



First United Methodist Church
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8:30 & 11:00 - April 1, 2018

THE GATHERING

This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"His Glory"

arr: Gayden C. Sikes

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Mark Hayes

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

arr: James/Stam Pethel

Piano: Barb Mittman Organ: Myrna Cakerice

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is alive! Alleluia!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We gather and pray and serve in the name of the one who died and rose again.

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HYMN No. 302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

OPENING PRAYER

**God of abundant hope and promise,
you envision a world filled with beauty.
Help us to appreciate the beauty of this world
and of all life, including our very own lives.
Open our eyes, God of illumination.
Open our hearts, God of radical hope.
Open our hands, God of love.
We offer you ourselves for your use now
and in the days to come. Amen.**

SOLO OF PRAISE

"The Holy City"

Anson Woodin

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"Great Day! The Lord is Risen!"

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

SCRIPTURE LESSON FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

SOLO OF PRAISE

“I’ll Walk With God”

Anson Woodin

THE EASTER GOSPEL

John 20: 1-18

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Resurrection!”

Rev. Fred Lewis

HYMN

No. 322

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

THE INVITATION

CONFESSION, ASSURANCE AND PARDON

**Merciful God, forgive for the times we doubt
and do not serve;**

for the times we forget and do not share;

**for the times we become greedy, addictive,
and power hungry;**

for the moments we allow grief to overtake our lives;

for those times when we find hope to be found.

Merciful God, forgive us.

May our hearts and lives be enlightened as we

nurture compassion and care for others and for all creation.

Empower us to release that which no longer serves

your higher purposes and ways in our lives.

---A time for silent prayers---

Hear the Good News:

Having heard our prayers,

God whispers our names,

telling us we are forgiven.

**This is the day our God has made. Let us rejoice and be
glad in it. Amen.**

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, stop by
the Welcome Center or call the office for more information.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Ye Sons and Daughters of the King”

Francois Dandrieu

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 (singing No.3068)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The UMC observes an open communion table. All, of every age, are welcomed here. Serving today is by intinction; come forward, you will receive bread; dip it in the cup, eat and return to your seat as you wish. Ushers will guide you forward. If anyone wishes, for any reason, to be served in the pew, please inform an usher. Quiet music will lead us forward to this time of Communion today.

As we come to the Lord's Table today we shall come singing and rejoicing in our Easter faith..` Please join altogether singing:

No. 3168 "Come to the Table of Grace"

No. 3169 "You Feed Us, Gentle Savior"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 327

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Easter Joy”

Eugene Butler

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.

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!

Isaiah 40 Wellness Ministry

Please JOIN US for a Special RISE UP after Easter Class. All levels, ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in this special chair fitness class working to improve balance, flexibility and day to day movement in an effort to alleviate aches and pains and keep you moving all day! This class will be on Monday and Friday starting April 2nd and going through May 25th. Class times are 9:45-10:30 a.m.

We will also continue through May 25th with our Cardio-Strength Class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:30-9:30. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact our Wellness instructor, Nanette Heginger, at 515-290-0005 or email nrheg@hotmail.com.

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.fumcameseevents.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 UUFA, will be organizing the effort. Jackie Delay and Jane Edwards who are our representatives to AIRA hope to have our congregation's support. Watch for more news and details in the days to come.

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
Kiwanis "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

UTILITIES

Janice Bortz
&
Becky Jordan

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.