

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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8:30 & 11:00 March 1, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

‘O Lamb of God, I Come”

arr: Edward Broughton

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

arr. Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard

“Bread of the World”

arr: David Paxton

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 (from Deuteronomy 8:2-3)

Remember the long way that the Lord our God has led us in the wilderness.

God humbled us, testing us to know what was in our heart, whether or not we would keep God’s commandments.

God humbled us by letting us hunger, then by feeding us with manna, with which we nor our ancestors were acquainted.

God did that to help us understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God!

HYMN No 182

“Word of God, Come Down to Earth”

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek You. We prefer the comfortable life. You have called us to prepare the way by walking in the light, and we have parked ourselves in the shade. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and grieved Your Holy Spirit. Forgive us! Shine in our hearts, and restore us to the light of the knowledge of Your glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE
A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN
ANTHEM

Deuteronomy 28:9-10
Pastor Kerrin

8:30 a.m.

“If We Truly Believe”

Don Besig

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

11:00 a.m.

“My Heart Will Not Fear” (Psalm 27:1,3)

Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

Vocal Solo: Rich McColley

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:3-8

WITNESS TO THE WORD “The Way of the Essenes: Sold Out for God”

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2086

“Open Our Eyes”

THE INVITATION

Hymnal, page 12

CONFESSION, ASSURANCE AND PARDON

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen!

HYMN No. 3068

“The Lord’s Prayer” - Malotte

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Please place your offering in the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary as you come forward for communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No 467

“Trust and Obey,” vs 1,2,3

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

A New Sermon Series Study Starts Today, March 1.

The Path to the Cross, by Ray Vander Laan, is a 5-week study that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance and reveals unique insights into the Scripture's significance for modern day believers. If you haven't gotten a book yet, you can order your copy of the book through your small group leader or call the church to place your order for this study. At this time, there aren't any extra available in the office.

MARCH & APRIL SERMON SERIES - “Path to the Cross”

March 1st: “The Way of the Essenes: Sold Out for God”

March 8th: “The Way of John the Baptist”

March 15th: “Into the Desert to be Tested: Led By Love”

March 22nd: “The Last Passover: Four Cups of Promise”

March 29th: “The Fifth Cup: Our Way of Hope”

April 5th: Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9th: Living Last Supper, 7pm

April 10th: Good Friday - Stations of the Cross (self-directed)

April 12th: Easter Sunday

NOTES

Never Too Late to Join Chancel Choir

Listen friends, we know that the single BIGGEST objection to signing up for the choir is that you simply don't have enough time in your schedule. It's tough to commit to weekly rehearsals and ALL the other things.

That's why we want to invite you to join the choir for a short period of time--a Choir Trial Period, if you will. Lent is a PERFECT time to "try out" the choir. ALL age groups are welcome.

Commit to the Choir Trial Period beginning on March 4 and ending on March 25. Practice is from 7:30--8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a perfect way to get to sing with others and lead in worship without the long-term commitment.

UMW UPDATE

Thursday, March 5th, our UMW Unit will observe Day of Prayer and Self Denial at noon in the Multi-Purpose Room. There will be a simple lunch and our speaker will be Abra Dougherty from Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA). She will share about the program some of our donations support. All are welcome to join us for lunch and the program.

******UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY******

Have you been interested in UMW activities but unable to participate because your schedule doesn't work? We have an opportunity for you! On Saturday, April 4th, our church will host the Conference Laity Day with the Bishop. UMW has been offered the opportunity to raise some extra money for our mission fund by serving morning refreshments and lunch to the 125-150 guests who will be coming from all over Iowa to our church that day. We'll need people to make and/or help serve some tasty treats such as coffee cake or muffins in the morning and also people to help prepare and/or serve and clean up lunch. If you'd like to bake, prep, serve or clean up, please contact Carol Miller (515-290-3843). This is an amazing opportunity for us to welcome people from outside our walls into our church and raise some funds for our mission efforts locally and around the world. We hope you'll take advantage and help welcome our brothers and sisters from around the conference.

Confirmation Corner

Confirmation class during the month of March will be focused on learning more about what it means to be a member of this congregation and the United Methodist Church.

There is a faith visit scheduled for March 8 at 10:45a.m. at Burns United Methodist Church in Des Moines. If you are interested in joining the confirmands, their families, and their mentors on a faith visit, please contact Nicole.

CENSUS WORKERS NEEDED

If you know anyone who is looking for a part-time job, the Census Bureau needs workers.

The U.S. Census Bureau has launched a national recruitment effort to hire temporary workers to help conduct the 2020 Census. We are currently hiring for all positions including full, part-time, and field positions. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in earning an extra income. The pay rate is **\$21.50** per hour in your area. There is a **high demand** of people needed to be recruited in Story Co., IA.

It is important to have a successful census count which will provide many benefits specifically for your area such as:

- Apportion the seats in the House of Representatives
- Draw state legislative districts
- Distribute more than \$400 billion annually in Federal funds
- Evaluate the success of community programs
- Identify populations that might be open and responsive to new services
- Determine sites for new business

Thank you!

Denisyha Waller, Office Clerk - Chicago Far Southwest Office
U.S. Census Bureau O: (708) 907-4554 census.gov | [@uscensusbureau](https://www.uscensusbureau.gov)

UMCOR WEEKEND AT FUMC

United Methodists will celebrate UMCOR Sunday on March 22, 2020. At FUMC we will celebrate both Saturday and Sunday. 80 years ago, World War II was raging. Millions of people, displaced from their homes, sought refuge and hope. The church responded by creating the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR) and supporting MCOR through an annual offering called "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The 2016 United Methodist General Conference changed the name to UMCOR Sunday to reflect the important work accomplished by the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

UMCOR Sunday calls the church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. UMCOR Sunday reaches children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.

Now is great time to get ready for this Special Sunday. We have created a toolkit to assist you in easy preparation for leading worship, children's and youth ministries and small-group discussions. We encourage you to promote UMCOR Sunday through social media, videos and newsletter articles with relevant and meaningful messages. Please use and adapt these resources to fit your context and to encourage generous giving on March 22.

The Week at a Glance
March 1 - March 7

Sunday, March 1
8:30 & 11:00 Services

Monday, March 2
Scout Meeting
5:30 Worship Comm./MPR
5:30 Welcome & Mktg/CR
5:30 CFI/E206

Tuesday, March 3
10-4 Quilting
11:00 Women's Study Group/CR
Farm to Folk
3:30 Aktion Club
5:30 SPRC/CR
7:00 NA meeting

Wednesday, March 4
9-11 Parent's Morning Out/nursery
10:00 WWW/CR
Confirmation
Wednesday Meal and Activities

Thursday, March 5
9:00 Kiwanis Pancake Days Set Up/
FH
11:00 Steve Surgery
12:00 UMW Unit Mtg/MPR
5:30 Church Council/CR
7:00 NA meeting

Friday, March 6
11:00 Trial run of pancakes for
Kiwanis Group
4-7 Kiwanis Pancakes

Saturday, March 7
7-1 Kiwanis Pancakes
5:30 Service - Chapel



PANCAKES!

Your name could be here too!
Visit <http://bit.ly/amesfirststumcvolunteer> to sign up!

ACOLYTES
8:30 - TBD
11:00 - TBD

GREETERS
8:30
Joanne Van Dyke
11:00
Jane Edwards
Jo Schoning

USHERS
8:30
Amy & Eric Abrams
Joanie & Ted Tedesco
Tim & Ann Thomas
11:00
Glendora Clark
TBD

COMMUNION
8:30
Carolyn Yorgensen
Carol Miller
Sharon Boen
11:00
Ellen Johnson
TBD

COFFEE TIME
Rhonda and Friends

NURSERY
Meredith, McKenna, Clove & Andrea

Audio/Video/Streaming

Pete Peterson	Dean Swyter
Mike Evans	Calvin Evans
Marty Sankey	Larry Vallery
Zachery Smith	Bobby Gens
Nicole Smith	Ben Smith
Gary Hood	Adam Heuer

UTILITIES
Becky Jordan
Bob and Karen Fowser
Roy Cakerice
Dean and Judy Sampson
Bob & Zella Studer
Denny & Trudie Anderson
March 8 & April 24

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, a place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, and 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.”** ALL are ONE IN CHRIST. We at Ames First UMC acknowledge that this reconciliation encompasses ALL within the community of faith who exhibit differences in race, gender, and ethnicity, as well as age, culture, physical ability, educational level, economic status, personality, marital status, and sexual orientation.

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 worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;

ALL persons are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making an affirmation of faith; and,

ALL persons are encouraged and expected to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation as members of this church.

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>.