



SECOND SUNDAY
Advent

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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www.fumcames.org
8:30 - 11:00 December 9, 2018
Pastor Nikki Ross Bishop

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

arr: David Cherwien

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

arr: Dick Torrans

“An Advent Prelude”

Charles Callahan

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 narthex.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP: Lighting of the Advent Candles

HYMN No. 240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, your name is beautiful and special. You are the Lord of salvation—our God who saves. We are so grateful that you entered this hostile world to save us—to save me. You are so much more than a teacher, a healer, a counselor, and a prophet; you are our Savior! And that is good news! May the wonder of your name fill our hearts with joy at Christmas and always. In your precious name we pray. Amen.

“The Wonder of Christmas,” page 65 (alt.), by Ed Robb & Rob Renfroe, Abingdon Press, 2016

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:13-17

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

“House of God”

Marianne Kreitlow

Vocal Solo: Elizabeth Orcutt-Kroeger

11:00 a.m.

“Waiting”

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“The Wonder of a Name”

HYMN No. 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr: Rick Deasley

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, Your love for us is beyond measure and You provide for our every need. Help us to offer you in worship a due proportion of our wealth, for all we are and have is rightly yours. We offer ourselves too. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. We make our prayer in the precious name of Jesus, Lord and Savior of all. Amen

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No. 246

“Joy to the World”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“An Advent Postlude”

Charles Callahan

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

The Newly Imagined Prayground is Now Open!

The Prayground has been a space we've been exploring for about a year now that was in the front lectern side of the Sanctuary at the 11:00 service. You may have noticed it's absence the last month as we've been deciding how it can better serve the families of Ames First UMC. After careful thought, discussion with families and various committees, The Prayground Family Grace Space is now open during both Sunday worship services and located in the Parlor area for families with young children. There are shorter tables and chairs for young children to color and draw pictures of "moments in worship" to share in the offering. There is a space for nursing moms with access to the refrigerator in the kitchenette, a small play yard area for the very little ones, couches and chairs and even a little pew for anyone to sit at. The audio is set up to be piped in to the parlor area with a volume control available on the wall. The doors will be open wide as this space becomes a continuation of the Sanctuary - NOT a separate space. Check out the new Prayground Family Grace Space and invite young families to church to check it out too!

Advent Sermon Series

“The Wonder of Christmas: Once You Believe, Anything is Possible”
Based on the Advent Study by Ed Robb & Rob Renfroe
Abingdon Press

If your small group would like to follow along with this series by doing the study, it is available through Cokesbury. Resources available are a DVD, Leader’s Guide, Participants’ Book, and Daily Devotional. For Youth and Children’s Guide, see Nicole Smith.

From “The Wonder of Christmas,” Introduction, page 9:
“A popular song tells us ‘it’s the most wonderful time of the year.’ And that’s true; Christmas is wonderful. But it’s not because of caroling or parties. It’s because of the wonder of what Christmas tells us: God loves us and has come among us. This is the wonder of Christmas! Each week during Advent we will explore one of the four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God’s great love for us.”

December 15th (SAF): “The Wonder of a Manger”

December 16th (Sunday morning): Cantata with the Chancel Choir & Bells

December 22nd (SAF) and 23rd: “The Wonder of a Promise”

ADVENT LUNCH and MUSIC

Advent lunches this year are BYOSL (Bring your own sack lunch) Drinks will be provided.

Each lunch will be followed by musical entertainment. The music groups for the Advent lunches are:

Dec. 12 - Ames High Madrigal

Dec. 19 - Barb Mittman/Myrna Cakerice playing piano and organ duets

We will meet at 11:45 for lunch. The music will start at approximately 12:30. We plan to be finished by 1:00 so people can get back to work.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

On Sunday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m. FUMC is offering a supportive service of worship in the chapel to all persons for whom the holidays are difficult due to a death, loss, tragedy, stress or depression. Our Blue Christmas Service allows participants to name personal losses and loved ones as we light candles in a time of sharing. Please feel free to share this invitation with your family and anyone you know on a journey of grief and healing or in the midst of struggle; all are welcome as we come together in this informal worship. Thank you for all the ways you care and minister alongside one another.

Haiti Latrine Fundraiser

January 2017 was a very special trip to Haiti. What made it so special is that is where we decided to get married. Haiti is near and dear to our hearts so it seemed like the perfect location. We thought we were getting married by a Haitian pastor in a quick little 10 minute ceremony. Much to our surprise, the Haitians had planned so much more for us. Limo ride to church (aka: Tap Tap, standard mode of transportation), completely decorated church, music, decorations, three pastors, and a cake were all part of the day. It's a day we will never forget!! As a way to give back we had two latrines built in honor of our wedding day.

In the past we have done a salsa fundraiser for mission work in Haiti. Due to a crop failure this summer the salsa fundraiser never took place this Fall.

This year we have decided to start a new tradition with a new Latrine Fundraiser. We will have a pop up shop after church Dec 9th and Dec 16th with some items we have put together from our home based business (I even have a few jars of salsa). This will be a great place to pick up some Christmas gifts. Thirty-five percent of all sales will go directly to the building of a latrine/latrines (however many we can build).

Thank you in advance.
Jay and Terry Fredrick

NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP....

Are you out of high school, under the age of 30 and looking for a young adult small group to join? Pastor Nikki will be forming a new young adult group that will meet on Wednesday evenings. The first meeting was on November 28 at 8:00 in the High School youth room. Please contact Pastor Nikki at nikki@fumcames.org if you have questions.

Appalachian Service Project

We are registered for ASP for 2019 and it will be July 20th - July 28th. We won't know which center we are in until next spring but it will be in Kentucky.

Please let me know if you are planning or thinking about going so we can start planning accordingly.

We will have another informational and organizational meeting for ASP on Thursday night December 13th from 5:30-6:00 pm in the High School room.

We will give an overview of the weeks activities and answer any questions that you may have as well as discuss fund raising ideas.

Ken and Kathy Van Pelt

COME TO WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE

There will be three worship services on Christmas Eve. Come to one, two or all three. Worship times this year are at 4:30, 7:30 and 10:00. (not 10:30)

4:30 p.m.

A family-friendly service that tells the story of Christmas. The children will be able to participate in the service if they would like to.

Candle lighting with "Silent Night".

7:30 p.m.

A family service of traditional carols and candlelight. Featuring music by Myrna Cakerice/Barb Mittman, the Chancel Choir, and special guest soloists.

Pastor Kerrin Kirkpatrick will be preaching.

10:00p.m.

A quiet, late night service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight.

Featuring the music of Myrna Cakerice on the organ and piano.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated; candle lighting with "Silent Night".

Pastor Kerrin Kirkpatrick

We are eternally grateful for the financial support we have received on this year's "Walk to End Alzheimer's". We are presently at just a few hundred dollars short of \$5,000. We are proposing 2 silent auction items to help us this month. One is Dessert a Month for 2019 and the other is a Home-made ice cream for each of the 4 seasons in 2019. The bid sheets and a listing of each bid will be available at the church office until December 16th. Thanks again for supporting Judy's Angels.

Judy & Dean Sampson

LIVING LAST SUPPER

Ames First United Methodist Church will be putting on their first ever Living Last Supper on April 17th, 2019. We need actors to play the 12 disciples, as well as someone to play the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Rehearsals will be Sunday nights starting December 16th from 7-9 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Wesley Tener at 319-430-3152. Men are encouraged to grow beards so that they look more the part of a disciple.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is just around the corner! We will again be offering two different sizes of poinsettias this year. You may choose an 8 inch pot for \$15 or a 10 inch pot for \$25. **Please, place your order by December 10.** After all of the Christmas services, you may take your plant home. Remember what you ordered so you know what to pick up. We are also offering the Alternative Mission Gift again this year. The money will go to a "Good Samaritan Fund".

POINSETTIAS

Name _____

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Colors/Size

_____ White 8 in. plant

_____ Pink 8 in. plant

_____ Red 8 in. plant

_____ Glitter (red & white combo) 8 in. plant

_____ Peppermint 8 in. plant

_____ Marble (pink & white combo) 8 in. plant

_____ White 10 in. plant

_____ Pink 10 in. plant

_____ Red 10 in. plant

_____ Glitter (red & white combo) 10 in. plant

_____ Peppermint 10 in. plant

_____ Marble (pink & white combo) 10 in. plant

Substitutions may be made based on availability

My check is enclosed for the amount of _____. Please write **Poinsettias** in the memo line.

ALTERNATIVE MISSION GIFT - "GOOD SAMARITAN FUND"

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My check is enclosed for the amount of _____. Please write **Alternative Mission Gift** in the memo line.

The Week at a Glance

Dec. 9 – Dec. 15

Sunday, Dec. 9

8:30 service

10:00 Children's Christmas Pgm

11:00 service

Monday, Dec. 10

5:30-8:30 Piano Recital/Sanc

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Quilters

Bible Study Group

3:00 Farm to Folk

5:30 Member Care

Opera Guild

Wednesday, Dec. 12

7:30 Pies

10:30 WWW/CR

11:15 UMW Leadership

11:45 Advent Lunch

12:30 Musical Entertainment

5:15 Youth Council

6:00 Wednesday Meal

6:30 **Christmas Caroling:**

All are invited!

8:00 Young Adults w/Pastor Nikki/

HSCR

Thursday, Dec. 13

Kiwanis

9:00 Ruth Cir

11:30-3:00 Sarah Cir. Potluck &

cookie packing

Silver Anniv. Cir.

Friday, Dec. 14

Saturday, Dec. 15

5:30 service

Baptism of Amy and Mia Groh

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00

All elected leaders to the
Church Council

Greeters and Welcome Center

8:30 - Greeters

Carrie & Chad Copley

Welcoming Center

Joan Peterson

11:00 - Greeter

Linda & Woody Woodworth

Welcoming Center

Rhonda Lofstedt

ACOLYTES

8:30

Leo Sullivan

11:00

Dunkin Bearson

NURSERY

Meredith, Clove, Matthew & Andrea

Audio/Video/Streaming

Doug Hill

Pete Peterson

Dean Swyter

Mike Evans

Calvin Evans

Marty Sankey

Larry Vallery

Zachery Smith

Bobby Gens

Nicole Smith

REMEMBER DEC 16 IS A FULL DAY

Christmas Cantata both services

Blue Christmas 1:00

Michael Londra Concert 3:00

Up with Puppets Christmas Show

6:30

UTILITIES

In memory of Carroll and Jeanette Rex, Diana Gammell's parents. Carroll's birthday would have been Dec. 18.

Donna Banker

Chancel Choir will join Chancel Bells December 16 to present the combined cantata "Were You There on That Christmas Night?" Chancel Choir ALWAYS welcomes NEW members. Join us as we prepare for this cantata and Christmas Eve!

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