

So the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the
first
will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, NRSV



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8:30 & 11:00
September 24, 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 Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"Here I Am to Worship"

arr: Lyndell Leatherman

"On the Wings of the Morning" (Psalm 139:9-10)

Anthony Giamanco

"Sweet Hour of Prayer with As the Deer"

arr: Susan Caudill

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

8:30 - Andy and Beth Sturtz

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

At the beginning of creation,
the waters of chaos covered the earth;
God brings order from of chaos.

God formed the land and brought life to it,
and created humans as helpers;

God brings order from chaos.

In the time of Noah, God flooded the earth,
then committed to keep it;

God brings order from chaos.

Christ was immersed in the cold, rushing waters of baptism,
an act of immersion into the fullness of the human experience.

God brings order from chaos.

We hold fast to a vision of a life-giving river bringing healing to
the nations.

**May God draw us into the work of bringing order from
chaos.**

HYMN

No. 122

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

OPENING PRAYER

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

God, we weep at the changes we see in the world.
We feel powerless. We wonder where to find hope.
We pray for mindful acceptance of the crisis at hand.
Not acceptance that leads to complacency,
But acceptance that empowers us to respond with
Clarity, competence, and faithfulness.

**Refresh our bodies, minds, and spirits this day that we may
drench your world with compassion, love and hope. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

2025

“As the Deer”

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

“Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace” Kevin McChesney
Chancel Bells: Susan Gant, Bev Hawley, Ellen Johnsen, Ida Johnson, Al
Johnson, Ginny LaVelle, Julie Mallas, Ann Meirkord, Dorothy Pimlott,
Arlen Patrick, Carol Patrick, Ron Skrdla

11:00 a.m.

“Worship As One” Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

HYMN

No. 3096

“Gentle Shepherd”

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Keeping Score”

Rev. Fred Lewis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Maker of water, within us and around us, in the waters of creation,
in the chaos of the flood, in the river of baptism, in justice flowing
like a stream...in all these things, you are present.

You are the river of life.

We come to you wet, weary, storm-battered, flooded, seeking
renewal.

You are the river of life.

We bear witness to those who are depressed and struggling,
those who feel hopeless,
anxious, or afraid.

You are the river of life.

We name the great injustice of illness caused by unclean waters
and environmental degradation.

You are the river of life.

We recognize our role in the warming of the oceans and the
magnification of storms.

You are the river of life.

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

You are the river of life.

We thirst for your life-giving waters to pour over us.

You are the river of life.

Quench our thirst and deepen our resolve to bear witness to the
pain and the glory of the skies, the land, the seas and the rivers.

You are the river of life. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“The Love of God”

arr: Carolyn Hamlin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Every time we feel water wash over our hands, let us give
thanks.

Every time our thirst is quenched, let us give thanks.

Every time we feel the coolness of mist, let us give thanks.

Every time we are drenched by rains, let us give thanks.

Every time we dip our toes into waters, let us give thanks.
Every time we get our hair wet, let us give thanks.
And as we give thanks, let us recommit our lives to God.
Great Creator, River of life, all that we have is yours.
We are your people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No. 731 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on “Hymn of Joy” arr: 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

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION TODAY AFTER 8:30 A.M. SERVICE

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 appealing for special gifts for special gifts for funding.

Update from Dale Vander Schaff of the needed monies to pay off the debt on the building addition.

ISU Wind Ensemble Concert on September 29

The ISU Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Michael Golemo, will perform a concert on Friday, September 29 at 7:30 pm in the Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall.

Works will be performed by a variety of composers, including John Mackey, Julie Giroux, Frigyes Hidas, Cyrill Kistler and Boris Kozhenikov.

According to Michael Golemo, Director of Bands, “This will be an international concert and a unique program. We will be performing music from a variety of countries, including Russia, Germany, Scotland, Hungary, and the United States. The Wind Ensemble sounds terrific!”

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, and are available from the Department of Music Office or at the door.

UMW NEWS....

United Methodist Women Leadership Team will meet Wednesday, September 27 at 11:15 am in the Conference Room.

Jane

WORLD COMMUNION WEEKEND: September 30 and October 1

Christians all around the world will be sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion and praying for God's mercy and transformative power. The WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING received at this time supports World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program of the general UMC.

Blessing of the Pets -

In honor of St. Francis who loved all of God's creatures, we will have a Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 1 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)

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

1. Join me in the fight against Alzheimer's and walk with me.*
2. Help me reach my fundraising goal by making a donation on my fundraising page.

I'd be so grateful if you would join or sponsor me. Together, we can help end Alzheimer's.

Sincerely,

Dean Sampson

My Fundraising Page

**To register, visit my page and find the "Join My Team" button. My team name is "Judy's Angels".*

From the Kids on a Mission

Thank you for stopping by the Kids on a Mission Burger Basket fundraiser on Monday, September 18. We were able to raise \$635 which will be used to help Story County families in need. If you missed the event and would like to give to the group, you can write a check to the church and put Kids on a Mission in the memo. Thank you!

THANK YOU SO MUCH....

I am so grateful to my church family for your cards, visits, phone calls and prayers. It has meant so much. I appreciate your support as I move forward on this journey.

God's Blessings to you all.

Jan Bortz

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. Morning coffee will start the day 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.

Carolyn Yorgensen, Donna Banker, Joan Peterson, Margaret Torrie and Joyce Schafbuch

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!

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 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!

A THANK YOU...

Recently our church donated some of our older children's size chairs to this new ministry in Des Moines and received the following thank you note:

I'll like to appreciate the Lord for the chairs you gave us. It is so much a blessing to our congregation here in Des Moines. Please allow me to share about our ministry activities in Africa and the United States. We are presently in Liberia, Guinea and the United States. Our ministry started after the Liberian Civil War, which claimed the lives of more than 250,000 people over the period of 14 years. Since January 16, 2011 we have been planting churches and building schools in poverty stricken communities. In Liberia, we've planted six churches and constructed two schools, in Guinea three churches and the United States 2 churches. We are also involved into agricultural activities. By the grace of God, we've secured fifty acres of land in Liberia to farm for our local missionaries and pastors. The church has cultivated 10 acres in cassava, 4 acres in plantain and the rest of the land will be covered with rice. We travel to Liberia and Guinea every year to provide training for pastors and teachers. It is a blessing to partner with you in doing the Lord's work.

--- P. Cornelius.

CHOIR NOTES

Ringers and singers are needed!
Come join the choirs!



**The Week at a Glance
September 24 – September 30**

Sunday, September 24

8:30 & 11:00 Services

8:30 Welcome New Members

9:45 Sunday School for all ages

Monday, September 25

Tuesday, September 26

Quilters

9:30 Staff/Myrna

2-7 Farm to Folk/FH

5:30 Finance

Wednesday, September 27

10:00 Services for Dorothy Russell

11:15 UMW Leadership/CR

6:00 PPP

6:30 Wed Classes

Thursday, September 28

5:30 Ames Quilt Guild/FH

Friday, September 29

Saturday September 30

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

Camille & Greyson Rehbein

11:00

Jenna Johnson & Savanna Smith

SOUND

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Fredrick Killian

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

GREETERS

1st service

Kent & Linda Woodworth

2nd Service

Carol Crawford

NURSERY

Eryn

Meredith

Clove

VIDEO

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Mike Evans

USHERS

UMM

LIFE GROUPS

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.

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!