

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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9:30 May 27, 2018

**Trinity Sunday
Peace with Justice Sunday and
Memorial Day Weekend**

THE GATHERING

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

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

arr: Don Phillips

"Great God of Nations"

arr: Ron Boud

"Sortie on "National Hymn"

Lani Smith

*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

Holy, holy, holy, God of glory and strength,

We take notice and recognize you.

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty,

We take notice and recognize you.

Holy, holy, holy, God of blessing and peace,

Come, let us worship!

HYMN

No. 64

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, be with us as we worship you today.

Remind us that you are God, and larger than we can dream.

You take us by surprise, you confront us,

And you love the whole world,

So much more than we can imagine. Amen.

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

A MOMENT OF HONORING LOVED ONES

The poppy wreath is brought into the chancel by a Veteran to remind all of us of those who have sacrificed their lives for our nation as well as to pray for all men and women serving today in our armed services to protect our freedom and liberties

PRAYER FOR A MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead,
We your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth,
Give thanks to you.

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage,
Whose lives that have empowered us,
Whose influence is a healing grace,
We lift up thankful hearts.

For the dear friends and family members
Whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever
We lift up thankful hearts.

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth,
And for the members of our household of faith
Who worship you now in heaven
We lift up thankful hearts.

For those who sacrificed themselves,
Our brothers and sisters who have given their lives,
For the sake of others
We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance,
And ever think of them as with you,
In that city whose gates are not shut by day
And where there is no night
We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world
Where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,
O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage.
Day by day we magnify you,
And worship your name, forever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM

"New Every Morning"

Lee J. Afdahl

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8 (preaching text)

HYMN

No. 717

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord" vss. 1 & 5

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

HYMN

No. 372

"How Can We Sinners Tell" vss. 1, 2, & 6

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

WITNESS TO THE WORD

"The Call"

Rev. Fred Lewis

A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION & PERSONAL COMMITMENT**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Amazing Grace" Performed by the Henson family string quartet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Like Nicodemus, we come quietly, O God, to have a conversation with you. We come away from the demands of others, the demands of our work, and the demands of our families. We lay aside our position and our responsibilities. We come to ask questions and to try to understand.

Hear our questions and concerns for those we love, for our communities, our world, and for ourselves. Remind us of your great love for the world and all of us in it.

---Time of silent prayer---

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayers. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS****OFFERTORY**

"The Voice of God is Calling"

arr: Gilbert M. Martin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept the gifts we bring, our money, our talents, and ourselves. Use them, send them, so that your love may be shared where it is needed. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**HYMN**

No. 436

"The Voice of God is Calling"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Trumpet Tune"

Wilbur Held

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

Please come help us celebrate our graduated senior, Emma Killian. The celebration will take place in our home. Please join us for refreshments and celebrations. Sunday, May 27th, 2018 at 6pm-8pm.

The Killian Residence
2718 Eisenhower Ave
Ames, IA 50010

GIVE A GIFT FOR THIS FATHER'S DAY THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!
SUPPORT THE HEIFER PROJECT

Once again our Mission-Outreach Team is inviting folks to remember and celebrate FATHER'S DAY by giving a gift to Heifer International in loving memory or in joyful honor of all "Dads."

Heifer International (also known as **Heifer Project International**) is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients must agree to "pass on the gift" by sharing animal offspring, as well as the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families.

Based in Little Rock, Arkansas, Heifer International started with a shipment of 17 heifers to Puerto Rico in 1944. Since 1944, Heifer International has distributed livestock such as goats, bees, chickens, ducks, geese, sheep, pigs and water buffalo, along with training and other resources, to 20.7 million families, or more than 105.1 million people in more than 125 countries. You can make a difference!!!

Return this to the church by June 14th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Donated by: _____

\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 \$60 \$120 \$250 \$500

Make checks payable to Ames FUMC and put "Heifer Project" on the memo line.



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 service is scheduled to last 60 minutes. 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.



GOODBYE AND BEST WISHES!

There will be a farewell gathering for Pastor Cephas on June 24 following church services. Please join us as we wish him well on his new adventure.

Pastor Cephas will serve as the sole pastor of Easton Place UMC in Des Moines effective July 1. The church is located at 2412 Easton Blvd. We send Pastor Cephas and his wife, Phyllis, off to their new destination with good thoughts and best wishes.



YOU'RE INVITED 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 27 – June 2

Sunday, May 27
9:30 Service

Monday, May 28
Church Closed
1-5 Graduation party/MPR

Tuesday, May 29
Quilters
Farm to Folk/FH
5:30 Finance
6-8 Piano Recital & reception

Wednesday, May 30

Thursday, May 31

Friday, June 1
5:00 Wedding Rehearsal
Rehearsal Dinner/MPR
Taylor Swan & Matthew Nielson

Saturday, June 2
11:00 Wedding of Swan/Nielson
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
9:30

UMM
YOUNG ADULT CLASS

GREETERS
9:30

Becky Jordan
Gayle Huey

ACOLYTES
9:30

Sydney Gelder

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>.