



First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
515-232-2750
www.fumcomes.org
8:30 & 11:00 March 8, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

"The Love of God"

Arr: Carolyn Hamlin

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Kevin Uppercue

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Arr: Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

Gilbert M. 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 narthex.

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 1:16-18; 2:3c,5; Hebrews 4:16)

"Come – wash yourselves and be clean," says the Lord. "Give up your evil ways."

"Learn to do good, to seek justice, to help the oppressed."

"Come now," says the Lord. "Let's settle this. Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them white as snow."

We come to the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need!

Come – let us now walk in the light of the Lord.

We come, so that the Lord may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths!

HYMN No. 2126

"All Who Hunger"

OPENING PRAYER

God and Father of us all, who from the very beginning came to bring light and truth and love to humankind, grant to us who deal with words, images, and actions, such an awe for You, that we may keep the expression of our language genuinely loving. Give to us humility to realize that we are called, not to be perfect, but to be clear; not to be infallible, but to be fair. Direct we who speak where many listen, who write what many read, and who show what many see, that we may do our part for Your coming Kingdom by pointing our whole lives to You, so that the hearts of people may be prepared to see Your glory and hear Your invitation to follow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from a prayer by David B. Collins)

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG No. 3086

“THE LORD’S PRAYER”

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-6

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

8:30

“Close to Your Heart”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Vocal Solo: Nicole Smith

11:00 a.m.

“Kylie Eleison (Have Mercy)”

Arr: David Angerman

Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:7-17

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“The Way of John the Baptist: Where’s the Point?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 207

“Prepare the Way of the Lord” (Sing twice)

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY “God, Our Father, Hear Us Pray” Darwin Wolford

OFFERTORY RESPONSE No. 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Teach us to give to You all that we have and all that we are, so that we may praise You with more than just our lips. We seek to point to You with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to You; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
(adapted, Book of Worship #555)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN No. 2130

“The Summons”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on “Hyfrydol”

Jason D. Payne

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

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

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.

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.

ASP FUNDRAISER - SELLING PICNIC TABLES

The ASP members will be selling picnic tables as a fundraiser for their trip. Members of the team will gather pre-sales and then build the tables later this month or next month. If you would like to see one of the tables, there is one outside on the church patio and also one behind the staircase, that leads to the sanctuary on the south side of the church. The picnic tables are made of solid wood and are VERY NICE!! The price of the tables is \$500.00. Contact Ken Van Pelt with questions: kkvanpelt@q.com or at (515) 232-4018.

UMW 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.

Practices for Good Physical Health During This Time of Year:

-If you are not feeling well, please stay home and join us through our livestream at www.bit.ly/amesfirstumclivestream

-Wash your hands frequently and for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and under running water.

-Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissues. Immediately dispose of the tissue and wash hands.

-When Passing the Peace, try out a new way (folded hands, peace sign), and ask before hugging or shaking hands.

Spiritual and Physical Health are in our DNA as United Methodists. John Wesley wrote extensively not only about spiritual health but also of physical health and called it a mark of Methodist distinction.

Parents Group

We will meet the last Sunday of the month from 3-4:30.

Contact Stephanie Starrett: 515-577-7518 or shstarrett@gmsil.com .

March 29 - 2/3 & 4-5 Sunday school classrooms

April 26 - MPR



LIFE HAPPENS: What age group can you serve?

We have a wonderful group of dedicated teachers and supervisory adults for our Sunday school and Wednesday evening activities. However, life happens! Illness, travel, surprise out-of-town visitors, kids' sports...and many other emergencies can pop up! Occasionally we need a substitute or someone to fill in for a classroom.

Just like the school system, we'd like to have a list of back-ups to contact when a leader can't make it. Can we add your name to our substitute list? Even if you get the call, you always have the option to say "no" if your schedule doesn't permit. Maybe it's just a couple times per year, but we'd really appreciate your help! The church will provide appropriate literature and materials for the class, plus there's always a second adult to help. Each class is only one hour on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening.

What age group can you serve as a substitute leader?

Please fill this out and put it in the offertory, drop off at the office, with a staff member, or mail it in! We'll follow-up with you soon. If you have immediate questions, contact the office at 515-232-2750 or deb@fumcames.org.

	Age 2 - preschool	Kdg-5th	Middle School 6-8	High School 9-12	Adult
Sunday Morning					
Wed. Night					

Please check the box under the age group you are willing to help occasionally:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Have you been *Safe Sanctuary* trained? (circle one)

Yes No Unsure

The Week at a Glance
March 8 - March 14

Sunday, March 8

8:30 & 11:00 Services

3:00 Cello Concert - Alan Henson/
MPR

Monday, March 9

Scout Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

10-4 Quilting

10:00 Staff meeting

11:00 Women's Study Group/CR

12:00 Gifts & Memorials/SCR

Farm to Folk

5:30 Adult Ministry/MPR

5:30 Member Care/CR

7:00 NA meeting

7-10 Opera Guild/Sanc & MPR

Wednesday, March 11

9-11 Parent's Morning Out/nursery

10:00 WWW/CR

Confirmation

Wednesday Meal and Activities

Thursday, March 12

9:00 Kiwanis

9:00 Ruth Cir/MPR

1:00 Sarah Cir/MPR

6:00 Trustees/CR

7:00 NA meeting/Sarah Room

7:00 Silver Anniv. Cir/MPR

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

9:30 Prayer Shawls/E109

5:30 Service - Chapel

ACOLYTES

8:30 - TBD

11:00 - TBD

GREETERS

8:30

11:00

USHERS

8:30

Amy & Eric Abrams

Sullivans

11:00

Nancy Tamashunas

COFFEE TIME

Joanie & Ted Tedesco

Linda & Woody Woodworth

NURSERY

Meredith, Clove, Andrea & Allison

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

Steve Hanlin

Denny & Trudie Anderson

March 8 & April 24

Your name could be here too!

Visit [http://bit.ly/](http://bit.ly/amesfirststumcvolunteer)

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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>.