



First United Methodist Church  
516 Kellogg Ave.  
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8:30 & 11:00 - March 18, 2018

### **CENTERING WORDS:**

“For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.” ---  
Kahlil Gibran in “The Prophet”

“Remembering that I’ll be dead soon is the most important tool I’ve ever  
encountered to help me make the big choices in life.” --- Steve Jobs

### **THE GATHERING**

*This week in our prayers for the world let us remember  
especially the people of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARIES**

Meditation on "Wondrous Love"

arr: Gilbert M. Martin

"Lamb of God"

Twila Paris

"Benedictus"

Francois Couperin

*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 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  
the Welcome Center or call the office for more information.*

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has called us to this place.

**to worship and rejoice.**

God has called us to this place

**to learn and know.**

God has called us to this place

**to be formed and grow.**

Let us worship God;

**With all our hearts, minds, and souls**

**we come to worship our God.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Awesome God, out of nothing you created the universe; out of dust you made us, your people. We shake our heads in wonder that you molded each one of us in your image, that you call us by name and claim us. With the law and love on our hearts, guide us as we live as your people. Amen.**

## **A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

### **ANTHEM**

**8:30 a.m.**

“Peace for the Journey”

Chancel Choir    Acc: Barb Mittman

Joseph M. Martin

**11:00 a.m.**

“Give Me Jesus” (African American Spiritual)

Piano Solo: Myrna Cakerice

arr: Lloyd Larson

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

## **HYMN**

No. 2152

“Change My Heart, O God”

## **THE GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

## **WITNESS TO THE WORD**

“Sin”

Rev. Fred Lewis

## **A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Prayer of Yearning

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**Since the ancient days of Moses and Jeremiah you have called us to offer our love for you and for this world for you are the God of all love. In the life and teachings of Jesus you have called us to choose life, for you are the God of life. Even as we face the stories of Jesus’ last days on this earth, remind us of Christ’s never-ending call to abundant love. Even as we acknowledge that death is a part of life, help us embrace the hope of everlasting life. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (singing No. 3068)

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

## **OFFERTORY**

“Chanson”

Robert Schumann

## **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**You have written your promises upon our hearts, O God. As we learn your words of love for us, help us to give our whole selves to serving you. Bless what we offer today --- gifts of our lives and our labor. We pray this through the One who gave his very self for us, Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Prayer for the Faithful by St. Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
- Against the snares of the evil one.

**May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!**

**May Thy Grace, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen**

## **HYMN**

No. 2129

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

## **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

"Postlude on Festal Song"

William H. Walter

*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**

**Chancel Choir ALWAYS welcomes NEW members! Join us!**

## **ADULT MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Denise Hartford, North Central Iowa UMC District Mission Coordinator, is organizing an adult mission trip to Oklahoma June 10-15. She says the need there has been ongoing for 3 years since tornados and flooding. A group from Iowa went last year and they felt this was a good opportunity for a return trip. Denise is unsure at this time exactly where the group will be going; that depends on what is accomplished in the next few months and where the needs are at the time of the mission trip. If you would like information or have questions, please contact Carol Miller ([jacemiller@isunet.net](mailto:jacemiller@isunet.net)).

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST UMC  
OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CONGREGATION?  
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?**

Join us 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!

**Spring Break Time Out!**

Children, Youth, and Families are invited to Time Out, the new arcade in Ames located just a few blocks south of the church at 120 Kellogg Ave. from 12p.m.-2p.m. on Sunday, March 18. Our Christian Education Ministry Team will be there handing out quarters for games. Time Out currently offers pizza, hot dogs, and pretzels and plans to have more food items added to their menu by March 18 so plan to have some arcade food and fun!

**ARIAS IN AMES HERE ON March 18**

If you wish to enjoy some splendid music from the world of opera and Broadway, then be sure to be here this afternoon at 2:00, as the Ames chapter of the Des Moines Metro Opera bringd in world-class singers to perform. The concert will be held in our beautiful sanctuary with a fine reception following in our MPR. This is a fundraiser for the organization and for the summer opera festival held every year at Simpson College. This Ames Chapter meets here in our building once a month on the second Tuesday evening for educational meetings related to the world of opera both old and new classics.

**Reggie's Sleep Out**

The youth from Ames First United Methodist Church will be taking part in Reggie's Sleep out at Jack Trice Stadium this year. The event is on March 24. If you'd like to take part in it, contact Will Copley, Karsten Holm, or Nicole Smith.

Reggie's Sleepout is in honor of Reggie Kelsey, a young man who aged out of the foster care system in 2001, and within three and a half months, was found dead in the Des Moines River.

As part of Reggie's Sleep Out, the youth will be raising funds that will go to help homeless youth in the community. During the month of March, youth will be sitting in coffee hour and outside of the sanctuary after worship services.

Hello Parents and Youth,

As a Methodist, we are all about communicating as a group, ie committees. As a youth, you are eligible for a position on the newly reconvened Youth Council. We need your input, your insight, and your comments.

As a youth, why are you enthusiastic about FUMC, or not so much? What do you enjoy the most about FUMC? What fills you heart at church? What would need to happen in order to find time for your church family? If you want a voice, input and a legacy; join your church family at an informational meeting about youth council March 19 at 6:30pm.

Feel free to find me on social media, Jackie Hawley, or email me at [hawley.jackie@gmail.com](mailto:hawley.jackie@gmail.com) and share you thoughts with me.

\*Where are you usually on Wednesdays 6- 7:30, or Saturday evenings, or Sunday mornings?

\*What, if anything or anyone, pulls/pushes you away from your church family? Be painfully honest~ we can't improve if we don't know what you need.

Even if you walked out the door after confirmation and never looked back, we would love to have your voice. Vows are forever~ you are always welcome.

Blessings,

Jackie

## **Worship Taskforce**

In response to the congregational assessment tool taken last winter, a taskforce was appointed by the administrative council to explore options for our worship services. We met several times and recommended the church stay with the current worship times (5:30 Saturday; 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday). We believe it would benefit the congregation to have worship choices. We'd like to know what types of worship appeal to you! In addition, we can communicate opinions with our new senior pastor when she arrives in July.

Please keep in mind that though we are exploring new ideas for worship services, the message will not change. We will still worship the God who loves us and proclaim the Good News. The music, words, or structure might be different, but the really important parts will be the same. We realize worship can be a very emotional thing, so we ask that you remember that while we all have our own preferred way to worship God, there's no "right" way.

You can find paper copies of the survey at the Welcome Desk or you can take it online. Both versions should take about five minutes to complete. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B68KM32>

**ISU WIND ENSEMBLE TO PLAY FOR WORSHIP  
ON MARCH 25 AT 8:30 A.M.**

To help make our Palm-Passion Sunday celebration more exciting and meaningful, we have the ISU Wind Ensemble coming to play at the 8:30 worship service. The service will begin with joyful acclamations of "Hosanna" and then move to a somber conclusion as we recall Jesus' death on the cross. Once again Pastor Fred is hoping to work on a Reader's Theater presentation of the gospel story that tells of Christ's passion and crucifixion.

The ISU Wind Ensemble features 60 of the finest student wind and percussion players on the ISU campus. Its repertory includes challenging music from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries. The Wind Ensemble often features renowned guest conductors, composers and soloists.

Under the direction of Michael Golemo, the Wind Ensemble has performed in Minneapolis' Orchestra Hall, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, and Omaha's Holland Center for the Performing Arts. They have performed for the Iowa Bandmasters Association convention five times, most recently in 2017. The Wind Ensemble has toured Europe six times since 2003, and plans to tour Europe in May. In 2016, they performed for the College Band Directors National Association and National Band Association regional convention, which was hosted at Iowa State.

**A CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 25 AT 1 P.M.**

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie, is calling a special Church Conference (all members are invited with voice and vote) to Vote on the Staff Parish Relations Committee's recommendation to approve Fredrick Killian as a candidate for ordained ministry from this congregation. The SPRC met and interviewed Fredrick on March 6, using the formal documents provided by our denomination's Board of Ministry. Fredrick and his family have been members here for over two years. He received his "call to ministry" about that time and entered seminary and graduate studies at Saint Paul's School of Theology. With approximately 1 1/2 to 2 years of education remaining. He has started the formal process to become an ordained Elder in the UMC and has had initial interviews with our District's Board of Ministry. He has a passion to serve in the local church and special interests in the fields of prison chaplaincy and work with youth and young adults. He has earned various honors as a student at Saint Paul's; including being elected to the student government and chosen to represent the seminary as an ambassador to Iowa. He will help share the story of seminary education and life hoping others might also discern their own call to ministry. To approve Fredrick at a Church Conference is just one more step on his pathway into the ordained ministry. Please, make time to be here on Sunday, March 25, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary to vote on this important decision for Fredrick and for our whole UMC.

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

**Sunday, March 18**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

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

**9:45 Sunday School (children SS in MPR)**

**10:00 New Member Gathering/parlor**

12-2 Family Fun at Timeout

2:00 Arias in Ames

**Monday, March 19**

4-6 Visitation for Chuck Bell/MPR

6:30 Youth Council/ MPR

**Tuesday, March 20**

Quilters

**NO STAFF MEETING**

11:00 Celebration of Life for Chuck Bell

2:00 Farm to Folk

3:30-5:00 Aktion Club/MPR

5:30 Trustees

**Wednesday, March 21**

4:30-6:30 ARC Nutritional Class/kitch

5:15-5:45 Liturgical Dance Practice

6:00 Meal; 6:30 Activities

**Thursday, March 22**

Kiwanis "Golden K" meeting/FH

5:00 Ames Quilt Guild

5:30-6:30 Ames School Committee/CR

**Friday, March 23**

**Saturday, March 24**

Maegan Smith Bridal Shower/MPR

**5:30 SAF**

Reggie's Sleep Out/Jack Trice Stadium

**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**

UMW Leadership Team will meet  
Wed. March 21 at 1 pm following the  
Lenten lunch. Please note this  
change from Program Book schedule.

**GREETERS**

**8:30**

Carolyn Yorgensen

&

Nancy Eischen

**11:00**

Glendora Clark

**USHERS**

**8:30 & 11:00**

Youth and Families

**ACOLYTES**

**8:30**

Evan Nelson

**11:00**

**NURSERY**

Clove

&

Meredith

**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**

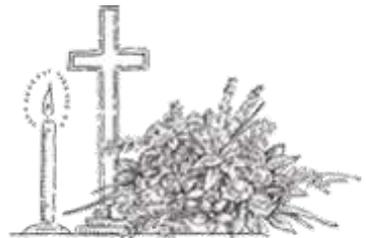
Alan & Ida Johnson

Dean & Judy Sampson

Becky Jordan

Roy Cakerice

Virginia Helland for 3/17/18



**Altar Flowers**

In loving memory of Kim, daughter and sister,  
from Keith and Bruce Bailey

## **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](http://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>.