

First United Methodist Church
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Online at 8:30 May 10, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop

*“Go from your country and
your kindred and your father’s
house to the land that I will
show you.”*

Genesis 12:1, NRSV



OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Harp Prelude

Barbara Evenson

WELCOME

GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Romans 4:13-22)

God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was not based on obedience to God's law, but on the new relationship Abraham had with God – a relationship that comes by faith.

If God's promise is for those who obey God's law and think they are "good enough," then faith is useless, and the promise is meaningless.

Faith is key! God's promise is given to us as a free gift, and we will receive it if we have faith like Abraham. He believed in the God who gives life to the dead, and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Abraham believed God's promise. He was convinced God was able to do anything God promised, even though it seemed impossible. May we all have faith like Abraham!

HYMN "Standing on the Promises of God" Sonrise Church. Olympia, WA

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, in a world of change You placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow even richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(High Cameron, Scotland, 20th century)

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

Teacher Appreciation

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:8-16

Reader: Mike Gens

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Anam Cara"

Christina Tourin

Harp Solo: Barbara Evenson

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-9

WITNESS TO THE WORD

"Journey to a Promise"

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Impossible"

Building 429

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Myrna Cakerice

Give Me Jesus. Arr: Lloyd Larson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank You, O God, for all Your mercies, and for Your loving care over all Your creation. We praise You for the gift of life and for Your guiding hand upon us. We even praise You for the trials of life because they teach us to trust in You. In all these things, heavenly Father, make us good stewards and faithful servants, that we may return acceptable thanksgiving to You in all we say and do for all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

His Little Feet International Children’s Choir

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Arr: Donald P. Hustad

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

We still need a representative from First United Methodist Church for the Good Neighbor board and for Story County Ecumenical Housing board. I am not sure how this person was elected in the past or if it was a volunteer position. I will need to get that information from Steve Hanlin since he was the last person to hold that position.



PENCIL IT IN

Special dates in May

- Mother’s Day, *May 10, 2020*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2020*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 18, 2020*
- Ascension Day, *May 21, 2020*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2020*
- Pentecost, *May 31, 2020*

I would like to thank people for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and emails. I will start my second round of chemo on the 7th with treatments every 3 weeks for 3 times. The doctor felt he had gotten all of the cancer but this is for precautionary purposes. Again thankful for my family at First!!

Jo Durlam



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.

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



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.

Don't forget to get your kids registered for **SPLASH BASH!! Our virtual VBS** for 2020. We will have plenty of options for kids to be able to do things on their own, with their whole family, catch videos at any time, and even some evening live events during June 22-26! Remember, registration is only open through the month of May and will close sooner if we reach a maximum number of participants. So register today! Here is the link to register: <https://www.fumcamesevents.com/virtual-vbs-2020.cfm>





RECOGNIZING Our Teachers

Children's Ministries

Meredith Farrell
Clove Woodworth
Andrea Casaretto
McKenna Flood
Allison Regenwether
Stephanie Starrett
Brian Starrett
Erika Osmundson
Sharon Tamashunas
Kimberly Fanny
Garrett Christensen
Andrea Christensen
Darice Sydnes
Amy Parkes
Jennifer Sisson
Jake Sisson
Laura Clausen
Justin Clausen
Gage Kelly
Bonnie Johnson
Brad Sydnes
Brett Johnson
Mike Evans
Suann Evans
Wesley Tener
Savanna Smith
Carl Kirkpatrick
Nicole Smith

Youth Ministries

James Ross Bishop
Jim Miller
Rich McColley
Brian Pepper
Megan Jurgens
Cami McColley
Carrie Copley
Dave Jurgens
Renee Pepper
Ben Smith
Aileen Sullivan
Eden Gens
Mike Gens
Kristin Hinders
Greta Goodman
Terry Goodman
Anne Nelson
Chris Nelson
Wesley Tener
Nicole Smith
Pastor Nikki Ross Bishop
Jackie Stockdale-DeLay
Carol Miller
Kathy Van Pelt
Rhonda Giebelstein
Kim Van Haecke
Suann Evans
Mike Evans
Ken Van Pelt

Adult Ministries

Carrie Copley
Chad Copley
Dale Vander Schaaf
Larry Vallery
Wayne Hanson
Mike Evans
William Edwards
Cathy Webb
Kris Hinders
Rich McColley
Cami McColley
Nicole Smith



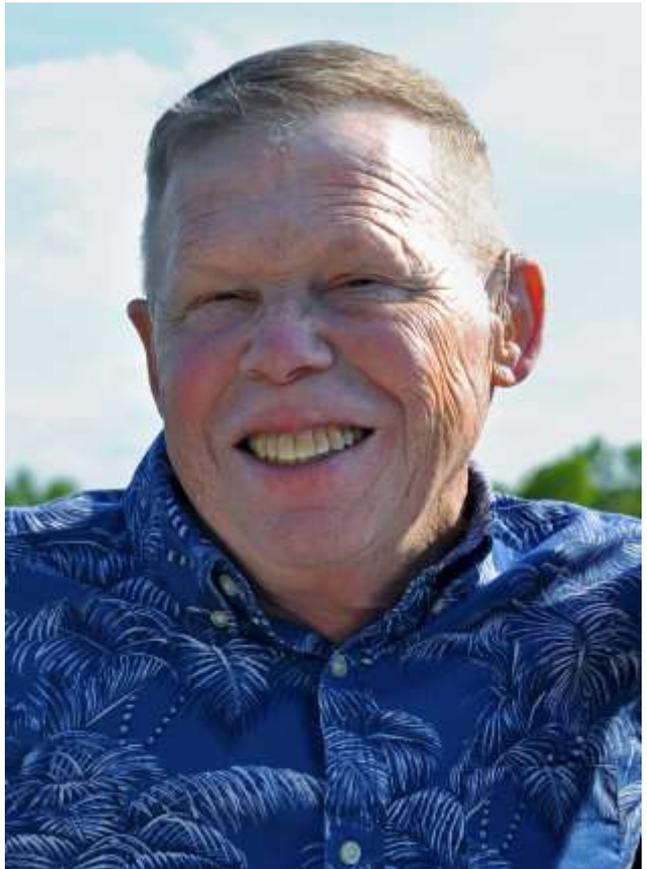
IN HONOR OF JIM MILLER AS HE TURNS IN HIS TEACHER'S CAP

We would all like to thank Jim for being such an active part of Sunday School and Confirmation through the years. Here are some of Jim's thoughts on those years of teaching.

I've had many rewarding memories; enough to last a lifetime teaching Sunday School & Confirmation at FUMC. It really made me think when a 6th-grader asked me last winter how old I was, after I told the class that I remembered all of their baptisms! It's been gratifying for me to see former students doing well when I hear about the occupations they've chosen and read the Facebooks posts they've shared. I also enjoy seeing them when they come back to visit. In some cases, with their spouses, and, in other cases, their children too! Most importantly, it's exciting to see the great young adults they've become. I've learned so much from my students - I hope my they have fond memories. Thank You!

I still remember the "Jesus in Film" unit that I taught w/ several Confirmation classes probably 15-16 years ago. I still get chills when I see "The Crucifixion scene" from Godspell or watch parts of Ben-Hur! Thanks for all of your help, it's been cool to come out of "retirement" this year!

Blessings,
Jim





Mother's Day Blankets of Love

Blankets in Memory of:

My mother, Annie Sutton, by Ethel George

Mildred Gehlsen and Leona Smith by The Gehlsen Family

My mother by Marlene Bell

Vivian L. Mann by Glendora Clark

Our mothers, Harriet Warren and Selma Hanson, by Wayne and Joan Hanson

My mother, Evelyn, & my mother-in-law, Flossie Mae Yorgensen, by Carolyn Yorgensen

Blankets in Honor of:

My daughter, Sheryl Cooper, by Ethel George

The six women who have made me a grandmother of nine and a great-grandmother of nine by Connie Tilroe

Lisa Webb, Lin Simpson and mothers no longer with us by Cathy and Lee Webb

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>.

Audio/Video/Streaming

Marty Sankey

Mike Evans