flattery,
seeking neither praise nor prestige,
but with hearts filled with the love of Christ,
ready to do the work of the Gospel. Amen.**

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 "Joy and Celebration" Arr. Lee J. Afdahl
Chancel Bells: Susan Gant, Bev Hawley, Ellen Johnsen, Al Johnson,
Ida Johnson, Ginny LaVelle, Julie Mallas, Ann Meirkord, Candy Nelsen,
Dorothy Pimlott, Arlen Patrick, Carol Patrick, Ron Skrdla

11:00 "A Place in the Valley" Nancy/Don Besig
Chancel Choir: Acc; Barb Mittman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

HYMN

No.117

"O God, Our Help, in Ages Past"

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

WITNESS TO THE WORD

"First Things First"

Rev. Fred Lewis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the ministries of the church and all who work towards our
common vision of a united and uniting church --- receive our
prayers, O God:

And in your love answer.

For faithful disciples in or communities of faith who work towards
our common purpose of extravagant welcome, proclaiming the
gospel and mending God's world ---
receive our prayer, O God:

And in your love answer.

For the dreamers, teachers, and prophets who share our
common longing to be one in Christ, with creation, and with each
other----receive our prayers, O God:

And in your love answer.

For those around the world who work towards our sacred
message of justice and peace in harmony---receive our prayers,
o God:

And in your love answer.

For the prayers we lift up to you, those spoken aloud and those
we hold close in our hearts ---receive our prayers, O God:

And in your love answer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
OUR COMMITMENT CARDS
OUR BISHOP'S IN-GATHERING KITS**

This morning we invite you to come forward to the chancel area to drop your offering in the collection plates and your commitment cards in the baskets. If you are unable to come forward please see an usher who will assist you there in the pew. Let us be in prayer for our congregation and this church's future ministries and missions.

Also this morning we bring forward our kits for missions. May God bless these gifts wherever they are given to people in need in this world. May those in need be aware that God's people do care for them.

OFFERTORY "O Divine Redeemer" Charles F. Gounod

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**We offer to you the work of our hands,
the love of our hearts, the fruits of our labors,
trusting that they will be used for your service
and to your glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No. 453 "More Love to The, O Christ"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Processional" Charles F. Gounod

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



Altar flowers were provided by Jan Bortz in memory of her husband, Walt.

Altar Flowers

HOLIDAY FAIR

NEXT WEEKEND!!!! DON'T MISS IT!!!!

Saturday, November 4. Hours are 8am-2pm. Start your day with the morning coffee from 8am – 10:30am. 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 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)

SEASONAL ROOM

Our new seasonal room is looking for all kinds of donations. They could be dishes, linens, mugs, ornaments or any SEASONAL item that is in good condition but you no longer wanted or used. It could be for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, Birthday, St. Patrick's day, etc. If you have any questions: call Donna Banker 515-419-4966.

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.

**ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
BOONE FIRST UMC FROM 2-4:30 P.M.**

Each year the congregation traditionally gathers in what is called a Charge/Church Conference to conduct business that is mandated by our United Methodist Book of Discipline. There will be a time of opening and closing worship. A wide variety of reports will be acted upon such as our goals and visions for 2018. The report of the Nominating/Lay Leadership Committee will be voted on as a way to elect our church leaders for the New Year. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee will offer the proposed financial compensation for our staff and it will be reviewed and acted upon. A church membership report will be given with names of persons to be removed --- members are considered active in our congregation if they attend worship and yearly contribute financially. The meeting is led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Harlan Gillespie. He is trying "something new" by clustering churches together for this year's Charge Conference as way of reminding us how we are all very much connected together within our denomination. ALL elected church leaders are encouraged to attend as well as any members of the congregation.

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

TODAY, October 29th, from 11:30-1:00. We will be having spaghetti with sauce, meatballs, rolls, salad, and a combination of drinks. Gluten free options will be available. There will be a free will donation box at the door.

Thank you for your support for our Troop.



Community Supper Honoring Veterans and Their Families

As part of the ISU mission to support military students the Veterans Center would like to invite members of the community to a free dinner in honor of those who serve and sacrifice. The event is open to the public and aims to bring together students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members in honor of the service and sacrifice of Veterans and family members.

The 2017 Community Supper will be held on November 8, 2017 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. RSVP by phone 515 294 9801 or <https://www.veterans.iastate.edu/events/community-supper>

**The Week at a Glance
October 29 – November 4**

Sunday, October 29

8:30 & 11:00 Services

Dedication In Gathering

Stewardship Commitment

9:45 Sunday School for all ages

Monday, October 30

4-8 ARK/HS & MPR

5:30 Missions/CR

Tuesday, October 31

Quilters

2-7 Farm to Folk/FH

Wednesday, November 1

Confirmation

6:00 Meal

6:30 Wed. Activities

Thursday, November 2

5:30 Church Council (?)

7:00 Circle of Faith

Friday, November 3

Saturday November 4

Bishop In Gathering/Webster City

8-2 Holiday Fair/all 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

Addie & Ainsley Jurgens

11:00

TBA

SOUND

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Fredrick Killian

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

GREETERS

8:30

Cami & Maegan McColley

11:00

Lori & Duane Vander Werff

NURSERY

Meredith

Clove

VIDEO

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Mike Evans

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00

Confirmation Class and Mentors

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!

To view go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/ClItXqFq7LbMZiAYObRZgbQ/> 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.

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.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

CHOIR NOTES...Chancel Choir ALWAYS welcomes NEW members. Join us: young, mature, and all in-between! There's a place for everyone!