



First United Methodist Church
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8:30 & 11:00 - March 4, 2018

CENTERING WORDS:

What if the words of our mouths were always acceptable to God?
What if the meditations of our hearts were as beautiful and loving as the
meditations of God's heart? What a wonderful world this would be! --
Mary Scifres

THE GATHERING

*This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially
the people of Andorra, Austria, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, and
Switzerland.*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"Here I Am to Worship"

arr: Mark Hayes

"In the Presence of Jehovah"

arr: Mark Hayes

*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 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.*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

8:30 - John and Barbara (Barb) Cacciatore

**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

God's commandments are clear.

They make clear our vision and straight our paths.

Human wisdom and understanding are thwarted,
and unified in Christ' reconciling love.

All that has been, are, and will become
is through the providential work of God.

Come, let us worship the One who provides, sustains, and nurtures.

We come to worship God.

HYMN

No. 77

“How Great Thou Art”

OPENING PRAYER

**Glorious God, as you call us to worship this day,
we praise your name and join the heavens
in proclaiming your glory.**

Speak to us through the words of scripture.

**Guide us with your wisdom,
a treasure more precious than gold.**

**Walk with us on this journey to the cross,
that our steps may be steady
and our way may be sure.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

“The Call to Follow” Joseph M. Martin
Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

11:00 a.m.

Camp Song Medley
Saxophone Solo: Dean Swyter

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

HYMN

No. 2077

“You Alone Are Holy”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

HYMN

No. 295 vs. 1-2 only

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Double Meaning”

Rev. Fred Lewis

THE INVITATION

No. 2265

“Time Now to Gather”

CONFESSION, ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Oh, how we yearn for your wisdom! Until we don't.

Oh, how we want to live into your law. Until we don't.

Oh, how we want to honor and glorify you

in all that we say and do.

Until we don't.

**For those times when we don't, nudge us back
to the truest yearnings
of our hearts.**

**Give us grace to forgive ourselves and return to you,
our center and our focus.**

**Grant us the mercy we need to be fully prepared to follow
you and walk in your ways.**

In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

---Let all pray in silence---

God can clear us from our faults, even the ones we hide most
carefully.

As we open our hearts, Christ gives us his heart,
full of grace and forgiveness,
embracing us in the power of love.

Glory to God for this wonderful gifts. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humble Pray" arr: Harald Rohlig

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and
concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The pastor continues and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.
The pastor concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and
living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery
of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 2184

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on "Hyfrydol" 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



New Members...Please welcome John and Barb Cacciatore. They previously lived in Elmhurst, IL. and are making their home in Ames now. Both John and Barb are retired.

**IN CHRIST'S FOOTSTEPS....
THIS YEAR'S LENTEN LUNCHESES**

Lenten lunches will be held on Wednesdays at noon: 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".

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.

A FINANCIAL GIFT HAS BEEN MADE TO THE SOUND SYSTEM PROJECT

In mid-February we received a very gracious and generous gift of \$20,000 to be applied to our “new, improved” sound system! The estimate is that we still may need \$11,000-\$15,000 in order to complete the project by June. The bid we have had is 18 months old and so it needs to be updated. Plus, we need some other updated quotes on the cost of wiring from Nelson Electric. If you would like to contribute towards this gift please visit with Reid Cummer, our financial secretary. Chair of the Trustees is Greg Lofstedt, with Alan McCunn and Jon Heimer, seeking to see this project to its conclusion.

UMCOR SPECIAL OFFERING—March 10 & 11

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs” and we today seek to fulfill Christ’s teachings to reach out to those in hunger and pain all around the world. Through the UMCOR Offering (this used to be called: One Great Hour of Sharing offering) to be received March 10-11, we as United Methodists in connection with one another can help. This offering goes to the work of our United Methodist Committee on Relief that responds when disasters strike and people need support. Help to make a world of difference by giving to this special appeal.

Upcoming Dates!!!

March 4-Camp Sunday

March 11 & 18 Spring break Sundays-Children will have whole group lessons in multipurpose room

March 14-Meals From the Heartland meal packaging event in Des Moines

March 25-Children Sing at 11:00 service followed by Easter Happening event including lunch and egg hunt!

March 28-Wednesday Night Holy Week event

May 20-Last Day of Sunday School-Children sing at 11:00 service

June 18-21 Vacation Bible School

June 24-29 Confirmation Camp at Wesley Woods (current 7th graders!)- Also designated “Camp Week” at Wesley Woods for Ames First UMC

UMM

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



It is time to order your Easter Flowers!

We hope everyone will want to sponsor flowers to help beautify the sanctuary for all of our Easter services! This year we are once again offering several different kinds of plants. You may choose the type and the color of the plant you would like to sponsor. The selections are slightly different this year because of the unavailability of a couple styles due to growing issues. Thanks!

After the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, you are encouraged to take your plant home so you can further enjoy it. Please remember what you have ordered so you can take the correct plant home!

PLEASE ORDER BY MONDAY, MARCH 26.

Please check the type of plant you wish to order and circle the color you prefer.

- _____ Easter Lily (white, single stem) \$15
- _____ Calla Lily (white – coral) \$15
- _____ Asiatic Lily (white, fragrant) \$15
- _____ Daisy Mum/open petals (white – yellow – pink) \$15
- _____ Cushion Mum/solid blooms (purple – white – yellow – pink) \$15
- _____ Cyclamen (pastels) \$15
- _____ Hydrangea (pink – blue – white) \$20

Please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church and include it with your order. Please write “Easter flowers” in the memo.

FLOWERS In Memory of _____

Given by _____

FLOWERS In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Alternative gifts to missions may also be given by donating at least \$15.

ALTERNATIVE MISSION GIFT

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

The Week at a Glance
March 4 – March 10

Sunday, March 4
3rd Sunday of Lent
Camp Sunday
8:30 & 11:00 Services
9:45 Sunday School

Monday, March 5
5:00 CEMT

Tuesday, March 6
7:00 UMM/CR
Quilters
9:30 Staff - Deb
3:30 Aktion Club
Farm to Folk
5:30-7:30 ARC Dance Club/E110
5:30 SPRC/CR

Wednesday, March 7
10:30 Wonderful Wednesday Women
12:00 Lenten Lunch/MPR
4:30-6:30 ARC Nutritional Class/kitch
5:15 Liturgical Dance Practice
5:30 Gift & Mem/CR
6:00 Meal/6:30 Regular Activities

Thursday, March 8
Kiwanis "Golden K" meeting/FH
9:00 Ruth Cir/MPR
12:30 Sarah Cir/MPR
7:00 Silver Anniv Cir/Jan Bond & Betty
Kinzler

Friday, March 9
5-7 Visitation Colleen Jolly

Saturday, March 10
11:00 Celebration of Life Service for
Colleen Jolly (lunch to follow)
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
Rhonda & Greg Lofstedt

11:00
Ellen Johnsen
Nancy Tamashunas

USHERS

8:30
Cami and Rich McColley
Joan Peterson and Joe Burris
Connie and Bruce Wight

11:00
Glendora Clark
Karen Kerper
Steve Hanlin
Jane and William Edwards

ACOLYTES

8:30
Leo Sullivan

11:00
Savanna Smith

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	



Chancel Choir welcomes youth member Adam Heuer, son of Chancel Choir member Joy Heuer. We welcome ALL youth and adults and invite YOU to join Chancel Choir as we prepare much for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

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.fumcomes.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>.