



First United Methodist
Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
Ames, Iowa 50010
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5:30 - March 31, 2018

GATHERING IN GOD'S LOVE

PRELUDE

"To God Be the Glory" arr: Lloyd Larson

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" arr: Lloyd Larson

"Morning Has Broken" arr: Lloyd Larson

Myrna Cakerice, church musician

WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG

No. 322 "Up from the Grace He Arose"

CALL TO PRAYER

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG

No. 307 "Christ is Risen"

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-18

MESSAGE

"Resurrection!" Rev. Fred Lewis

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND BLESSING

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord's Prayer
Breaking the Bread
Giving of the Cup**

Song played as you come forward to receive

“Holy Manna arr: Paul A. Tate”

As you come forward to receive the elements of Holy Communion you are also invited to bring forward your offering for the Christian ministries and missions of this congregation. Please place your gift in the offering plates that you will find near entrances into the sanctuary.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION WITH BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

No. 302 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs. 1-4.

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

“Crown Him Lord of All!” Jay Rouse



**APPALACHIAN
SERVICE
PROJECT**

HAMMERS, NAILS, & LOVE: TOOLS OF THE TRADE

We will have an ASP Organizational meeting Sunday, April 8th at 5:00 pm in the High School Youth Room at the Church. The ASP (Appalachian Service Project) crew will take these tools and the tools of our hearts with them when they travel to Appalachia to work on homes of those who suffer from the poverty of that region. Our team will leave Saturday,

July 21, for a week of work. See Pastor Cephas or Ken Van Pelt for further information and ways to support the ASP ministry! Congregation members are asked to begin now to pray for our ASP team and the staff at the ASP Center who will be serving our group.

Thank you!

The Children Education Ministry Team wants to thank all who helped make Mission March a great success! We were able to raise over \$1600 to send to Puerto Rico along with many school supplies. We also raised over \$1600 for Reggie's Sleep out to help homeless youth in the area. We are a giving congregation and we really appreciate all of the support you've given to our programs both financially and through your continued prayers.

Also, \$839 was raised on Sunday, March 26 for the ISU Wind Ensemble.

Liturgical Dance Troupe

We will practice every Wednesday night between now and April 18. Practice times are 5:15-5:40p.m. OR 7:35-8:00p.m. You can choose which time works best for your schedule. We will be dancing on Earth Day, April 22 at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Liturgical Dance is open to ALL ages and abilities!

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 benefits 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 proclaims 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>



Sundays at Ames First UMC

Children's Sunday School

The Children will have their third and final Old School Academy for the school year on April 8. The sessions will include What's Cookin'?, LEGO Life, and At the Movies. Register at www.fumcameevents.com by April 6. Beginning April 15, the children will have a final rotation of the school year learning more about Esther through games, drama, and art. On May 6 we will have our annual teacher appreciation brunch. If you're able to help with this, please contact Nicole. May 13, will be a celebration of our fifth graders and Mother's Day. And May 20, will be our last day of regular Sunday school. We will have fun kick off to summer festivities that day.

Connections

Our Young Adults meet in the Sarah room (just off the kitchen) for engaging discussions about the bible connecting it to the lives of young adults today. Stop by and join the group anytime! 9:45-10:45a.m.

Coffee Talk

Grab a cup of coffee and join Chad & Carrie Copley for the new study *Forward* in the conference room at 9:45. "Pursuing a godly life involves action. It's not just resistance to sin that matters; fully living into the new life that Christ offers means taking steps forward. *Forward* is a seven-session study based on 2 Peter 1:3-11 that shows you and members of your small group how to push one another forward in your shared life together, helping one another grow in faith, knowledge, and actions consistent with a Christian life.

Faith & Reason

During April, Faith and Reason will be finishing up the series of films collectively titled "Allegiance to Empire." This series offers insight into ways in which the Christian community can serve the world and at the same time be faithful to God's vision of the Peaceable Kingdom. In this curriculum, leaders take a look at the myth of the "Christian" nation and re-narrate what it means to live as residents in a foreign land. Stop by Room E110 for this engaging series and discussion. 9:45a.m.

Middle School Sunday School

Our Middle School Sunday School class will be starting a new series in April, focusing on Jesus' Parables. These parables focus on God's unrelenting love for us, as well as our job as Christians to go out and seek the lost. We also look into "who is my neighbor" as Jesus commanded that we love thy neighbor, and treat our enemies as our neighbors.

High School Sunday School

This April the high school class will be getting into our next book, *Jesus*. In this book we will talk about looking at Jesus as worth imitating, particularly in how he loved and forgave others. We'll also talk about expanding our circles to include others who may not look or be like ourselves, and practicing Jesus' method of inclusion, not separation.

Wednesday Night Groups For Our Youth

Middle school will be having lessons and conversations about humility, the trap of judging others, and kindness. We have some great discussion points and games involved with these lessons! If the weather cooperates we'll try to do some of these lessons outside or take a trip to the park.

High school class will be starting the month out with a café lesson on April 4th. These café nights are something everyone looks forward to! We'll have lessons on identity, and what it means to model Jesus' behavior of kindness, inclusion, and forgiveness.

Both middle school and high school will have a Disney themed game night on April 11th, where they are invited to dress up as their favorite characters, play Disney themed games, talk about what it means to be a good guy in Disney and how that translates to being a Christian, and have fun with our fellow FUMC youth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAT HAWLEY!

Kat Hawley attended the Simpson Youth Academy 2017-2018. What an honor to have one of our high school students be a part of this select group of Iowa UMC youth. The Simpson Youth Academy brings together high school juniors and seniors from the Midwest to live and learn for ten days on Simpson College's campus each summer. The Academy challenges young people to ask deep questions about their Christian faith, their calling, and social justice, all in a college preparatory environment. This is followed by a year of retreats, mentoring, and a worship or service project planned by the students themselves, for their own communities. Currently, Kat is one of our elected Lay Members to Annual Conference and serves as a leader in our youth ministries. Kat will graduate on Saturday, April 14 in ceremonies being held at Simpson College. Congratulations to Kat!

Report from Ecumenical Housing Inc.

On March 20, Ecumenical Housing board met at Keystone apartments at Roy Key Ave. in Ames. Presently there are 6 vacant apartments at the Keystone location and 6 vacant apartments at the Stonehaven location. There will be several relocations at both sites with individuals moving from "studio" apartments to 1BR or to different locations in the same building.

In February there was a resident that slipped at the Stonehaven location and incurred a slight injury. This mishap occurred because of freezing rain which was occurring at the time. The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) review was completed in February and the director is waiting on the written report. There have been indications that there could be an additional "complete file review" by the representative of IFA in the future.

The first phase of the updated LED lighting is nearly completed in both buildings and several tub-to-shower conversions have been completed, in addition to general maintenance work to individual apartments.

Submitted by Steve J. Hanlin;
board representative for First United Methodist Church

United Methodist Missionary to Speak April 29 at Ames First United Methodist

Linda Stransky, a United Methodist missionary from Iowa to Appalachia, will speak and answer questions on Sunday, April 29 at 9:45 in the Multipurpose Room of FUMC. She will then bring the morning's sermon at the second hour of worship at 11 a.m. Linda is an Iowan. She is currently the Executive Director of the Jubilee Project in Sneedville, Tennessee. Their ministry includes home repair, clean water projects, food issues, women's ministry and youth ministry. All are welcome to attend.

March for Peace on April 29 Congregational participation in Ames

A March for Peace on April 29 is being planned for Ames. This march is based on a march conducted last year by an interfaith group in Columbus, OH. This group is trying to organize nationwide marches for peace April 29. The Ames march will be April 29 from 3:30-4:30. Groups who are sponsoring it include: Ames Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, The Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance (AIRA) and Progressive Ames.

Terry Lowman, of organizing the effort.
and Jane Edwards
representatives to

UTILITIES
Janice Bortz
&
Becky Jordan

UUFA, will be
Jackie Delay
who are our
AIRA hope to

Chancel Choir ALWAYS welcomes NEW members! Join us!

The Week at a Glance
April 1 – April 7

Sunday, April 1
Easter Sunday
8:30 & 11:00 Services

Monday, April 2
Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3
Quilters
9:30 Staff Meeting
Band Practice
Farm to Folk
5:30 SPRC

Wednesday, April 4
4:30-6:30 ARC Nutritional Class/kitch
6:00 Meal; 6:30 Wednesday Activities

Thursday, April 5
Kiwans "Golden K" meeting/FH
7:00 Circle of Faith/CR

Friday, April 6
6:00 Wedding Rehearsal Kuehne/Tuel

Saturday, April 7
3:00 Wedding Kuehne/Tuel
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

USHERS
8:30

Sally & Pete Peterson
Susan Willson & Carolyn Yorgensen
Ann & Tim Thomas

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

Greeters
8:30

Becky Jordan
11:00
Smith Family

ACOLYTES
8:30

Leo Sullivan
11:00
Savanna Smith

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	

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Thanks!

Marlene Bell and family thank all of you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during Chuck's recent illness and passing. We appreciate your prayers and support.

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