

First United Methodist Church
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Online at 8:30 April 26, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop



The Garden
of Eden

Fallen from Grace

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”

Arr: Kerrin Ford

“He Hideth My Soul”

Arr: Charlie Miller

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Arr: Mary McDonald

Piano/Organ Duets: Barb Mittman/Myrna Cakerice

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (From 2 Corinthians 4:13-17, New Living Translation)

But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, “I believed in God, so I spoke.”

We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you.

All of this is for your benefit. And as God’s grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. That is why we never give up!

Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long.

Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Royal Albert Hall, London, England

OPENING PRAYER

O God, in mystery and silence You are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank You that You do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive Your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of Your Spirit, that we may know the joy You give Your people. Amen.

(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th Century)

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:5-10

Chad Copley

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” Arr: Mark Hayes

Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

**SECOND SCRIPTURE
WITNESS TO THE WORD
HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Reckless Love”

Genesis 3:1-9
“Beyond the Fall”
Cory Asbury

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

“The Gifts We Bring” David Paxton
Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and merciful God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We praise You and give You thanks for all Your mercies! It was Your goodness which created us, and Your abundant life which sustains us. Your discipline refines us and Your love redeems us. Give us a heart to respond to such grace by placing ourselves into Your service, courageously giving up all things to align ourselves within Your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
(Book of Worship, #551, alt)

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
HYMN**

“My Hope Is Built”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock” Arr: Robert W. Thygeron

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 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. The envelope will come in the May newsletter.



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

Stewardship/Finance Update

The goal of stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through their promise to support the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Your stewardship allows the Spirit-led ministries of Ames FUMC to continue influencing people in our congregation and beyond. If we are to accomplish our mission, we must be a financially sound church. During this difficult and unusual health emergency, we are asking for your prayerful consideration of how you can support Ames FUMC's financial needs.

We appreciate all the support you continue to provide to Ames First United Methodist Church (FUMC).

Here are the short- and long-term needs we are facing:

- **Current Cash Flow:**

- *Incoming pledges and offerings for February, March and April this year have been about \$10,000 **less per month** than our budgeted amount.

- *Apportionments have only been paid for two of the first four months of 2020. We need to pay the minimum by the end of the year.

- *Summer months generally see lower offering monies.

- **COVID-19 Impacts:** Since we were forced to close the church in March and do not have a reopening date, our financial picture has become uncertain. Church Council authorized an application to the small business Payroll Protection Program loan. The church was approved for a loan which will "help" bridge some of our shortfall.
- **Mortgage for the 2012 Building Addition:** Thanks to generous donations in the past year, our remaining mortgage is currently about \$540K. Our goal is still to pay this off in the next three years.
- **Building Maintenance Needs:** There are major building maintenance needs facing us with a cost of about \$100,000.

To meet the short-term needs, please:

- Continue to pay on your pledge throughout the next several months.

AND

- Prayerfully consider if you can make an additional contribution.

If you have financial questions, please contact either Reid Cummer, Business Manager, at 515-232-2750/ reid@fumcames.org OR Bruce Wight, Finance Co-Chair, bruce.wight06@gmail.com

Stewardship Thought --

All Christians are but God's stewards. Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him. –

John MacArthur, American Pastor



PUZZLE

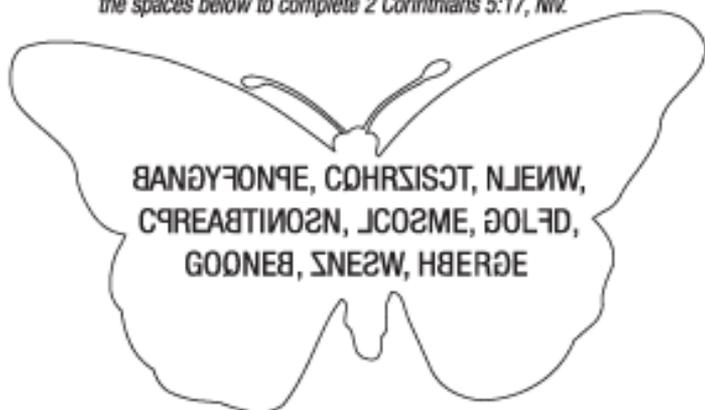
Transformation **POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

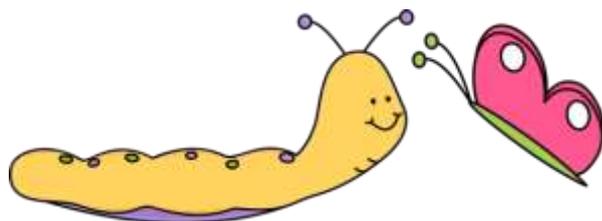


Therefore, if _____ is in _____,
the _____ has _____:

The _____ has _____,
the _____ is _____!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here



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