

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
Ames, Iowa 50010
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8:30 & 11:00
November 12, 2017

THE GATHERING:

Centering Words: "It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." ---Professor Albus Dumbledore in J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

8:30 "We Shall Behold Him" arr. Phillip Keveren
Pianist, Sarah Reger

Sarah is a sophomore ISU student in accounting and a minor in music. She is an Ames native, and is glad to be going to college in her hometown. At ISU, Sarah serves as treasurer of the Student Carillonneur Leadership Council, and is currently taking piano lessons with Dr. Mei-Hsuan Huang and carillon lesson with Dr. Tin-Shi Tam.

"Sheep may Safely Graze" J.S. Bach
Pianist, Jacob Metzler

Jacob started piano at age ten, quickly discovering that he had a love for the instrument. He is in his fourth of five years at ISU in Piano Performance. Jacob studies with Dr. Mei-Hsuan Huang and also is seeking a degree in Finance.

11:00 "Thy Word" Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith
"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" arr: Joanne Brown LeDoux
"O Church of God United" arr: Dennis R. Johnson

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

Wake up, old friends and new.

We're awake in the love of God.

Keep awake, for God is near.

We're awake in the love of God.

Prepare for the coming of Christ.

We're awake in the love of God.

HYMN

No. 662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God,
prepare us for lives of discipleship.
When we are tired, enliven our spirits.
When we are forgetful, reawaken our senses.
When we are ill-prepared, give us wisdom to face the future.
Grant us wisdom and patience in these days of waiting.
Help us to live today and each day as people who rejoice in
your presence and who live as your followers. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 “The Prayer” arr. Lori Line piano soloist, Jacob Metzler

11:00 “In the Season of Our Plenty” arr: Mark Patterson
Chancel Choir accompanied by Barb Mittman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

HYMN

No. 2188 “The Family Prayer Song”

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Dressed But Not Ready”

Rev. Cephas Davis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

PRAYER OF YEARNING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Even when we put you last in our lives, O God,
we still yearn to choose you to be first and foremost.**

**Even when we let our lamps burn out,
we want to be prepared, aware, and focused on you.**

**When we run too fast,
when we work too hard,
when we sleep too long,
when we stretch ourselves too thin,
renew us and refill our lamps,
that we may love ourselves and others
as fully and freely as you love us.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

---Let all pray in silence----

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We have this hope: Christ is with us, always awake, guiding our paths and shining God's light.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (singing No. 3068)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30

"Be Thou My Vision"
piano soloist, Sarah Reger

arr. Melody Bober

11:00

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

Michael Burkhardt

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As oil fuels a lamp, may these gifts fuel all of our congregational ministries and missions. We are grateful to you, our God, and we give our thanks to you, our Savior Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit bind us together as we move from this place to live our lives as expressions of God's presence in this world. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 540

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Processional in G"

David N. Johnson

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

PRAYER SHAWLS...

All who are interested in a ministry of warm hearts and hands are invited to gather in the church, Room E109. November 11 at 9:30 to create prayer shawls. These shawls are given to those who are in need of warm thoughts, love and prayers. No experience or expertise is necessary, we'll lovingly guide you through the art of shawl creation! Questions? Contact Judy Roe at 515-232-5797.

Would you like to participate in the prayer shawl ministry but prefer not to create shawls? We have an opportunity for you! We use yarn! LOTS OF YARN! Our favorite is Lion Brand Homespun yarn, which is available at Wal Mart, JoAnn's Fabrics and many other places. Each shawl requires 3 skeins of this yarn. Would you be willing to purchase 3 skeins of this yarn in a color of your choice and bring it to the church office? Or maybe you would rather donate funds. Those can be dropped off at the office too.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE

The Nominations Committee is announcing that we still have openings for persons to volunteer to serve as church leaders. If you are interested please contact Pastor Fred “now!” ☺---

- 1 person to serve on Memorials and Gifts Committee. Meets at least two or three times a year, typically at noon on a Wednesday. Reviews and dispenses monies that have come to the church for memorials and gifts.
- 3 people to serve on the Nominations Committee which typically meets in the fall of the year on a Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in order to nominate and secure persons to serve on our church boards and committees
- 1 person to serve on our History Committee which meets at the call of the chairperson typically during daytime hours. Maintains the church's history and records.
- 3 persons to serve on our Children (and family) Educational Ministries Team that meets typically the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. to oversee the entire Christian educational/faith formational ministries of the congregation. Child care is available for members who serve.
- 3 persons to serve on our Member Care committee which typically meets on the second Tuesday of a month at 5:30 p.m. for about 6 times a year. This group develops and carry out the “caring ministries” of our congregation, especially to our elderly and homebound members.
- 1 person to serve on the Welcoming & Marketing Committee which meets typically the third Thursday of the month to care for all our reaching out to welcome new persons who visit our church and plan our advertising and marketing strategies.
- 1 person to serve on our Worship Committee which typically has been meeting twice a year on a Wednesday at noon to oversee the various tasks required to support and enhance our worship services and devotional life of the congregation.

Our goal as a Nominations Committee is to try to have these positions filled by January 1, 2018.

Dear friends:

I am pleased to invite you to hear me speak about my book at the Ames Public Library, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, at 7:00. I hope you'll come and support me!

The event is free and open to the public. Invite your friends! I will sign purchased books after my talk. Thank you very much for your support.

Mary Beth Oostenbrug

Chancel Choir has begun practice on "Night of the Father's Love" (the Awe and Mystery of God with Us) which is the cantata we will present to the congregation December 17 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. We invite YOU to join us....you will love singing this fun music from Pepper Choplin.



Gene and Gerry Lewis, parents of Pastor Fred, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day. Our United Methodist Women invite you to help them celebrate with a card shower. Their address is:
812 Cedar St. Apt 326
Story City, IA 50248
Thank you. Jane

UMW NEWS.....

UMW Leadership Team will meet Wednesday, November 15 at 11:15 in the Conference room.

November Program Resource Report: Now that we have our yards (hopefully done mowing) and gardens taken care of for the year we'll now have the time to curl up under our afghans with a good book. If you haven't done the reading program before it is not too late to join in. Some of the emphasis for United Methodist Women is to expand concepts of mission, to develop leadership, and to grow spiritually. There are five categories of reading and four reading plans. You can read a book in each category in plan one up to 20 books in plan four. The sheets for the reading program are on the east wall of the library where the U.M.W books are displayed. There is a box to put the card from the book under the letter of the authors last name. We welcome children, youth and men to also join in reading the books. Everyone needs to grow spiritually, become aware of social issues, and nurture one another. I am reading "The Weight of Mercy," a book about a young woman, a writer who than finds herself as a minister in an inner city church. It was a shock to her but also a growing point, finding Christ among the "least of these" I hope you will give the reading program a try. Take a sheet to keep track of which books you read.

Rita Vallery, Program Resource Chair.

From Jan Tryon in memory of Dale Tryon's birthday on
November 7.

Becky Jordan



THANKSGIVING DINNER --- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

This is a wonderful event for church members and friends here at Ames FUMC to rejoice in our blessings and recount how God has been at work in the lives of one another during this past year. It is a time of gratitude for one another and for God's grace. Serving will start at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 19th. Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter will all be provided, along with beverages. Autumn napkins and placemats will be on the tables. A freewill offering will be received to help pay for the costs.

YOU are asked to bring your own plate, table service, and cup plus a food dish to share with others:

Last Names starting with A-M... bring a salad or a vegetable
Last names starting with N-Z.... bring a dessert

PLEASE, contact the church office (232-2750) with an RSVP by noon on Thursday, November 16th so we can plan accordingly.

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!

**The Week at a Glance
November 12 – November 18**

Sunday, November 12

8:30 & 11:00 Services

9:45 Sunday School for all ages

12:00 - 9:00 Iowa UMW Clergy Women Meeting

Monday, November 13

9:00 - 9:00 Iowa UMW Clergy Women Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

Quilters

9-12 Iowa UMW Clergy Women Meeting

2-7 Farm to Folk/FH

Aktion Club

5:30 Member Care

Wednesday, November 15

7:30 Pies

11:15 UMW Leadership/CR

4-5 AIRA/MPR

Confirmation

6:00 Meal

6:30 Wed. Activities

Thursday, November 16

9 - 2:30 YSS/MPR

5:45 Welcoming & Marketing

Friday, November 17

Saturday November 18

Conference UMW Meeting/FH

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

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00

Youth, families & friends

ACOLYTES

8:30

Paige Wiertzema

Sydney Gelder

11:00

Jenna Johnson

SOUND

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Fredrick Killian

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

GREETERS

8:30

Delores Ball

11:00

Carol Crawford

Glendora Clark

NURSERY

Meredith

VIDEO

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Mike Evans

To view go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/ClttXqFq7LbMZiAYObRZgbQ/> 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