



First United Methodist Church
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8:30 & 11:00 - February 18, 2018

Centering Words:

“Rainbows introduce us to reflections of different beautiful possibilities so we never forget that pain and grief are not the only options in life.” ---
Aberjhani

THE GATHERING

*This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially
the people of Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain.*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr: David H. Heagarty

“A Prayer Ascending”

Eugene Butler

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

arr: Lyndell Leatherman

GREETING & SHARING THE 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, stop by
Welcome Center or call the office for more information.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

A rainstorm, a flood, a boat, and a promise from God.

A rainbow, a dove, a sign of this promise.

A river, a cousin, a baptism, and a promise from God.

**A revelation, a journey, a ministry, a sign of this
promise.**

On this day, we remember signs of the past,
but also promises for the future.

**On this day, we embark on a journey ancient as the
earth, but refreshing as spring rain.**

On this day, we move closer to the cross,
closer to death, closer to resurrection, closer to Christ.

**All are part of this journey of living, experiencing,
and being the promises of God.**

HYMN

No. 269

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we search for your promised presence.

Reveal yourself to us this day---

in mighty mountains and brilliant rainbows,

in quiet dinners and sacred moments,

in joyful children and grieving friends.

Guide us on the Lenten journey toward the darkness

of death and the hope of resurrection.

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

“My Savior”

Don/Nancy Besig

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

11:00 a.m.

“I’ll Fly Away”

Performed by “Up With Puppets”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17 (Preaching Text)

HYMN

No. 502

“Thy Holy Wings, O Savior”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

HYMN

No. 2071

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Covenant”

Rev. Fred Lewis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Prayer of Yearning

God of hope and help, show us your ways and lead us in your truth.

Remember our mistakes and sins no more,

and help us to forgive ourselves for our shortcomings.

Help us know you so completely,

that we may walk with you in love and righteousness,

and live in the light of your grace. **Amen.**

---A moment of silence for prayer---

Hear the good news:

Christ carries our sins on the wings of God’s love and grace.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, we are alive in the Spirit.

Glory be to God! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Holy Is the Lord" Franz Schubert

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude and praise,
we remember the many gifts of your creation
and the many blessings of your loving promises.
Accept these gifts we bring,
that others may find in them
signs of your love and grace.
Gather these gifts and the gifts of our lives,
that others may find hope and new life
in our giving and in our living.
Color these gifts with the joy of your salvation,
that a brilliant rainbow of your love may shine forth.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No. 480 "O Love That Wilt Not Let me Go"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Jubilation" 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

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST UMC OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CONGREGATION?

Join Pastor Fred **today at 10 a.m.** in the church parlor for a time of getting acquainted and conversations around church membership. If you are interested in becoming a member, you are invited to contact one of the pastors or Deb, church secretary, at 232-2750 for information. Church membership is a JOY! The next "New Member" get together will be March 18 at 10:00.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

As 2018 gets underway we are still seeking persons willing to give some time and talent to serving on a church committee or board. Please review this list and visit with Pastor Fred "today!"

- 3 more persons to serve on the Board of Trustees (3rd Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m.)
- 3 more persons to serve on Nominations (on Wednesdays generally starting in September)
- 1 more to serve on the History Committee ("on call", during weekday mornings or afternoons)
- 3 or 4 to serve on CEMT (1st Monday of a month at 5:30 p.m.)
- 3 more for service on Member Care (2nd Tuesday of a month at 5:30 p.m.)
- 1 or 2 more to serve on Welcome & Marketing (3rd Thursday of a month at 5:30 p.m.)
- 1 more to serve on Missions Committee (2nd Monday of a month at 5:30 p.m.)
- 1 more to serve on Worship Committee (meet at noon 2 or 3 times a year on a Wednesday)



IN CHRIST'S FOOTSTEPS.... THIS YEAR'S LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten lunches will be held on these **FIVE** Wednesdays at noon: February 21, 28, March 7, 21 and 28. Each week **you are invited to bring a sack lunch** to the Multi-Purpose Room. Drinks will be provided. We will have lunch at noon, share in a brief devotional moment at about 12:15 and then hear from people that work in our community and are models of what it means to walk in Christ's footsteps to help others overcome adversity and woes. Come and meet some of our city's "unsung heroes".

February 21: Carrie Moser from the Emergency Residence Project.

February 28: Heather Withers and Diane Birt who help to coordinate AIRA.

March 7: Fredrick Killian will tell us about his interest and work with prison ministry and caring for those who are transitioning from prison back into society.

March 21: Jeanne Kresse will speak about all the various programs of the United Way.

March 28: We plan to feature Julie Saxton, who serves as the Mental health Advocate for the City of Ames.

REGARDING LENT....

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days before Easter and can fall as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, and some Baptists

HOLY WEDNESDAY

In Christianity, Holy Wednesday, also called Spy Wednesday, or Good Wednesday, and Holy and Great Wednesday, is the Wednesday of Holy Week, the week before Easter. It is followed by Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday. **We will be having special family activities here that night at 6:00.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the Canonical gospels. It is the fifth day of Holy Week, and is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday. **A service will be held here at 7:00 p.m.**

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum (Easter Triduum, Holy Triduum, Paschal Triduum, or The Three Days is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. It recalls the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, as portrayed in the canonical Gospels) on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Black Friday, or Easter Friday, though the last term properly refers to the Friday in Easter week. **Pastor Cephas will be leading a Good Friday service at 5:30 in the Chapel.**



UPCOMING UMW EVENT

The March Meeting of UMW will meet at noon on Thursday, March 1, 2018 in the Multipurpose Room. Our "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" service will feature a simple soup lunch and a special offering will be taken at this service. Featured Guest Speaker is Rev. Cephas Davis on Liberia. All are invited to attend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

It's almost time for the 59th Annual Ames Kiwanis Clubs' Pancake Days! Friday, March 2 from 4-7p.m. and Saturday, March 3 from 7a.m. - 2p.m. All the pancakes you can eat, plus scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk or coffee.

Ticket prices:
Ages 11 and older, \$7
Ages 6 thru 10, \$3
Children under 6 are free

Proceeds from this event benefit the youth and various community projects.

UMM

Will have regular March meeting on the 6th at 7:00 AM in the conference room.

UMM AUCTION and FUN(D) NIGHT



The United Methodist Men will have their annual "Fund" night auction on April 21. It's not too early to start thinking about what you can donate this year! Watch your bulletins and newsletters. More information will be coming later.

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.

**The Week at a Glance
February 18 – February 24**

Sunday, February 18
1st Sunday of Lent
8:30 & 11:00 Services, 9:45 Sunday School

Monday, February 19
5:30 Pack 196/MPR
5:30 Foundation/CR

Tuesday, February 20
Quilters
11:30 Staff Lunch
Farm to Folk
3:30 Aktion Club
5:30-7:30 ARC Dance Club/E110
5:30 Trustees/CR

Wednesday, February 21
10:00 Wonderful Wednesday Women
4:30-6:30 ARC Nutritional Class/kitch
6:00 Meal
6:30 Regular Activities

Thursday, February 22
Kiwanis "Golden K" meeting
5:00 Ames Quilt Guild
Bells and Choir Practice

Friday, February 23
6-12 Youth Night ?

Saturday, February 24
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
Kitch - Kitchen in FH

GREETERS

8:30
Carolyn Yorgenson
Nancy Eischen
11:00
Glendora Clark
Ellen Johnsen

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00
Youth & their families
&
friends

ACOLYTES

8:30
Ainsley & Addie Jurgens
11:00
? Ross
Dunkin Bearson

NURSERY

Meredith
Clove

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

UTILITIES

Robert Allen
Dean & Ronda Swyter
Nancy Tamashunas



FIRST SUNDAY
in Lent

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>.