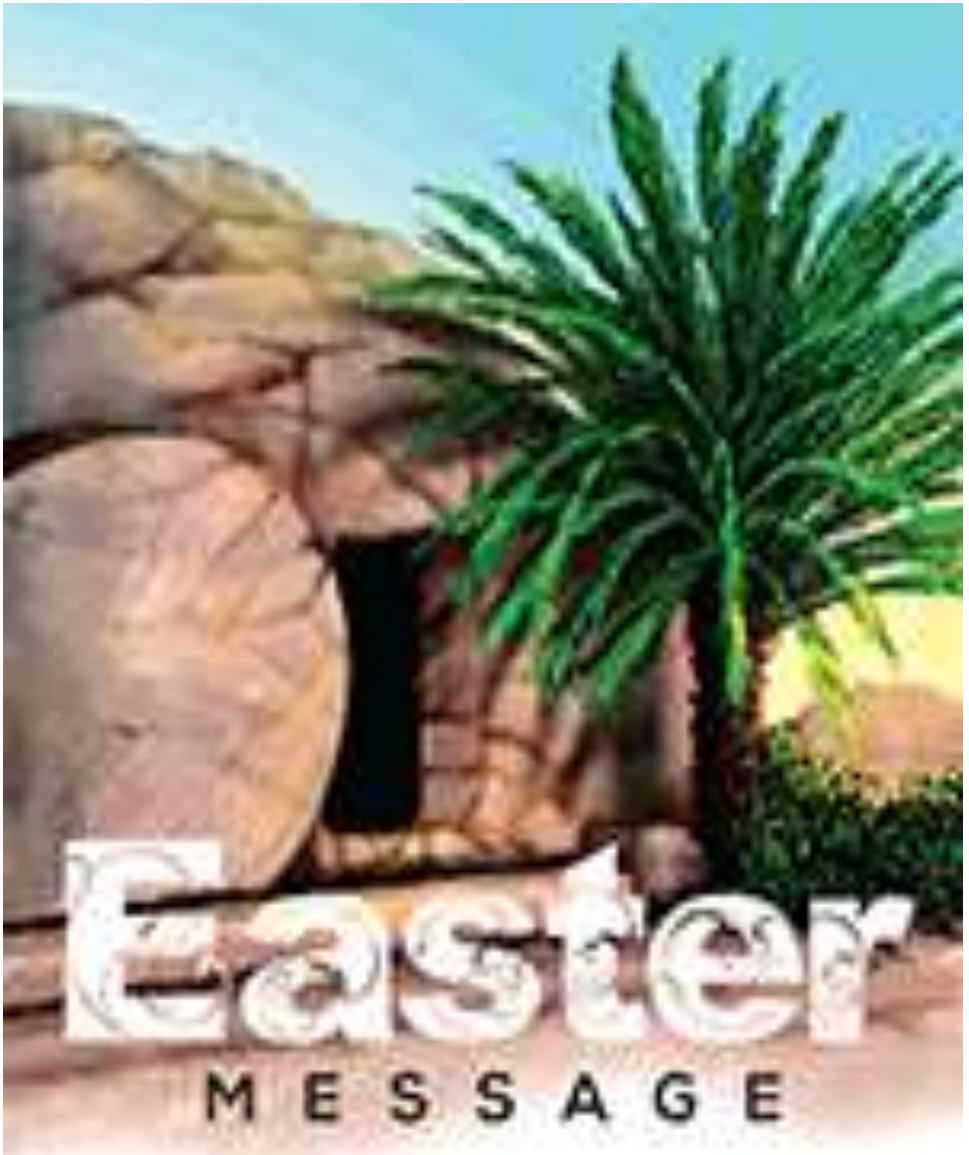


**First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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Online at 8:30 April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop**



THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“Easter Dawn”

Ally's Claussman

“Air from ‘The Holy City’”

Alfred R. Gaul

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Wilbur Held

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

George Frederic Handel

GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Death is vanquished!

Christ is risen! Sin's power is gone!

Christ is risen! Hell is conquered!

Chris has risen! New life has come! Alleluia!

HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We ask that, by the renewing of Your Spirit, we arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Grant us the courage and the power to tell others of Your love, and to invite them to follow You as we journey this life together, through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

ANTHEM

“Because He Lives”

Myrna Cakerice

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“Behind Locked Doors”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Redeemer Lives”

Nicole C Mullen

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Myrna Cakerice

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, you have blessed us. We find it hard to name and explain your blessings so that they will make sense to others. Yet they are real. We are grateful . . . for friends and family, for faith, for the hidden blessings that greet us every day. Now, we offer our gifts in thankfulness and in joy. We can't explain it, even to ourselves. Use us, and the gifts we offer, for good in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.
(2020, David Bell, alt.)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign"

Joseph W. Clokey

LEAVING FOR SERVICE



"The Stories of Genesis"

After Easter, we will begin working our way through the stories of Genesis. These first few ancient stories reveal much about who God is, the nature of human beings, and the nature of our relationship with this God who created us.

Be sure to join us each week as we explore the first book of the Bible!

April 19th: "The Image of God"

Main Scripture: Genesis 1:24-31 God created humankind

Supporting: Genesis 1:1-5

The beginning of the creation story in Genesis 1

April 26th: "Beyond the Fall"

Main Scripture: Genesis 3:1-9

The story of Adam and Eve

Supporting: Ephesians 1:5-10

God's plan for the fullness of time

May 3rd: "The God Who Remembers"

Main Scripture: Genesis 6:11-14; 17-22

The story of Noah

Supporting: Romans 3:22-28

Righteousness through faith



Adult Sunday School Continues On

Please join Coffee Talk every Sunday at 10:30am as we continue to connect with one another and study God's Word.

April 12- Easter, no Sunday School

April 19-May 17- Maker Discipleship Series, Patrick Annotti

- Discipleship is at the very heart of the ministry of Jesus. It should be at the heart of the life of the Christian as well! This 5-week series has been designed for those that are wanting to fulfill God's plan for their lives of being Disciples of Jesus, and making Disciples of Jesus.
- We will attempt to show the short video through Zoom, but we can't count on that working. We encourage you to go to RightNow media and watch the video prior to the start of Coffee Talk. If you need access to RightNow media, please email Nicole at nicole@fumcames.org

Zoom Information:

If you need help connecting to Zoom, please contact the Copley's at 515-291-4380.

Adult Ministry Team

Please join the Mid Week FUMC Connections Group every Wednesday at 7:00 for connecting with one another, sharing joy, concerns, needs and prayer.

Topic: Mid Week FUMC Connections Group

Time: Apr 15, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/721561284>

Meeting ID: 721 561 284



Children & their families are invited to jump on the Children's Sunday School Zoom session at 9:45a.m. to wish each other a

Happy Easter! There will be no official Sunday school lesson.

Hey kids (and parents)! Don't forget to check out our Move It Monday, What's Up Wednesday, and Try Day Friday Zoom sessions. These are usually about 15-20 minutes and are live at 11:00a.m. Recordings are sent out in case you miss it and want to work it into your schedule at a different time. Contact Nicole if you need the link. nicole@fumcomes.org.

Young Adult Zoom Meetings

Young Adults will be meeting every Monday at 6pm to share joys and concerns and to discuss the previous day's worship. If you would like to join please contact Pastor Nikki at nikki@fumcomes.org

REMEMBER WHEN.....

there were no cellphones (at least none that did anything but make calls)
there wasn't internet
there weren't video games
there weren't hundreds of channels on tv
or before that, when not everyone had tv

Nobody died of boredom.

We called friends and relatives on the telephone (you can use your cellphone for that also) and talked to them.
We could tell how they were doing by the sound of their voices.
We wrote letters or sent cards to let our friends and family know that we were thinking of them.
We had family meals and everyone ate the same thing - no special orders...it's not a restaurant.
Children played with their toys.
Children played outside - they still can, in their own yard.
Children and families played games together...board games, card games or thinking games.

We can get through this and nobody will die of boredom.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE COMMITTEE

"At Easter, we truly appreciate the continuing support you provide to Ames First United Methodist. The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness that God has entrusted to them. Thank you!"

ON THE FUMCAMES WEBSITE

<http://fumcames.org/amesfirstumc-need-to-know-during-covid-19/>

Check out an the links below to help you stay connected during the Covid-19 Closures

[Good Friday At Home Stations of the Cross](#)

[Walk Through Holy Week Video Option](#)

[How to access LiveStream of worship](#)

[How to access the Recording of worship](#)

[How to set up a Google Account to sign in, comment, and subscribe for Livestream](#)

[Sharing Joys, Concerns, and God Sightings during Covid-19](#)

[How to continue financial giving during Covid-19](#)

[Adults- stay connected with the Lenten study via Zoom during Covid-19](#)

[Children and Families LIVE opportunities to connect during Covid-19](#)

[Youth Group Connection during Covid-19](#)

[A survey from the Ministry Team – How Are You Doing?](#)

[A message from Pastor Kerrin – March 19, 2020](#)

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>.

Audio/Video/Streaming

Marty Sankey

Mike Evans

I'm hoping this adds a little laughter to your day! Have a safe and Happy Easter!
Deb



*Easter dresses for online
church this year*

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.

Just a reminder....

Please take a moment to complete this short survey so we can begin to identify needs and strategies to help satisfy them. This form will stay up and will be accessible at any time. If you don't feel like filling it out today, or if your situation changes you can always come back to it.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOa0uY0TdcJA2nrx_d3EE-VtFk2uCaNz4HWnFr6Aku2Sa7ZA/viewform