



First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
515-232-2750
www.fumcames.org
8:30 & 11:00 May 20, 2018

THE GATHERING

*This week in our prayers for the world let us remember
especially the people of Malawi and Zambia*

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Plainsong, 4th century

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

arr: Hal H. Hopson

"All Glory Be to God on High"

arr: Hal H. Hopson

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

arr: Hal H. Hopson

*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

Something was happening!

The whole church was in one place, all together.

There was a rush of wind.

There was fire coming down from the sky!

Each voice spoke another language.

We all understood each other!

What was happening?

The church was born!

The Holy Spirit was given.

The church came alive in love!

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

No. 2238

"In the Midst of New Directions"

OPENING PRAYER

**God of rushing wind and chaos, we celebrate the gift of your
Holy Spirit today. We welcome the birth of your church.
From a small household to today's global village, we
celebrate your church. May we be mindful today of the ways
your winds of change blow through us all. May we be
inspired by your spirit to hear you and to follow you. Amen.**

8:30 - SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Emaline Esther Deal daughter of Rob and Kari Deal

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

11:00 - A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(8:30) RECOGNITION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Lauren Cassaidy, Oliver Dies, Thomas Delay, Calvin Evans, Beverly Hawley, Shelby Heimer, Casey Hinders, Sarah Hinnners, Kyler Holm, Kari Holmes, Emma Killian, Karli Jerman, Ryan Pretzer, AJ Reed, Sally Schrunk, Nathan Schmitz, and Makenzie Weyhrich.

**God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless these graduates as they now finish this course of study.
We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.
Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in
life.**

**Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.
Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all
people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

“The Call to Faith”
Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

Joseph M. Martin

11:00 a.m.

“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

Children’s Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:22-27

HYMN

No. 2120

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” verses 1 & 2

THE GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

HYMN

No. 2120

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” verses 3 & 4

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Who Are These People?” Rev. Fred Lewis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE A Prayer Litany for Pentecost Day

Hear our prayers, God of power and love.

You came in like a rushing wind with your spirit and changed us.

We have been inspired; we have been called; we have been gifted.

We see vision and dream dreams.

You call us into action and service.

Your love is what saved us, and what brought the church to life.

Help us to show that love.

May we bring life to dead places.

May we offer healing where there is injury.

May we bring hope to the hopeless.

Stir us with your breath to stir others.

Send your spirit to the places it is most needed.

Breathe love into the places empty of it. Blow us in a new direction.

Hear our prayers for renewal that comes from you, Holy One.

Renew our spirits to renew others.

Heal our hurts so we may heal others.

Restore our wholeness so we may restore others.

May the power of Pentecost inspire us always.

We ask this in the name of Jesus....

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Holy Spirit, Light Our Darkness" Robert J. Powell

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

It is through your love that the church came to life, almighty God, and it is through your love that we are called to give. Take these gifts that reflect our devotion to you and bless them for your service. May your Pentecost spirit inspire us as we use them. May we sense the spirit calling us to something new as we serve you. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No. 539 "O Spirit of the Living God"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Trumpet Tune" 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

United Methodist Men...

The United Methodist Men would like to thank the members of the church for their donations and their purchases of the items at our annual FUN(D) Auction. The proceeds of the items sold amounted to \$7,064. At our monthly meeting it was determined that a portion of the proceeds will be used to update both parsonages during this transition of our new staff.

United Methodist Women NEWS...

UMW Leadership Team meets Wednesday, May 23 at 10 am in the Multipurpose Room.

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 service 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!



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.

★ **REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS ON MAY 27 IN WORSHIP** ★
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★ As we celebrate Memorial Day weekend and come to worship, we will ★
★ have a moment of silence in prayer and offer a recognition for all of ★
★ our veterans during our worship services. Memorial Day began in ★
★ 1866 in Waterloo, New York, as a day to honor the war dead of the ★
★ United States. It is now observed on the last Monday in May. Many ★
★ observe this day by decorating the graves of loved ones, and especial- ★
★ ly those who died in war. If you are making a trip to decorate a grave ★
★ please consider taking extra decorations to place on the graves that ★
★ seem to perhaps be forgotten as a way of recognizing "the saints." ★
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JOIN US!

Have you been considering making FUMC your church home? If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, contact the office for the necessary paperwork. We will be taking in new members on June 3, 2018.

UP WITH PUPPETS IN WORSHIP JUNE 9 AND 10

Our "Up with Puppets" will present the WHOLE worship service on the weekend of June 9-10 while our pastoral staff is attending the Iowa Annual Conference sessions in Des Moines. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and invite family and friends to come and smile and clap your hands and tap your feet in JOY with our "Up with Puppets." They also will be hosting their "Annual Brunch Spectacular!" following the morning worship on Sunday. These funds gathered that day will help to support their ministry here at First UMC. What a great group of youth and adult leaders! Praise God!



Puppet Ministry

Are you ready for an action-packed VBS adventure! Ames VBS 2018 is back with our very own "Rolling River Rampage!" June 18-21 from 9 - noon, children are invited on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun games, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace! Sign up today at <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/AmesVBS2018>



We also need youth (7th grade and up) AND adults to sign up to help. Go to the same link and register as a volunteer.

If you have any questions, contact Nicole at nicole@fumcames.org or 515-232-2750

Our Pastor's **RETIREMENT**

TO CELEBRATE PASTOR FRED'S RETIREMENT

TWO Retirement events YOU are invited to attend for Rev. Fred Lewis. The first event will happen on Saturday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Hy-Vee Hall in the Iowa Events Center in downtown Des Moines as part of the 175th Iowa Annual Conference sessions. This will be a worship service recognizing and honoring all of this year's retiring class of pastors. The Rev. LaTonya Calderon will be the preacher. The service is scheduled to last 60 minutes followed by a time of greeting the new retirees and their families. It is suggested that folks who are attending try to arrive around 1:00 p.m.

Then, the second celebration will happen on Sunday, June 17 at 9:30 as we start the day with a brief worship time that will flow into a program celebrating Pastor Fred's ministerial career, followed by a special brunch that is being planned. The SPRC is hosting this event. Invitations have been extended to the churches which Pastor Fred has served, as well as to his family and friends.



AN INVITATION TO A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION **FOR REV. LEE WEBB**

Rev. Lee Webb served here at Ames First as this congregation's associate pastor. For the past few years, he has been serving at Union Park UMC, 2305 East 12th Street, in Des Moines (50316). Plans to mark his retirement on Sunday June 10 at Union Park UMC include, a worship service at 10 a.m. followed by a lunch reception at 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon program with dessert starting at 1 p.m. Feel free to come and go. Send any greetings/memories of Lee to his wife Cathy: cathywebb39@gmail.com or bring them with you. Lee and Cathy will be making their home in Ames at 2105 Furman Dr.

**The Week at a Glance
May 20 – May 26**

Sunday, May 20

8:30 Service

Baptism of Emaline Esther Deal
Senior Sunday

11:00 Service

6-8:30 Borg Senior Piano/Violin Recital/
Sanc

Monday, May 21

Tuesday, May 22

Quilters
Farm to Folk/FH

Wednesday, May 23

10:00 UMW Leadership Meeting/MPR
Last WWW Meeting

Thursday, May 24

5:30 Ames Quilt Guild

Friday, May 25

4-8 Senior Piano & Violin Recital/
Sanc&MPR

Saturday, May 26

1-5 Senior Flute Recital/Sanc
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

UTILITIES

Roy Cakerice
Glendora Clark
Becky Jordan
Dean Sampson

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00

Youth,
Family,
and Friends

Greeters

8:30

Rhonda Lofstedt
Ellen Johnsen

11:00

Glendora Clark
Nancy Tamashunas

ACOLYTES

8:30

Paige Wiertzema

11:00

Emmett Van Haecke

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 ALWAYS welcomes NEW members! Join us!

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

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