



First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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8:30 & 11:00 March 17, 2019
Pastor Nikki Ross Bishop

**THE GATHERING
OPENING VOLUNTARIES**

8:30 & 11:00a.m.

O Love, How Deep Peter Pindar Stearns
My Song is Love Unknown Peter Pindar Stearns
Turn Back, O Man Peter Pindar Stearns

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

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Lent calls us to journey with God.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

~ written by Thom Shuman,
and posted on **Lectionary
Liturgies**

HYMN No. 292

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, remember us when You come into Your kingdom. We want

to be with You in paradise. Help us to reach out to and love others. Teach us to know the difference between doing ministry to, and being in ministry with, the least, the lost, and the lonely, so that they might see Your love through each one of us. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

No. 3068

“The Lord’s Prayer” - Malotte

FIRST SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Nikki

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m.

The Call to Follow Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

11:00 a.m.

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

by Lori True

Sunday School Children Accompanied by Meredith Farrell

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:32, 39-43

VIDEO

“The Thief on the Cross”

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Today You will be with Me in Paradise”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 361

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” Sing Twice

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Contemplation”

Camille Saint-Saens

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, our Father, we have received such abundance from Your hand! Accept and multiply this offering of Your people. In Your mercy and love, remember those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. We ask that this offering be used according to Your will, promoting peace and goodwill among all people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

No. 530

“Are Ye Able”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

arr: John A. Behnke

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

YOUTH 2019 FUNDRAISING

Thank you all for your support so far of the **YOUTH 2019 conference** fundraising efforts. We have a group of 29 attending for a cost of around \$14,500. So far through the RAGBRAI dinner, Tuba Christmas, and Sweetheart Banquet, we have raised (after expenses) around \$5500. We hope to continue raising money for this event up to the day we leave, July 10, and even after if need be. Keep in mind, there are no funds in the general budget for youth to attend this event. This is a special event-a once in a lifetime event really-for our youth and leaders to attend. This is the youth quadrennial conference of the United Methodist Church and will be an amazing experience to help build up our wonderful young people as Christian leaders. We hope you continue to support our efforts and greatly appreciate your support in any way it comes through prayers, presence, and financial assistance. Thank you!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAKED POTATO DINNER

YOUTH 2019 will be hosting a baked potato dinner fundraiser this year. The dinner will be on Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day!!) in Fellowship Hall from 11am-1pm. There will be all sorts of toppings for the large baked potatoes including bacon, ham, chili, broccoli, cheese, onion, sour cream, chives...and anything else we can think of between now and then. The dinner will be a free will donation and will include potato with toppings, side salad, dessert, and drink. We hope you can make it! And invite your friends!

FAMILY FITNESS FUN

The Isaiah 40 Wellness Ministry invites ALL of you to experience FUN AND FITNESS the week of Spring Break! Our class would love to have all ages and abilities, families, individuals, from FUMC and from anywhere else join us for FREE. Our class meets 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room (2nd floor).

Monday, March 18: Sanctuary Shuffle Fun

Wednesday, March 20: Drumsticks and Dancing

Friday, March 22: Beginner Yoga and Meditation

Got questions? Email Nanette at nrheg@hotmail.com or call 515-290-0005. Hope to see you there!

Spring Break for Hunger

Help Meals from the Heartland pack 1 million meals during Meals Madness at the 2019 Spring Break Packaging Event! Save the date to join your friends and family March 20, 2019 at the meal packaging center - 357 Lincoln Street in West Des Moines. We're inviting students, parents, families and all community members to the sixth annual Spring Break Hunger Fight. We will be sending teams from First UMC on Wednesday, March 20. We have 20 spots reserved this year for the 9:30-11:30a.m. shift. Let Nicole know as soon as possible if you plan to go this year. There are more spots available but we'll need to reserve those soon if necessary. We can drive the church van down, so if you need a ride, please reserve your spot ASAP. Contact Nicole Smith, nicole@fumcames.org if you are interested in attending this event!

Spring Break Sundays

On Sundays, March 17 and March 24, the Sunday school children will be hanging out in the balcony classroom for some fun movie lessons. Typically we take a "break" from our regular rotations during Spring break week but still gather for movie days and watch movies with a good lesson. We have popcorn and juice boxes while we kick back and relax and enjoy the show. Movie titles have yet to be selected for this spring break movie event but look for more information soon about that.

Spring Break Time Out!

Spring Break may be coming to an end on March 24 but the children and families of Ames First UMC are going to take a "Time Out" and have a little more fun before it's over. We will be having a family fun day at the Time Out arcade located at 120 Kellogg Avenue from 12pm-2pm. Every child from Ames First UMC in attendance will receive \$2 in quarters to play all the fun arcade games they want. The concession stand will be open if families want to plan to have lunch at Time Out. We hope to see you there for a fun afternoon. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Smith at nicole@fumcames.org.

The ASP team has room for you to join us on this faith and fun filled mission trip to Kentucky. The dates of the trip are July 20-28. You must be 14 years old by July 22nd to go on the trip. Please contact Ken Van Pelt at kkvanpelt@q.com with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

We will be sharing Holy Week services with First Christian Church and the United Church of Christ, as has been our tradition. Please mark your calendars so that you can attend these special services:

Wednesday, April 17th:

The Living First Supper, 6:30pm FUMC sanctuary, with Communion

Thursday, April 18th:

Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm Hosted by First Christian Church (Pastor Kerrin Preaches)

Friday, April 19th:

Good Friday Noon Service at FUMC Chapel
Prayer Vigil begins 1pm at First Christian Church
Good Friday Service, 7pm at United Church of Christ

Easter Sunday, April 21st:

Ecumenical Sunrise Service, 7am, Hosted by United Church of Christ (Pastor from FCC preaches)

Lenten Study

For Lent this year, we will be offering an all church study. This is an opportunity for any small group to join in studying the book Final Words by Adam Hamilton. We invite small groups to still meet during the regular times and regular location, but in having multiple groups study the same material we can discover greater unity in the church and a deeper understanding of our faith. This is also a great time for individuals to join a small group or to read the material themselves. We will also have a sermon series based off of the book during Lent.

DO YOU LIVE IN NORTHCREST, GREENHILLS OR NORTHRIDGE VILLAGE?

We are in the process of coordinating facilitators to lead our all church Lenten Study, "Final Words at the Cross" at these locations. If you would like to participate in a small study group, please contact Pastor Nikki.

LENT

2018 FUMM ANNUAL AUCTION FUN(D) NIGHT UMM

What's Happening?

Enjoy an *indoor* picnic by the Appalachia Service Project (mission project) participants. It will be held following SAF worship on **April 27th**, from **5:30–6:30 p.m.** There will be a meal with an indoor picnic feel. Free-will offering. To “speed-up” the live auction, 10-15 “silent auction items” will be up for bid from 5:30-6:35. The live auction will follow from **6:45–8:45 pm** with great fellowship and a fantastic variety of auction items. Our goal for our 29th annual FUN(D) NIGHT is **\$15,000**.

Who do the auction items come from? YOU!

What can you donate and buy? Items in good condition such as: furniture, antiques, jewelry, tools, local art work, dinners, baked goods, frozen foods, trips, services, ISU activity tickets or other recreational activities.

Not into auctions? An envelope may be left at the church office with a cash donation or a bid on an item.

Why do the United Methodist Men sponsor an annual Auction Fun(d) Night?

A minimum of **\$1000** will help sponsor the ASP program.

A majority of the proceeds will help to fund the tuckpointing on the west side of the original church.

To have FUN and enjoy great FELLOWSHIP!

What else do I need to know? Please complete, detach and return the form to the church office or place it in the collection plate. The order of auction items will be determined by the order in which they are received. An up to date listing will be inserted in the bulletins each week prior to the auction.

Wednesday, April 24th, is the deadline for submitting items/services for the auction. Please avoid submitting garage sale items. Items may be dropped off at the church on either Thursday (25th) or Friday, (26th).

If help is needed to deliver your donated items to the church, contact either: Dean Sampson at 515-509-7932 or Bob Blatter at 641-417-1989.

If you are unable to attend but would like to place a bid on an item, we can bid for you. Provide your name, item(s) and a maximum bid. Place this information in an envelope marked Fun(d) Night Auction, and send/bring it to the office

Items/Service to be donated (PRINT):

Name/Address/Phone

Estimated Value \$ _____



Altar flowers in memory of
Kim Bailey
from
Keith, Jean and Bruce Bailey
family

Parents Morning Out

Parents and pre-school age children at FUMC are invited to participate in Parents Morning Out, sponsored by United Methodist Women. Childcare is provided each Wednesday from 9-11 am in the church nursery by parent and UMW volunteers. Each family volunteers to assist once a month. For more information or to participate, contact Jane Edwards, 233-4266.



Looking ahead at some of the events that are scheduled:

March 17 - Fundraiser Potato Bar
March 24 - Family Arcade Fun
March 30 & 31 Puppets going to Monona
Apr 17 Ash Wednesday - Last Supper Performance
Apr 18 Maundy Thursday
April 19 Good Friday
Apr 21 Easter Sunday
Apr 27 UMM Auction
Apr 28 Confirmation Sunday
May 10 Gayle Huey Celebration Reception
May 19 Senior Sunday
June 15 Jim Simon Memorial
June 17-21 Confirmation Camp
June 24-27 VBS
June 29 Van Marel/Harreld Wedding
July Youth Conference

The Week at a Glance
March 17 – March 16

Sunday, March 17

8:30 Service

Movie Time

11:00 Service

**11:00 - Youth 2019 fundraiser -
Baked Potato Bar/FH**

Monday, March 18

8:30-9:30 Family Exercise

Tuesday, March 19

Quilters

10:00 Women's Study Group/CR
Farm to Folk

3:30 Aktion Club

AIRA?

Wednesday, March 20

8:30-9:30 Family Exercise

8:30 Meal Packing in Des Moines
No Wed Activities

Thursday, March 21

Kiwanis

Friday, March 22

8:30-9:30 Family Exercise

Saturday, March 23

5:30 SAF service/chapel

COFFEE TIME

TBA

**Chancel Choir ALWAYS
welcomes NEW members.
Join us as we prepare for
Lent and Easter**

8:30

Greeters

Ted & Joanie Tedesco

Welcome Center

TBA

11:00

Glendora Clark

TBA

Welcome Center

Carrie Copley

USHERS

8:30

TBA

11:00

Rachael Swanson

Acolytes

8:30

TBA

11:00

Miranda Ross

NURSERY

Meredith, Clove, Matthew & Andrea

Audio/Video/Streaming

Doug Hill

Dean Swyter

Calvin Evans

Larry Vallery

Bobby Gens

Ben Smith

Pete Peterson

Mike Evans

Marty Sankey

Zachery Smith

Nicole Smith

Gary Hood



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