



First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
515-232-2750
www.fumcomes.org
8:30 & 11:00 May 13, 2018

Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day/Ascension Sunday

THE GATHERING

This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Kenya and Tanzania

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"God, Give Us Christian Homes"

arr: Lauren Gadd

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

arr: Dr. Peter Slack

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

arr: Roy Brunner

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

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made lain among us.

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen!

HYMN

No. 92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

OPENING PRAYER

God, our source of light and life, you lead the way to courage, to kindness, to generosity, and to love. You call us to be your people and to live in community with one another, always moving to our place of wholeness. God, your love makes us whole. Help us to receive your saving love with open hearts, so that we may become attuned to your will and way. We ask that you strengthen us as your people, gathered to praise and serve you this day. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY

Loving God,
like a mother,
you are always watching over us,
always caring for us.

On this day, we pray for all those
who are like mothers to us---
all of those women who wipe away tears,
who teach and guide us,
who hold us and hug us,
and listen to our stories
and tell us their wisdom.

For our own mothers, and grandmas,
aunties and big sisters,
neighbors and friends,
who show us your love
in their words and actions,
we offer our thanks,
and ask you to bless them. Amen.

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"
"Joy is Like the Rain"

Smith/Janzen
Medical Mission Sisters

Solo: Jim Miller

11:00 a.m.

"The Everlasting Arms"

Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

THE PSALTER

No. 738

Psalm 1 (with sung response no. 2)

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

HYMN

No. 526

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

THE GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Rev. Cephas Davis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Andante Quasi Allegretto"

Joseph Haydn

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God enduring and radical hope and promise, you make yourself known to us in many ways. As we offer you these gifts today continue to fill us with your grace and inspire our hearts to pursue your justice and peace. May we be faithful stewards of your love, hope, and promise. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 445

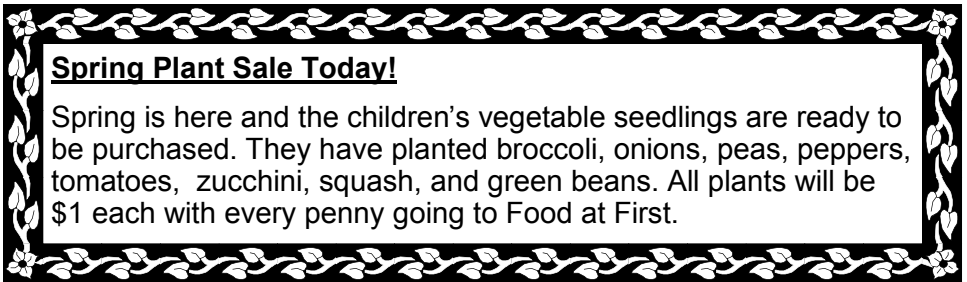
"Happy the Home"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The Church's One Foundation arr: Alice Jordan

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



Spring Plant Sale Today!

Spring is here and the children's vegetable seedlings are ready to be purchased. They have planted broccoli, onions, peas, peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, squash, and green beans. All plants will be \$1 each with every penny going to Food at First.

ASP REGISTRATION.....

You must Register by **May 15** if you plan on going. We need to reserve vans and start budgeting for the trip.

Please go to **WWW. ASPHOME.ORG** and **Register as soon as possible**. I have attached the Registration instructions – So far I only have Gabriel, Thomas, Scott, Don, Carrie, Will, Nicholas, Kristen, and myself registered. We have open spots. Get the word out to others that may be willing to join us.

ASP has assigned us to **Boyd County, Kentucky***. Important details about your center facility and the county you are serving can all be found on our website at: <https://www.asphome.org/centers/kyboyd>
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks! Ken & Kathy Van Pelt



Mother's Day Blankets of Love

Blankets in Memory of:

My mother & grandmother - Glenys Anderson

Our mothers - Don & LaVone Newell

Helen Heckman & Anna Geise - Carolyn & Dale Geise

Othene Walk, June Hutchcroft & Beverly

Hutchcroft - Ted, Jayne, Jill & Julia Hutchcroft

Vivian Mann - Glendora Clark

Our mothers - Bob & Harriet Ringgenberg

Marge & Bob's mothers - Marge Bourne

Our mothers, Edna Knudson & Katherine Nichol - Bud & Joyce Nichol

Ruth Ramze, Gladys Vallery, Maggie Holcomb, Agnes Winther, Bess Ramze, & Margaret Vallery - Larry & Rita Vallery

My mother, Lois Humphry - Jo A. Burgason

Our loving mothers - Ron & Marcia Skrdla

Jeanette Bower & Zella Edwards - Jane & William Edwards

Our mothers & grandmothers - Roy & Myrna Cakerice

Carmela Cacciatore & Bessie Smith - John & Barb Cacciatore

Our mothers, Helga Andersen & Muriel Wagner—Joan Andersen

Our mothers, Dorothy Thompson & Eleanor Van Slyke - Barb & Neil Van Slyke

Sharon Smith & Mildred McElwain - The Hinders family

Our mothers - Bill & Norma Speer

Ethel Walter & Ella Claussen - Dean & Dianne Obrecht

Evelyn Hill & Flossie Yorgensen - Carolyn Yorgensen

Clara Dunbar & Sadie Farrar - Jo Farrar

My grandmothers - Rev. Fred Lewis

Our mothers, Jenny Silence & Kathryn Ritter - Si & Mary Anne Silence

Our mothers - Norman & Beth Cheville

Margaret Johnson - Al & Ida Johnson

Lillian Westerberg & Evelyn LaVelle - Ginny LaVelle

Ruby Jensen, Merna Studer & Dorothy Reese - Bob & Zella Studer

My mom, Bev Coffman - Kim Jordan

My mother, Zepha Case - Juanita Dunn

Frieda Cormicle & Mary Oostenbrug - Larry Cormicle & Mary

Beth Oostenbrug



Mother's Day Blankets of Love

Blankets in Honor of:

My daughter, Lynda Dunn Downs

My daughters in law, Amber Jordan & Laura

Jordan - Kim Jordan

Diane Russell & Joyce Binns - Bob & Zella

Studer

Kristy Bolar & Kim Van Haecke - Ginny LaVelle

Belle Cleaveland - Al & Ida Johnson

Anne Nelson - Norman & Beth Cheville

Our daughters & daughters in law - Si & Mary Anne Silence

Geraldine Lewis - Rev. Fred Lewis

Kelly Hansen - Mavis Butler

Our daughters who are mothers - Marlene Bell

Marjorie Davis - Lyn Terrill

Rose Williams & Vivian Howard - Duane & Joyce Howard

Mothers Prayer

~Anon

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you

To thank The Lord above

For blessing me with a lifetime

Of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring

You've shown me through the years,

For the closeness we've enjoyed

In time of laughter and of tears.

And so I thank you from the heart

For all you've done for me

And I bless The Lord for giving me

The best mother there could be!

May 2018 Tree Planting

The Ames Foundation will facilitate the planting of roughly 80 - 100 trees in the **Southdale Neighborhood** on **Saturday, May 19**. We will meet at Kate Mitchell Elementary at 8:30 a.m. and participate in a brief planting demo at 8:45 a.m. Volunteers will work in teams under the direction of a supervisor. Each team will have the opportunity to plant approximately 10 trees. Please email Anne Nelson at achevnels@mchsi.com or 515.520.7529 if you would like to participate. Details/guidance will follow closer to the event date.

Please note:

- While holes will be pre-dug and trees pre-placed, we encourage volunteers to bring shovels and gloves to move dirt and mulch.
- Closed-toe shoes are highly recommended for this activity.
- In the event of rain, the planting date/time WILL NOT change. To learn more about the project and/or to donate to this effort, please visit The Ames Foundation website at www.amesfoundation.org.

CONGRATULATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ON MAY 20

On Sunday, May 20, at the 8:30 a.m. worship service we will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors. The front pews will be reserved for the seniors and their families to sit together during the worship service. There will be a moment of celebrating them in the midst of the worship service. Our congregation's Foundation scholarships will be awarded. Following the service, the congregation is invited to greet these young men and women graduates in the Fellowship hall where they will be guests at our Coffee Hour Fellowship. To insure we have your student's name for recognition, call or email Brooke Krueger at the church office (232-2750 --- brooke@fumcomes.org). Here is a list we have compiled so far: Lauren Cassaidy, Oliver Dies, Thomas Delay, Calvin Evans, Megan Goodhue, Beverly Hawley, Shelby Heimer, Casey Hinders, Sarah Hinners, Kyler Holm, Kari Holmes, Emma Killian, Karli Jerman, Ryan Pretzer, AJ Reed, Sally Schrunk, Nathan Schmitz, and Makenzie Weyhrich.



Beginning on Memorial Day Sunday (May 27), we will go to our summer worship service times. We will have one Sunday morning worship service at **9:30**. We will continue to have our Saturday service at 5:30. Spread the word! If you regularly worship on Sunday but find you are going to be away, please remember our 5:30 p.m. "Saturday at First" worship service might be

"just right" for you. This services features outstanding music from church pianists Mark Forbis and Diane Mohr. This is a wonderful more "informal" worship experience that happens in the intimate beauty of our air-conditioned chapel!

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP LAURIE

May 5, 2018

Dear Laity and Clergy in the Iowa Annual Conference,

Grace and peace! I am writing to you with an update from the Council of Bishops around the work of the Commission on a Way Forward. I am deeply grateful for your interest in and prayers for the Commission and for your presence at seven district gatherings around the state in March and April.

As many of you know, the 2016 General Conference voted to form a special Commission to help us discern a way forward in The United Methodist Church around human sexuality. The 32-member Commission is concluding its work and shared several possible plans with the Council of Bishops this past week at our meeting in Chicago.

The role of the Council of Bishops has been to strategically help the General Conference do its work. The vision of both the Council and the Commission has been to “design a way for being church that maximizes the presence of a United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible, that allows for as much contextual differentiation as possible, and that balances an approach to different theological understandings of human sexuality with a desire for as much unity as possible.”

The three plans presented by the Commission to the Council of Bishops are:

The Traditionalist Plan, which would retain the current disciplinary language around homosexuality and provide accountability.

The One Church Plan, which would allow churches to contextualize language and practice around sexuality in support of witness and mission. The current prohibitive language in the *Discipline* around same sex marriage and the ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexuals would be removed. Local churches could decide whether or not to host same sex weddings, and clergy could choose whether or not to officiate at same sex weddings. Central Conferences in other parts of the world would continue to be able to adapt the *Book of Discipline* to their context.

The Connectional Conference Plan, where local churches and clergy could decide to join traditional, centrist, or progressive “connectional conferences” that would be formed according to theological conviction.

The motion that was approved on May 4 by the Council of Bishops states that the Council of Bishops will submit a report to the 2019 called General Conference that includes:

All three plans (Traditionalist, the One Church Plan and the
Connectional Conference Plan)
The Council's Recommendation of the One Church Plan
An historical narrative of the Council's discernment process regarding
all three plans

You can read the Council of Bishops's press release [here](#). The Council of Bishops strongly supported the **One Church Plan** to be presented to the special called General Conference in St. Louis in February 2019. The One Church Plan provides a generosity of spirit and unity that can model new ways of being in relationship across cultures and jurisdictions and maximizes our mission to be a global and multicultural church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Council of Bishops is recommending the One Church Plan as the best way forward. However, all three plans reflect the values of our global church and will be included in the full report of the Council of Bishops that will be released in early July.

I'd like to share a few observations about the process. **As shepherds of the entire church, the Council of Bishops seeks to live and lead the church out of convicted humility.** We recognize that we are not of one mind around human sexuality, but it is possible for us to be of one heart as we reach out to a hurting world with the love and grace of Jesus Christ. At the same time as we honestly admit our differing convictions, we also repent of the ways in which we reject those who do not think like us. We ask God for forgiveness when we would rather win an argument than travel the Wesleyan way together with those whose views differ from ours. We invite all United Methodists to pray, serve, and relate to one another with convicted humility as well.

I also recognize the anxiety that is present in the Iowa Annual Conference as well as The United Methodist Church as a whole around the future of our denomination. Our differing beliefs around human sexuality have led to a sense of brokenness across the church, in the Council of Bishops, and among those who find themselves outside one or all of the plans. My prayer is that, in the midst of various viewpoints, we can remain focused on our call to be difference makers in our communities and around the world. May we seek to have hearts of peace that celebrate the strength of our diversity as United Methodists, honor the integrity of others who may not think like us, and desire to learn from rather than oppose one another.

Finally, I invite you to continue to be God's people and do God's work in the world. There are millions of people across the globe who are yearning to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and are just waiting for you and me to offer them words of grace, peace, and hope. "We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are

one in Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. They will know we are Christians by our love.”

Full details of the plans and legislative proposals will be available once the final reported is edited and translated into the official languages of the General Conference. We estimate this date to be around July 8. The Council of Bishops has covenanted not to discuss details of the proposals or legislation until they are available to everyone.

I will continue to meet periodically with our General Conference delegation, which will be taking up this work on behalf of the Iowa Annual Conference and the whole church. I have also made a commitment to travel throughout the conference again in the fall to lead another set of gatherings around the proposals that will be voted upon at the 2019 called General Conference. In addition, there will be a “roundtable dialogue” at our Iowa Annual Conference on Sunday, June 10, from 2:30 –3:30 p.m. in Hy-Vee Hall. Bishop Bruce Ough, immediate past president of the Council of Bishops, members of the General Conference delegation, and I will be participating, and the dialogue will be live-streamed.

Please continue to regularly lift up in prayer the Commission, the Council of Bishops, and our General Conference delegates. May God’s grace surround us with peace and hope as we continue to claim our name as God’s beloved children and make a difference wherever God calls us.

Blessings,
Bishop Laurie



PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 20
PENTECOST IS A SEASON OF FIRE!

You are encouraged to wear your bright reds, oranges, or yellows as we celebrate the ‘birthday of the church on May 20th!’ Read Acts 2 for inspiration! Pentecost arrives like the rush of wind that takes our breaths away. Pentecost is a day and a whole season in the church year for personal and church renewal; it’s a time for rededication among individual Christians. It’s a time to seek the unity found in God’s love. On PENTECOST we proclaim a “Happy Birthday to the Church Universal.”

A LETTER FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

To the People Called United Methodists,
Grace and Peace to You in the Name of Christ:

Many sanctuaries will be filled by the smell of flowers today as we gather to celebrate our own mothers and motherhood.

As we lift up the mothers in our communities, so too we lift up the mothers of our faith: Sarah, Hannah, Eve, Rebecca, Rachel, Mary, Phineas' wife, Susanna Wesley. Were it not for these women, and millions more, we would not be here today. We give thanks to God for their witness and their care.

It is because of this that we write to you today. As we remember mothers, we call to your attention the mothers who die as a result of childbirth.

For many, childbirth-related deaths might seem like something of the past. The tragic reality is thousands of women die each year in childbirth from preventable causes. Today alone, 800 mothers will die in childbirth, often times because fundamental things — like proper nutrition, skilled delivery, and clean water — are missing. The knowledge and ability to space and time pregnancies are also critical and often missing.

Scripture tells us that Christ came that we may have abundant life (John 10:10). As we celebrate mothers, we also commit ourselves to saving and improving the lives of mothers around the world.

There is work to be done through the church. With 12 million members worldwide, The United Methodist Church worships and works around the world to improve care for mothers. We identify and train frontline health workers, provide improved nutrition, sanitation, and family planning services and educate local communities and people of faith about the importance of investing in maternal and child health.

There is work to be done by our governments, too. For example, the international aid the United States has provided has led the way in improving the lives of mothers around the world and building the capacity of countries to ensure all people reach their full potential. Through these efforts, we have seen tremendous progress, but our work remains unfinished.

As leaders in Christ's United Methodist Church, we call on you to celebrate mothers today and every day. Support local and global United Methodist efforts to save mother's lives. Talk to your elected leaders and let them know that aid to prevent maternal death is important to you. And in all things, pray.

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. Susan T. Henry-Crowe
General Secretary
General Board of Church and Society

**The Week at a Glance
May 13 – May 19**

**Sunday, May 13
Mother's Day**

**8:30 Service
11:00 Service**

**Monday, May 14
6:00-9:00 PEO/MPR**

Tuesday, May 15
Quilters
9:30 Staff/SCR
Farm to Folk/FH
3:30 Aktion Club/MPR
5:30 Member Care

**Wednesday, May 16
5:30 Confirmation mtg/MPR**

**Thursday, May 17
5:30 Welcome & Mktg**

Friday, May 18

**Saturday, May 19
8:30-9:30a.m. Borg Recital Rehearsal
5:30 SAF**

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

Contact Myrna Cakerice
(mcakerice@aol.com) if you have
music you would like to share this
summer.

THANK YOU!

Boy Scout Troop 160 would like to thank everyone who came to the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser last Sunday. Your support is greatly appreciated! We also appreciate FUMC's sponsorship.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY

On May 26-27 we will be collecting for this Special Sunday Offering that supports ministries for peace and justice through our General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences. You can read more about this program fund and the work of this General Board by going online to www.umc-gbcs.org.

**USHERS
8:30 & 11:00**
Trustees
&
Foundation

**Greeters
8:30**
Carolyn Yorgenson
Nancy Eischen
11:00
Sally Peterson
Jerri Adams

**ACOLYTES
8:30**
Addie Jurgens
11:00
Miranda Ross

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

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