

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave.
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Online at 8:30 April 19, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop



THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“A Prayer Ascending”

Eugene Butler

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Arr: Carolyn Hamlin

“Aria”

Flor Peeters

“Praise the Lord of All Creation”

Gregg Sewell

GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon
and the stars which You established**

I often wonder: What are human beings that You are mindful of us, mere mortals that You care for us?

**Yet You have made humans to be a little less than God, and
crowned us with glory and honor. We bow before You and praise
Your name!**

HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

Cat Stevens

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, You have given birth to our world, conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes. We come to You as Your daughters and sons, aware of our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others and the world around us. Forgive us, Father. Help us to find a renewed sense of compassion and purpose, that we may truly live as Your people, in service to all creation, through Christ our Lord. Amen

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC

Myrna Cakerice

“Thy Word” Arr: Mark Hayes

Piano solo: Myrna Cakerice

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:24-31

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“The Image of God”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I Am What The Great I AM Says I Am”

Rachel Barrentine

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Myrna Cakerice

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and forgiving God, we praise You for our creation and protection, and for all the blessings of this life. But above all, we praise You for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us such an awareness of Your mercies that we live life with an attitude of gratitude, giving up ourselves to Your service. To You, Heavenly Father, with our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Don Moen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Michael McCabe

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

NEW CHURCH HOURS OF OPERATION

As of April 17, 2020 the office will close at noon on Fridays.

“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 - 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 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

Mid Week FUMC Connections Group

Join us on Zoom each Wednesday evening at 7:00 for connecting with one another, sharing joy, concerns, needs and prayer. If you need help connecting to Zoom, please contact the Copley's at 515-291-4380.



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

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@fumcames.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@fumcames.org

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

On April 26, 2020, United Methodist Churches will gather to celebrate **Native American Ministries Sunday**. Through your generous gift today, you educate Native American seminarians and empower Native American outreach.

Spring is coming and with it comes yardwork

If you would be interested in doing yardwork for some of our congregation, please email or call the office. As the weather becomes nicer, we will probably have more requests. Since ASP and the men's auction have both been cancelled or rescheduled, there may not be a fundraiser that would offer yardwork as a service.

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

[How to access Live Stream 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](#)

[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

Good Neighbor News

For the month of February , the following totals where distributed to clients, Healthy Food Vouchers (HFV) assisted 100 households (207 members) for \$3030; Transportation (CyRide tickets and gasoline vouchers) assisted 33 households (70 members) for \$686; Rent/Utilities were given to 37 households (92 members) for \$8657.94. For the month of March, the following totals where distributed to clients, Healthy Food Vouchers (HFV) assisted 78 households (178 members) for \$2440; Transportation (CyRide tickets and gasoline vouchers) assisted 25 households (55 members) for \$705; Rent/Utilities were given to 24 households (64 members) for \$5338.53.

Because of Covid-19, the office closed its doors to the public on March 16 and will remain closed until further notice. Lori has been going in every day and answering phone calls, processing on-line requests and filling out phone applications. The Food and Gas vouchers are presently being completed in one of the following methods, they are mailed if the client does not need them immediately and can wait one or two days. If there is an urgent crisis, the vouchers are delivered by Lutheran Church of Hope or the Ames Police Department has vouchers they can deliver. For the Rent and Utilities, the application can be processed over the phone or in person with documents being emailed to GN. The payment is also being issued by referral from other agencies and if clients have problems sending their documentation, they are being assisted by either landlords or family members or if referred by another agency, using the documentation submitted to them.

Starting on April 1, there was a large increase of calls and emails for assistance. GN has received donations on a steady basis from new and longtime donors. They have also received \$925 from donations made to the Ames FUMC mission committee.

All of the future fundraisers have been cancelled at this time. These included the Irish Spring Fundraiser, the Donor Applicant Event and the Northminister Choral Concert. If anyone is looking for a way to help individuals in our community during this time of quarantine, please remember that Good Neighbor is one of many agencies that is helping those in need in our community.

Submitted by Steve J. Hanlin; representative to Good Neighbor for First United Methodist Church, Story County Ecumenical Housing board and Mission Committee.

We are still needing a representative for the Good Neighbor board and for Story County Ecumenical Housing board.

FOOD AT FIRST

Food at First needs your help. They are having a shortage of volunteers, food donations and cash donations. Cash donations are needed now more than ever because containers must be purchased to package the food for daily meal pickup. Market days are pre-bagged groceries. To make a cash donation:

<https://foodatfirst.wordpress.com/donate/> via credit/debit card, PayPal or send checks to:

Food At First
PO Box 87
Ames, IA 50010

The health and safety of the Food at First community comes first, both volunteers and patrons alike. FAF will continue to monitor this rapidly evolving situation with Coronavirus.

If you have questions contact:

Patty Yoder
Executive Director/Coordinator
patty@foodatfirst.com

JOYS and CONCERNS

Bob and Zella Studer 'celebrated' their 59th anniversary this past week. And many, many, many thanks to Nicole and Zachary for working on our yard.

Council has approved Marcia Skrdla to be on the Foundation Committee, class of 2022. This completes the Foundation roster.



During this very odd time that we are going through, many people are experiencing feelings that they don't normally have in their daily lives. Some are lonely, some are sad, some are down in the dumps. Some just need a chance to talk to someone!

If this is you, reach out to the church and let them know. They can help you make a connection. You could be put on a list of people that would like someone to call and visit with you once in awhile or maybe you would like to become a "visiting friend" and be the one that makes the call to chat with them. 515-232-2750

Be someone's Sunshine!



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