

Acts 15:11

No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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8:30 - 11:00 September 16, 2018
Pastor Kerrin Kirkpatrick

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of Each Hour”

arr: Alfred V. Fedak

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr: Don Phillips

“I Will Sing of the Mercies”

arr: Steve Martin

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 and also stop at the hospitality desk in the gathering area.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 43:5-6, 19)

“Do not fear,” says the Lord, “for I am with you. I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

I will say to the north, ‘Give them up,’ and to the south, ‘do not withhold! Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth.’

God is about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth – do you not perceive it?

God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert!”

HYMN

No. 2236

“Gather Us In”

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and land with Your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before You in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of Your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O lord, with Your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in unity, which You share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Cecil Kerr, BOW #481)

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE
A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN
ANTHEM

Philippians 2:1-5
Pastor Kerrin

8:30 Service: "How Beautiful" (Your Songs of Praise)

Jeff Lippencott/Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

11:00 service: "As the Deer" (with "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

arr: Stan Pethel

Duet: Joyce and Mariah Crotty

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON
WITNESS TO THE WORD

Acts 15:1-6

"The Zax: Negotiating the Both/And in an Either/Or World"

HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 2226

"Bind Us Together"

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"How Deep the Father's Love" arr: Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit to cleanse our hearts and purify our motives for returning a portion of what is already Yours. Whether we point North or South, East or West, Your great love embraces us all. Give us courage to see each other as Your beloved children, in need of care and compassion. Set apart these gifts for Your purposes, and set us apart also as a living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (adapted, #754, 1966 Methodist Hymnal)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune on "Ash Grove"

arr: Michael Helman

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

REALM

Want to get online with FUMC Ames? Join Realm. Realm is a web based church management system. From Realm You can manage your membership, giving, pledges, and connect with other church members to name a few functions. If you are interested, contact the church office and they can email you an invitation to Realm. <https://onrealm.org/fumcomes/>

Greeters and Welcome Center volunteers needed

The sign-up schedule for the remainder of the year is now available. Please consider sharing your welcoming spirit with our members and visitors. Greeters are needed at the south entrance 30 minutes prior to the start of the service. Welcome Center volunteer (desk outside of the sanctuary) is needed 15 minutes prior to the start of the service and approximately 10-15 minutes after the service. You can sign up on-line or contact Lori Vander Werff via text/cell at 515-290-9360 or by email to lvw50248@gmail.com. The link to sign up follows:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4aaaad2ba4fb6-fumc>

Thank you!
Lori Vander Werff

A New Class for Infants and Toddlers!

Kimberly Fanny will be leading a Sunday school class in the nursery for babies and toddlers beginning this fall. The class will use a curriculum made specifically for this age group and will utilize music, short video clip, story time, and play. The curriculum is from Deep Blue through Cokesbury. Kimberly will be assisted by the nursery workers, Meredith Farrell, Clove Woodworth, Matthew Farrell, and Andrea Casaretto (two of them each week depending on schedule).



Third Grade Bibles

On Sunday, September 23 at our 8:30a.m. worship service, our third graders will receive their bibles! Following the service, the parents are invited to attend a "Getting to Know Your Bible" class that will be held in the multi-purpose room. If you have a third grader this year, please contact Nicole Smith so she can make sure she has your child's name correct in their bible. nicole@fumcames.org

Pet Blessing Sunday

On Sunday, September 30 at 10:00a.m. we will have our annual Pet Blessing! All creatures are welcome to attend, furry, scale-y, crustacean-y, and even slimy! The blessing will take place on the West Patio/Lawn area. If you don't have a pet or not one that you can bring, you are invited to bring a photo of your pet or even a stuffed animal toy for the special blessing. Following the blessing, the children will head upstairs to the multipurpose room for a fun activity and will be dismissed from there.



Wednesday Night Meals Ministry

We are putting together a task force to help find people and groups to plan, prepare, serve, and clean up our Wednesday night meals. This is a great opportunity for those who are not usually here on Wednesday nights to see all of the excitement and feel the energy of our midweek programs. We are hoping to build an intergenerational connection through this ministry. If you are interested in being on the task force and/or helping with the meals, please contact CEMT chair, Megan Jurgens at meganjurgens@outlook.com



Wednesday Night for Kids

Our Wednesday Night Kids Club which is open for ages preK through 5th is a great way for kids to connect with God part way through their school week. They will have opportunity for service, learning about Jesus, connecting the bible to their own lives, playing games, doing science experiments, and have a lot of fun! Kids Club meets in room E206 from 6:30-7:30p.m. on Wednesday nights.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

TIME AND ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6:00 - Wednesday night meal	Multi-purpose room
6:30 - Kids Club (PreK-5th)	E206
Middle School (6-8)	E201
High School (9-12)	W202
Wednesday Night Adults	Conference Room
Foundations For Christian Faith	E111
Upper Room (1 & 3 Wednesday	Parlor
Chancel Bells	Bell Room (W204)
7:30 - Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

There is a possibility of a young adult class. More information to come.



**The Week at a Glance
Sept 16– Sept 22**

Sunday, September 16

8:30 1st Service

9:45 State of the Church/FH

9:45 Kids Movie Time/MPR

11:00 2nd Service

Monday, September 17

Tuesday, September 18

Quilters/E109

10:00 Staff Meeting/MPR

11-12:15 Life Group/CR

3-7 Farm to Folk/FH

5:30 Trustees/CR

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 History Meeting/Hist.RM

4:00 AIRA/MPR

Wednesday Activities

6:00 Food

6:30 Groups

Thursday, September 20

Kiwanis

5:30 Foundation/MPR

5:30 Welcoming&Mktg/CR

Friday, September 21

5:00 Wedding Rehearsal

Johnson/Marker

Rehearsal Dinner/MPR

Saturday, Sept 22

1:00 Wedding Pictures

3:00 Wedding

Johnson/Marker

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

**NEEDED THIS TUESDAY
SOMEONE TO ANSWER
THE OFFICE PHONE
DURING OUR STAFF
MEETING.
10:00-12:00**

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00

Youth, Family & Friends

WELCOME CENTER

8:15 Rhonda Lofstedt

GREETERS

8:30 TBA

WELCOME CENTER

10:15 Rhonda Lofstedt

GREETERS

10:30

Glendora Clark

Nancy Tamashunas

ACOLYTES

8:30 - TBA

11:00 - Katie Strotman

NURSERY

Meredith, Clove & Matthew

Audio/Video/Streaming

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Zachery Smith

Bobby Gens

Nicole Smith

UTILITIES

Becky Jordan

UMCOR Ingathering Hygiene Kits

This year there are only two ingathering kits - School kits and Hygiene Kits. The school kits are complete - 26 full kits and many extra supplies.

On a table outside of the Sanctuary entrance are gallon bags with the list of needed items.

They need to be returned The first Sunday in October.
Thanks.

Any questions call Connie Tilroe
515-715- 1159

Holiday Fair 2018 is October 20th !

The Chairs for Holiday Fair would like to make it easier for you to bring donations to us for Grandma's Attic, Kitchen Corner and the Seasonal Room. Beginning Sunday, September 9, we will have someone available Sunday mornings to accept your items if you want to bring them to the church. Once Wednesday night activities begin, we could also be available Wednesday evening to accept donations. If you have items to donate and cannot get them to the church, please know that we can also do home pick-up. However, home pickup would not be available the week of the Fair. If you are interested in any of these options or for other questions about the Fair, please contact any of the Chairs listed below to make arrangements.

Carolyn Yorgensen	292-5648
Donna Banker	515-419-4966
Margaret Torrie	mtorrie@iastate.edu or 515-231-9111
Joan Peterson	515-451-3011
Joyce Schafbuch	319-331-7025

The **Made With Love** room welcomes your handmade functional items for the UMW Holiday Fair. We also welcome needlework kits/projects/sewing notions you no longer want. You may drop all items off at the church office any Sunday morning or during office hours by Wed., Oct. 17. Please label with your name and phone number and whether you want unsold items to be returned to you. Thank you very much!

TEAM BAKE SHOPPE!

YOU can be part of Team Bake Shoppe! It's a big team, but there's always room for more members. Just pull out those favorite recipes and make some tasty treats to help stock the Bake Shoppe at Holiday Fair, October 20th. We need lots of cakes, cookies, rolls, pies, bars, muffins, candy, jam, jelly and other specialties - we'll have people waiting to buy your donations! All items should be visible, please don't wrap in foil. **IF YOU INCLUDE NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE LABEL TO INDICATE THAT.** Please bring items to the Bake Shoppe (upstairs in the West Youth Room) on Friday (10/19) or early Saturday morning (10/20) so they can be priced and arranged. Candy will be weighed and priced. Baked goods will be priced depending on size, ingredients and decorations. Any questions: call Carol Miller (515-233-5516)
THANKS FOR JOINING TEAM BAKE SHOPPE AND HELPING MAKE OUR HOLIDAY FAIR BAKE SHOPPE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Would you like to learn how to make something that smells wonderful and tastes delicious? The Ruth Circle is in charge of making Tea Rings for the Holiday Fair but they are always more than happy to have new volunteers. Dates for making the Tea Rings are October 4 and October 11. We hope to see you there!

NOODLE TIME!

It is soon time to get out the rolling pins! No experience is necessary for this job, so please plan to join us for this important Holiday Fair project. We always run out of noodles early in the morning the day of the Fair so we could really use your help to make as many noodles as possible. The dates are September 25 & 26, October 2 & 3, and October 9 & 10. We roll out and cut the noodles in the main kitchen on Tuesdays, beginning about 7:30am. We bag the noodles beginning about 8:00am on Wednesdays. Hope to see you there!! For questions call Carolyn Yorgensen at 292-5648.

Kitchen Corner

The "Kitchen Corner" (basement room #111) will be taking donations of clean, good quality kitchen and dining items for sale at FUMC Holiday Fair Oct. 20,2018. We need linens, dishes, table and glassware, aprons, pots, pans, coffee & tea pots etc. Please mark your items for "Kitchen Corner" and deliver to the church no later than Wed. Oct. 17. Contact Margaret Torrie mtorrie@iastate.edu (515) 231-9111) with questions and offers to help.

The Seasonal Room is again looking for all kinds of wonderful donations this year. They could be any kind of a Christmas decoration, Easter, July 4th, Birthday, St Patrick's Day or any other special celebration. If you no longer need or want them and they are in good condition, we would love to have them for the Season Room.

Thank You,
Holiday Fair Committee

Grandma's Attic needs your donations!

We especially need antiques and collectibles. We will also take vintage jewelry, linens, furs, serving dishes, small furniture (limited space) and older, unique odds & ends.

If you want to set the price on an item, please label it and also put your name and phone # with it, especially if you want the item back if it doesn't sell. Please call if you have questions.

Label your box Grandma's Attic, but if you are not sure where it should be located, we will decide where it fits best.

You may bring items on Sun. mornings or any time the church office is open. We will be setting up Thurs.Oct.18th, so please bring your donations by that day. (and please be choosy...no junk boxes or dirty items.) Thank you! Mary Mekemson 515-451-3151

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. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick, Senior Minister/Lead Pastor

Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop, 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>.