



First United Methodist Church  
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515-232-2750 [www.fumcames.org](http://www.fumcames.org)  
8:30 & 11:00  
September 17, 2017

**THE GATHERING:** *During this month of September 2017 we are going to be celebrating the gift of God's creation in worship and remembering how God asks us to be good stewards of all creation: Forest Sunday, Land Sunday, **Wilderness/Outback Sunday**, and River Sunday. We will be praying for ways to heal rather than exploit our planet.*

*This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARIES**

"Sonata II"

Domenico Scarlatti

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

Paul Manz

"Christ for the World We Sing"

arr: Gilbert M. Martin

*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.

### **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

**11:00** - Connie Tilroe, Joan and Wayne Hanson

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we gather to worship, creating God

**You are with us.**

When we are immersed in the waters of Baptism,

**You are with us.**

When we wander through the wilderness,

**You are with us.**

When we are searching, hoping, yearning,

**You are with us.**

When we find signs of your love in creation and one another,

**You are with us.**

**HYMN**

No. 145

“Morning Has Broken”

**OPENING PRAYER**

We hear the voices crying out in the wilderness, O God.  
The earth cries for healing.  
The creatures cry out for restoration of their habitat.  
The trees and the fields cry out for water.  
The land cries out for nourishment.  
The oceans cry out for balance.  
And we cry out for wisdom, O God.  
Meet us in the wilderness that we  
may walk alongside of you  
on the winding path toward your renewed creation. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30)**

Caleb John Christensen son of Garrett and Andrea Christensen

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG (8:30)**

**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (8:30)**

**PRAYER**

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.  
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us  
As you use this Holy Bible in your home,  
In your church school classes, and in our worship.  
We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s  
Word.  
The Word of God is a lamp to our feet,  
And a light to our path.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

**HYMN**

No. 601

“Thy Word is a Lamp..”

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN ( 11 A.M.)**

**ANTHEM**

**8:30 a.m.**

“A Prayer for Our Time”

Pamela/Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

**11:00 a.m.**

“This Is My Song”

Jean Sibelius

Vocal Solo: Roy Cakerice

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 14:19-31

**HYMN**

No. 176

“Majesty”

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Justice vs Mercy”

Rev. Cephas Davis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all Creation, we come to you in praise and thanksgiving  
For the beauty of your creation.

**God, give us strength for the journey.**

We come bearing burdens that weigh heavy on our hearts,  
And make our bodies weary.

**God, give us strength for the journey.**

We ask your healing presence with all who are ill, and pray  
That your creation provides healing and sustenance.

**God, give us strength for the journey.**

We call for your wisdom to grace leaders of government, that  
they may prioritize care for the most  
vulnerable people and places in your world.

**God, give us strength for the journey.**

We reach for your courage as we seek new ways of living,  
That nurture and honor your creation.

**God, give us strength for the journey.**

We ask you to hear the prayers of our hearts,  
Both those spoken aloud and those we hold close.

**God, give us strength for the journey.**

Thank you for your Holy Spirit that is present with us  
In all times and places.

**God, give us strength for the journey. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Unto the Hills”

Edward H. Wetherill

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of life, all that we have is yours.

**Bless these gifts.**

We commit to share not only our financial resources but our physical and spiritual resources as well.

**Bless these gifts.**

Multiply our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service, that they may extend your love and justice to all.

**Bless these gifts. Amen.**

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

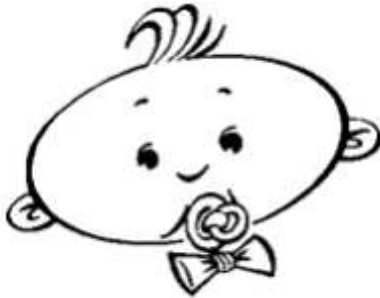
**HYMN**            No. 389            “Freely, Freely”

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“How Majestic is Your Name”            arr: Jane Holstein

*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



## “PRAYGROUND”...

The launch of the prayground was deemed a success! A “prayground” is an area within the sanctuary that is dedicated to some of our youngest children in worship. We will offer a “prayground” in the sanctuary on the lecturn side at the 11:00 service. We know children need to move and have some active time, so we need to find creative ways of engaging children in worship." There will be a space that will have some soft toys, a mat to be on, and other items that are good for young children infant through **“wobbling toddlers”**. This space will allow the children to remain in worship with their family. The nursery will still be available for those who wish to utilize it. We hope this will help young families feel more welcome at Ames First UMC and for all to know the importance of having children in worship.

## **ONE MORE PEACE-MAKING CIRCLE AWAITING YOU TO SIGN UP!**

Peace Circles are an opportunity for discussion as a follow-up to our congregation's CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) that was done in February. The last session will be September 18 (Monday).

Social time is from 6-6:30 p.m. in the MPR and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., lasting up to three hours as needed. It's not too late to sign up!

## **KIDS ON A MISSION**

Monday, September 18, starting at 5:30 until after the Ames High School Homecoming parade, "Kids on a Mission" plan to grill burgers and hot dogs. They will sell hot dog and burger baskets which will include burger or hot dog, chips, cookie, and bottled water all for \$5.00! All proceeds will go to their continued efforts in assisting children and families of the district who are homeless or living in emergency housing. Children in kindergarten through 12th grade are welcome to join this group at any time. Contact Nicole with any questions.

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE** --- Are you interested in being involved in the leadership of our church? There are signup sheets in the atrium. The names will be gathered in September and then reviewed by the Nomination Committee as they do their work in October to help enlist leadership for our congregation for 2018. Additionally, if you have gifts to share but do not know exactly how to share them here within the congregation simply make a time to visit with Pastor Fred and he will help you!

## **GRANDMA'S ATTIC**

FUMC's Holiday Fair will be Nov. 4th from 8-2. We are looking for donations for Grandma's Attic. We especially need antiques and collectibles. We have also had jewelry, linens, 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.

## **CROP WALK**

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 8**

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/amesia>

Location: Brookside Park / Ames, IA

Registration: 1pm

Walk starting at 1:30pm

Distance: 3.8 miles

**Contact:**

Ron Orth -515 460 4415

Many of our own FUMC friends and families participate annually. Get your team together now! The following agencies receive percentages of fundraising:

**Food at First  
Bethesda Community Food Pantry  
Good Neighbors Emergency Assistance  
Loaves and Fishes Inc  
MICA  
SHOP  
Calvary Food Shelf**

### **CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 24 AFTER 8:30 A.M. SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY**

TO HEAR:

FINANCE CO-CHAIRS AND CHURCH TREASURER SHARING ABOUT CURRENT CASH FLOW CONCERNS AS WE RAISE FUNDS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017 AND TRY TO BUDGET FOR 2018.

TRUSTEES SHARING ABOUT THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM, WHAT HAS BEEN RAISED, AND APPEALLING FOR SPECIAL GIFTS FOR FUNDING IN 2017.

UPDATE FROM DALE VANDER SCHAFF OF THE NEEDED MONIES TO PAY OFF THE DEBT ON THE BUILDING ADDITION.

## **WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS**

Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply  
Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes.  
Experience: No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower.  
Union Affiliation: Must be "in union with Christ" and committed to serve.  
Wages: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.  
Fringe Benefits: Social Security--we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.  
Hours: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime.  
Rehearsal: Wednesday 7:30--8:30 p.m. starting September 6. No practices on ISU basketball nights!



### **Chancel Choir**

Every day is a treasured gift. We are thankful for relaxing summer days and fun-filled vacation days. We look forward with gladness and rejoicing as we begin another year of music and fellowship. Chancel Choir invites YOU to help us create music that will give God glory as we explore some exciting NEW music as well as some old-favorites. "I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long." Psalm 146:2

### **Chancel Bells**

Chancel Bells practice in the bell room at the back of the sanctuary. We could use one more ringer for the low bells.....the big ones. Bell ringing is very much like a team sport complete with uniforms (matching gloves), equipment (bells and padded tables), game plans (sheets of music), and fans (the congregation). We invite you to join this team as we work together and hone our skills with every swing. Contact Myrna Cakerice ([mcakerice@aol.com](mailto:mcakerice@aol.com)) if you would like more information. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 100:1

## Sunday Faith Formation Opportunities

### Children

All children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will start Sunday school in the Sanctuary for music time and announcements at 9:45-10:00 a.m.

**2 and 3 year Preschool** - Room E202 following music until 10:45.

**4 and 5 year old Preschool** - Room E 204 following music until 10:45.

**Kindergarten through fifth grade** will rotate through art, games, and drama as they learn a different bible lesson each month. Parents, caregivers, and other adults are encouraged to help guide the students to their classroom and stay to participate with the children. These are our "Guardian Angels" and we need many! Art is led by United Elementary art teacher, Suann Evans. Drama is led by ISU Performing Arts major, Wesley Tener. Games are led by Nicole Smith.

### Youth

**Middle School** 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet from 9:45-10:45 in the East Youth Room – E201.

**High School** 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet from 9:45-10:45 in the West Youth Room – W202.

**Up With Puppets** group meets from 11:00-12:00 in room W203. This group is open to youth in grades 7-12. Those out of high school who are interested in helping can contact the group leaders at [upwithpuppets@gmail.com](mailto:upwithpuppets@gmail.com)

### Young Adults

**Connections** class for young adults meets from 9:45-10:45 in the Sarah Classroom just off Fellowship Hall kitchen.

### Adults

All Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**Wesley's Holy Club – NEW THIS YEAR** Pastor Cephas Davis will be leading this new and exciting group. If you are new to the Methodist faith or maybe just feel like you want more background on this denomination you've been a part of for a while, this is a great group for you! This group will take a look at the United Methodist faith as they discuss the history of it, the sacraments celebrated, and what makes us United Methodists.  
**E111**

**Faith and Reason** –This group has a strong focus on faith and social action. Join them for an invigorating discussion! **Room E110**

**Coffee Talk**— Join Coffee Talk weekly on Sunday mornings in the conference room from 9:45-10:45am. "Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet", a new study by Adam Hamilton. This is a 6 week video based study and you can participate every week or as frequently as you can make it. Coffee Talk is facilitated Chad and Carrie Copley.



## **Mid-week Faith Formation Opportunities**

### **Wonderful Wednesday Women**

Wonderful Wednesday Women gather weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the church's conference room. Lectionary discussion

### **Men's Morning Lectionary**

A group of men gather at the East Ames Hy Vee for a lectionary discussion on Wednesday mornings.

### **Pizza, Praise & Prayer**

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:30 for Pizza, Praise and Prayer. Everyone is welcome to enjoy some pizza (salad, fruit, dessert also provided), participate in some praise songs and prayer before going to our various evening faith formation opportunities. We will meet in the multipurpose room - W201. Suggested donation \$1 per slice.

### **Adults**

#### **W.H.A.M (Wednesday Hip Adult Meeting)**

W.H.A.M. is for you if you ever need a mid-week spiritual booster shot!

This group uses video based studies covering a variety of topics beginning this year with the Moses study by Adam Hamilton. They meet in the conference room from 6:30-7:30. Mike Evans leads the group. This study is also offered on Sunday in "Coffee Talk"

### **Other Faith Formation Opportunities**

**LIFE Groups** are a wonderful way to get to know others in the congregation. **LIFE** stands for Living and Learning In Faith Everyday. The groups meet in people's homes at a variety of times and frequency through the week and/or month. Group members meet and discuss the spiritual needs specific to those in their group to determine what course of study they will take. Contact Nicole Smith [nicole@fumcomes.org](mailto:nicole@fumcomes.org), and she will connect you with a LIFE group leader or assist you in starting your own LIFE group.

### **Technology Ministry**

Mike Evans is in the beginning stages of creating a Technology Ministry for Ames First UMC. This ministry will be a group of volunteers who have a variety of advanced abilities in the field of technology. Contact Mike Evans at 515-460-3921 if you are interested in being a volunteer for this ministry. Once this is formed and ready to go, more information will go out about how to get in touch with someone regarding your specific technology need.

**NEVER  
STOP  
LEARNING**



## CREATING A DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY FOR YOUR CHURCH SEMINAR

John Wesley once said, "The way to keep a Methodist alive is to keep him or her moving." This seminar on discipleship is designed to help followers of Christ focus once more on the basics of faith. This is a seminar offered for all United Methodists in this North Central district on Sunday, October 1, from 2-8 p.m. at Webster City's Asbury UMC. There will be a free will offering to cover the dinner expenses. There is no registration fee but persons do need to register by contacting the District office - 515-832-2784. Nationally known author and Christian Leadership coach, Ken Willard, will be facilitating this seminar. How wonderful it would be to get a carload or two of folks from our congregation to attend.

### 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., arriving at Wesley Woods at 8:30 a.m. and working 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

### THE ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Iowa Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation for all laity and clergy is being held this fall on October 8-12 at American Martyrs Sheri Daylong (Hospitality). You can find more information at [www.facebook.com/groups/Spiritual.Formation](http://www.facebook.com/groups/Spiritual.Formation). Iowa. Cost is \$695 for room and board and resources. Act soon to register. [www.iaumc.org/spiritualformation/#iac](http://www.iaumc.org/spiritualformation/#iac).

#### USHERS

8:30

Carrie and Chad Copley  
Karen and Lonnie Mannes  
Lynn Pothoff  
Mary Mekemson

#### USHERS

11:00

Jan Bond  
Glendora Clark  
Karen Kerper  
Steve Hanlin

**The Week at a Glance  
September 17 – September 23**

**Sunday, September 17**

**8:30 & 11:00 Services**

**11:00 Welcome new members**

**8:30 3rd Grade Bibles**

**8:30 Baptism of Caleb Christensen**

**9:45 Sunday School for all ages**

**Monday, September 18**

5:30 Ames Parade

5:30 Kids on a Mission Cookout/Church

5:30 Foundation/CR

6-9 Peace Circle Meeting/MPR& HSR

**Tuesday, September 19**

Quilters

8:30-4:30 District/CR & Chapel

2-7 Farm to Folk/FH

3:30 Aktion Club

5:30 Trustees

**Wednesday, September 20**

4-5 AIRA

6:00 PPP

6:30 Wed Classes

**Thursday, September 21**

5:45 Welcome & Mktg/CR

**Friday, September 22**

**Saturday September 23**

**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**

Leo Sullivan & Evan Nelson

**11:00**

Savanna Smith & Jenna Johnson

**SOUND**

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Fredrick Killian

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

**GREETERS**

**1st service**

Becky Jordan & Dee Ball

**2nd Service**

Joe Burris & Joan Peterson

**NURSERY**

Meredith

Kallie

**VIDEO**

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Mike Evans

**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. Cephas 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**, Custodian

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

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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**