



First United Methodist Church
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8:30 & 11:00 - January 14, 2018

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Installation of Church Leadership

Centering Words:

*What if we listened for love calling
every time we were touched by water?
What if we realized it's God calling and proclaiming,
"You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased."*

*This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially
the people of Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

arr: Lyle K. Neff

"A Morning Canticle"

Gilbert M. Martin

"O Jesus, Thou Art Standing"

arr: Sharon Elery Rogers

*As this music is offered as prayer, let us be sensitive to 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 by the Welcome Center.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning...

God gathered us in.

In the beginning...

God prepared our hearts and minds to worship.

In the beginning...

God called us God's beloved.

In the beginning...

the beginning is now.

Let us worship God.

HYMN

No. 145

"Morning has Broken"

OPENING PRAYER

**The cool water must have streamed down the face of Christ.
The heavens parted, and you, O God, announced your love.**

Gather us into that love this day as your beloved children come to worship you. Remind us of the touch of water placed upon us and how we are blessed with your peace. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

“Immortal, Invisible”

arr: Joseph M. Martin

Piano Solo: Myrna Cakerice

11:00 a.m.

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

arr: Jay Rouse

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

HYMN

No. 252

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“We Need Baptism of Repentance”

Rev. Cephas Davis

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

No. 347

“Spirit Song”

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR BAPTISM

Spirit of creation, hover over the waters of our baptism yet again to remind us of your love for us and your claim upon our lives.

Holy Wind of God, blow once again upon us and bring to our lives fresh ideas and renewed hope.

Spirit of Love, breathe on us and send us out from here, refreshed and revived, to refresh and revive your world.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Song Without Words”

William Stickles

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you give us all we have. You give us your grace. You give us your care. Today, we pray that you do not just give but that you take---take our lives and shape them to be lives

of grace and care for one another. Take our lives and shape them to be your voice of love in this world. Take our lives and shape them to be the lives you find well-pleasing. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

Will all those newly elected to serve as leaders in our congregation please stand wherever you are now...please stand all those who are chairpersons and all those who are volunteers serving as church Board and Committee members. Please stand officers of our UMW and UMM. Let us thank these willing folks with our applause...and now let us pray for them:

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself to us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 2184

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Song for a New Year”

Gilbert M. Martin

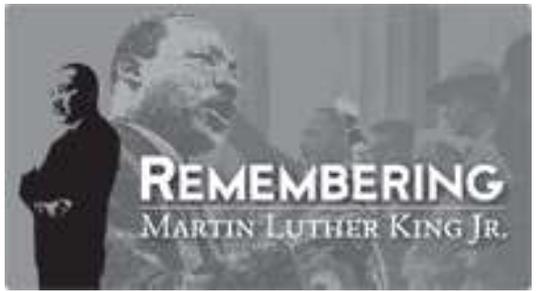
Let us be aware this musical offering is a statement of faith to send us from worship into service. Please be respectful of those who choose to remain to listen.

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING---JANUARY 13-14

Each of us is made in the image of God. Still, we live in a world torn apart by racial hatred and injustice and violence. United Methodists observe annually Human Relations Day as just one way to emphasize and demonstrate our desire to heal the divisions resulting from racist attitudes and to proclaim a message of unity for all humankind. On this day, every church member is encouraged to stop and say a prayer for healing of racial strife and to covenant with God to do his or her own part in bringing peace to this world.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Be sure to find ways to remember and celebrate on January 15. Watch movies and read stories of persons who have been prophets of freedom.

Recall all those who have lived their lives with the dream of one day gathering together as one people in the name of God. Give thanks this day for dream makers and dream keepers! Remember Moses and the Exodus, read through again the words of the Bible's prophets like Isaiah and like John the Baptist. Consider Mary the mother of our Lord who taught Jesus the dreams of his people so that one day we will say together: "Free at last, free at last!" Help those around you to know more about such people like Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Rosa Parks, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This is a great day to do some random act of kindness for another person or to volunteer to help some relief agency. **The church office will be closed this day in observance of this holiday.**

JANUARY 28—CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

All elected members of our Church Council will hopefully be present to be engaged in a fun, lively, and very worthwhile retreat on Sunday, January 28, from 1-4 p.m. in our Multiple Purpose Room. This will be a wonderful way to kick off this year for them! The individual leaders will take the Friendly Style Profile Assessment prior to the event. This questionnaire respectfully surveys each persons' personal style strengths and excesses in both calm and stormy situations. Persons may discover some new insights about themselves and how they best can work with others. This retreat is a follow up to the recommendation received during the 2017 Congregational Assessment Tool and Peace Circles. Carla Cain and Dianne McClanahan from the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center will again be our resource persons.

Children's Sunday School for January

The following Sundays the kindergarten through fifth grade are learning about Jonah and the Whale through rotations. Mark your calendars for February 4. That will be our annual soup making for Food at First during the Sunday school hour-“Soup”-er Bowl Sunday!



High School Sunday School

This January our High School students will be preparing and planning for the Youth-Led Worship Weekend which will be on February 10th & 11th. We look forward to seeing what their thoughts, talent, and inspiration bring to service that weekend!

We'll still find time to have short lessons on Forgiveness and Giving Thanks during our time or preparing and planning. It's going to be a busy and fruitful month!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GROUP

During the remaining weeks of January, our groups will finish up our Moses study and then dive into lessons about being imperfect as well as how to Follow Jesus in today's world. High School students should look forward to another Café Lesson, where we take our crew down for a nice beverage while we go over our lesson on site!



Worship Service Schedule For The Three Joint Lenten Services

Ash Weds 2/14 @ 7pm

At: Ames UCC

Preach: First Christian

Communion: First UMC

Maundy Thursday 3/29 @ 7pm

At: First UMC

Preach: Ames UCC

Communion: First Christian

Easter Sunrise 4/1 @ 630a (dawn) with service @ 7am

At: Reiman Gardens in the Nature Conservatory

Preach: First UMC

Communion: Ames UCC

GREETERS are needed!

Here's the link to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aaaad2ba4fb6-greeter>

Interested volunteers can also contact me by phone/text at 515-290-9360 or email me at lvw50248@gmail.com.

Thanks.

Lori Vander Werff

Chancel Bells

January 25..(Thursday...6:30 p.m.)

Chancel Choir

January 25..(Thursday..7:30 p.m.)

We will **not** practice the week of January 8-12

We will **not** practice the week of January 15-19

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Remember to listen to the news or call the church if severe winter weather strikes. We will try our best to make decisions and get word out through the news media. If at all possible, we will try to have worship. Stay home if the conditions are dangerous for you. If schools are dismissed early or canceled, then the activities at the church will also be canceled. Call if in doubt. **We want everyone to remain safe.**

**The Week at a Glance
January 14 – January 20**

Sunday, January 14
8:30 & 11:00 Services, 9:45 Sunday School

Monday, January 15
OFFICE CLOSED - MLK Day

Tuesday, January 16
Quilters

Farm to Folk
3:30-5 Aktion club
5:30 Piano Recital

Wednesday, January 17
10:00 Wonderful Wednesday Women
6:00 Meal
6:30 Regular Activities

Thursday, January 18
Kiwani's "Golden K"

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20
2-5 Tamashunas/MPR
3:30-9:30 Nepal Students
5:30 SAF

CR-Conference Room
FH-Fellowship Hall
LIB - Library
MPR-Multipurpose Room
EYR-East Youth Room
WYR-West Youth Room
SCR-Staff Conference Room
Par - Parlor

Audio/Video/Streaming

Doug Hill	Pete Peterson
Dean Swyter	Fredrick Killian
Mike Evans	Calvin Evans
Marty Sankey	Larry Vallery
Zachery Smith	Bobby Gens
	Nicole Smith

GREETERS

8:30
Kent & Linda Woodworth
11:00
Glendora Clark

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00
Youth and Families

ACOLYTES

8:30
Connor Pepper & Addie Jurgens
11:00
Miranda Ross

NURSERY

Meredith
Audrey

UTILITIES

Roy Cakerice
Connie Tilroe
Glendora Clark

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. 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! If you are interested in more information about the church or are interested in joining, please leave your information at the Welcome Center, contact one of the pastors or call the church office at 515-232-2750.

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

To view church services live, go to <http://bit.ly/amesfirstumclivestream>.
To view past services and other church events, go to Ames First United Methodist Church's YouTube page at <http://bit.ly/amesfirstumcyoutube>.