

First United Methodist Church
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9:30 June 17, 2018

FATHER'S DAY
&
A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR REV. FRED LEWIS

THE GATHERING

This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Brazil.

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

9:00 - 9:15

Heartland Marimba Ensemble

9:15 - 9:30 Myrna Cakerice

Festive Voluntary Henry Purcell

"On the Wings of the Morning" Anthony Giamanco

"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me and Thy right hand shall hold me." Psalm 139:9-10

"To God Be the Glory" arr: Kenneth D. Varner

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

Let us gather together.
to worship our God!

In this place, we lay down our burdens.

We take time to still our minds.

Let us release our tasks and to-do lists.

Now is the time to rest and know God's love.

We step into the present and enter God's presence to pray, to praise, to sing, to renew...

to reaffirm God is guiding us through all our days.

We gladly proclaim we are chosen and claimed by God as we open our hearts to hear God's call and to rejoice.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Loving God, we praise you for your abiding goodness,
you who knew and loved us even before we were born.

You delight in us.

No matter who we are or where we are on life's pathway
you seek to be our guide and friend.

Through all the changes and transition of life
you remain steadfast in your unconditional love of us.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus
you have made each of us a new creation and
in this we rejoice and worship you. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Singing from No. 3068 in "Worship & Song")**A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN****PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY**

For our fathers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them respect and love,
we pray to the Lord...

Hear our prayer.

For fathers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them,
we pray to the Lord...

Hear our prayer.

For men, though without children of their own,
who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord...

Hear our prayer.

For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord...

Hear our prayer.

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian
fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

“We Will Keep Our Faith Alive! “ Don Besig/Nancy Price
Chancel Choir Acc: Carol Deppe

SCRIPTURES

(Some of Pastor Fred’s favorite verses)
2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-18...Philippians 3:12-16...
Colossians 3: 12-17...1 John 4:7-21
(Read by various members of this congregation)

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Music by the Heartland Marimba Ensemble

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given each one of us beautiful gifts, so we offer this money in gratitude and love. May our gifts today be used for your work in the world. Amen.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“A Pastoral Ending” Rev. Fred Lewis

ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

Pastor: I thank you, the members and friends of the Ames First United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to enter into retirement. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Pastor: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastoral team: Kerrin and Nikki.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME OF CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF REV. FRED LEWIS

Be sure to join with one another
for a brunch in our
Fellowship Hall today
IN HONOR OF PASTOR FRED'S 41 YEARS IN MINISTRY.



Mark these dates on your calendars....

There will be SAF on June 23 with Pastor Cephias.
There **will not be** Saturday night services on **June 30**.

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



GOODBYE AND BEST WISHES!

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

Pastor Cephias 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 Cephias and his wife, Phyllis, off to their new destination with good thoughts and best wishes.

Thank you to our congregation and especially to all of our pastors who have allowed me to be part of the confirmation class all these years. Working with many young people, and watching them grow through their confirmation journeys and beyond has been an incredible privilege. The beautiful flowers and the gift card were a total surprise! Thank you so much!



Carol Miller



SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS UMC

One of the mission projects we support is the Solar Oven Partners UMC, UMCOR

Advance #418812, a project of the Dakotas Conference to make and distribute solar ovens to locations where both poverty and sunshine are plentiful and other fuels such as charcoal or gas are scarce and/or expensive. The project has been known in the past as the Haiti Solar Oven Project as Haiti has been the target country for most of the project's roughly 18 year history but recent activities have taken place in the Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone in Africa and with the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. Solar ovens can cook meat, rice and vegetables as well as baking breads and can also be used to pasteurize water. The hottest temperature achieved in the solar ovens is around 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Long term open fire cooking also is associated with some unhealthy side effects such as burns and lung irritation.

Solar Oven Partners UMC has production facilities in Raymond, South Dakota and in Zeeland, North Dakota where oven components are produced and packaged for shipping mostly by volunteers. Ovens are assembled at their destination point so the project's success also depends on Volunteer In Mission (VIM) crews to travel to the oven destinations to give training on oven assembly and on the proper care and use of the ovens. Over 10,000 ovens have been distributed to date. More information can be obtained at solarovenpartnersumc.org.

First UMC Camp Week at Wesley Woods

Many of our children and youth from Ames First UMC will be at Wesley Woods the week of June 24-29. We have a large group of confirmands for the 2018-2019 year who will be taking part in the confirmation camp led by Nicole and youth leaders from Grinnell UMC and Sharon UMC-Cedar Rapids. Please hold all of our children, youth, and leaders in your prayers as they attend camp and take part in a wonderful opportunity provided by the Iowa Conference as well as our very own Foundation. Look for camp pictures to pop up on the sanctuary screens this summer!



The Week at a Glance
June 17 – June 23

Sunday, June 17

9:30 Service

Farewell Service for Pastor Fred

Monday, June 18

9-12 VBS

Tuesday, June 19

Quilters/E109

9-12 VBS

Farm to Folk/FH

3:30 Aktion Club

Wednesday, June 20

9-12 VBS

Thursday, June 21

9-12 VBS

6:30 VBS Celebration

Friday, June 22

9:00 VBS Clean up

6-10 Movie & Game Night grades 6-12

Saturday, June 23

5:30 SAF Pastor Cephas

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

Youth

&

Families

GREETERS

9:00-9:30

Glendora Clark

WELCOME CENTER

9:15-10:45

Rhonda Lofstedt

ACOLYTES

9:30

Savanna Smith

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

UTILITIES

Dean & Judy Sampson

Nancy Tamashunas

Roy Cakerice



June 18-21 - Vacation Bible School

June 22 - Movie & Game Night grades 6-12

June 24 - Farewell to Pastor Cephas

June 24 - 29 Confirmation Camp at Wesley Woods (current 7th graders!)

Also designated "Camp Week" at Wesley Woods for Ames FUMC

July 1 - Cami McColley will preach. She will introduce new senior minister Rev. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop. Look for opportunities to meet our new pastor throughout July and August.

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>.