

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave. 515-232-2750
www.fumcomes.org
Online at 8:30 August 30, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop and

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Anthony J. Showalter. Arr: Marianne Kim

Hymn Prelude on “Precious Name” William Diane Arr: Rick Parks

“I Will Praise You, O Lord, My God” Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME (Video)

Ginny LaVelle

GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Joshua 24)

Honor the Lord, and serve Him wholeheartedly.

Put away forever any form of idolatry that is in your past history.

But if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve.

Would you prefer to serve the idols of your past? Or will it be the gods of the culture in which we live today?

As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. We will obey the Lord alone!

HYMN

“My Hope is Built”

First UMC, Downtown, Houston, Texas

OPENING PRAYER

O merciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged You as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the persons You have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate Savior, and give us the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. Lead us into new life through Your Son, Jesus Christ who died for the sins of all. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:18-21

Read by Jimmy

**A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN
ANTHEM**

“Deep Water”

Nicole Smith
Addison Jurgens

**SECOND SCRIPTURE
WITNESS TO THE WORD**

Nehemiah 13:4-14

“The Honeymoon’s Over: Reform Again...and Again...”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Keep Our Steps Steady”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY VIDEO

Bruce Wight

TIME OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

Myrna Cakerice

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and forgiving God, we are humbled by Your goodness to us, and we give You thanks. We know that we are not worthy. We praise You for Your love in the redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, we have the hope of glory. Teach us to walk before You in holiness and righteous living all the days of our life. To You, Heavenly Father, with our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory for ever. Amen. (UM BOW, #550, edit)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

“All Things New”

Hillsong Worship

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE

“Postlude” Alexandre Boelby

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

Nehemiah: From Shambles to Renewal

August 30th: Nehemiah 13:4-14

“The Honeymoon’s Over: Reform Again...and Again...”

September 6th (Labor Day) (Tentatively Confirmation Sunday)

Join us for virtual TIM tables!!

This year we will be having our Together In Ministry event in a whole new way. We invite you to visit our website or follow this link <http://fumcomes.org/ministry-videos/> to find out more about the small group ministry opportunities at our church. Here you will find a variety of short videos about all our small groups. Keep checking back as videos will be added throughout the first few weeks of September.

Then, join us on zoom on Rally Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 am to meet the small group leaders, ask questions, and have time to chat with others in the group. Watch your email for a zoom link or contact the office for more information.

NEW ALL CHURCH STUDY!!

Our new all church study and preaching series will begin on September 27th. We will be studying "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton.

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Join Adam Hamilton in "The Walk" and discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. In each chapter, Hamilton's engaging teaching style will help you explore one of these practices—each of which is intended to be a part of our daily walk with Christ—its New Testament foundation, and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church.

The preaching series will work through the book as follows:

9/27/20 "A Living Hallelujah" (Worship & Prayer)

10/4/20 "The Importance of Listening & Paying Attention" (Study) (Love Feast)

10/11/20 "Here I Am Lord, Send Me" (Serve)

10/18/20 "Where Your Treasure Is" (Give)

10/25/20 "Going Fishing, Reflecting Light" (Share)

11/1/20 "The Five Practices From the Cross" (Love Feast)

We will also have several small groups for discussion and deeper study of the book. For help finding a small group to join please contact Pastor Nikki at nikki@fumcomes.org. We also invite you to purchase a book and follow along regardless of your involvement in small groups.

To see video previews, access study videos, and purchase a book please visit bit.ly/amesfirstumctthewalk. If you need help purchasing a book, please contact Nicole Smith at nicole@fumcomes.org or (515) 232-2750, or your adult study leader.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS



Children's Sunday school will resume on rally Sunday, Sept 13 at 9:45am. On Sept 6 we will kick off our Where in the Church is Nicole with her Umbrella contest to lead up to Rally Sunday! We hope you join in the fun!



YOUTH....

Rally Sunday is September 13 and that will be the first day that the High School meets. For at least the first month, the High School and Middle School will meet weekly. The High School will meet at 10:30 on Sunday mornings and the Middle School will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Contact Kim - kim@fumcomes.org if you have questions.



Member Care Committee will meet via Zoom September 8 at 5:30.

HOLIDAY FAIR LITE

The next Holiday Fair Lite will be on Saturday, September 12, 8:30-10:30 on the west patio of the church. Our last event on August 22 was a success, even with the bad weather. This time we are giving the congregation the opportunity to bring baked items to help us support missions. We will be at the church from 3-5 on Friday, September 11 to accept your items. You could also bring items to the church on Saturday morning by 8:00am. Everything must be in clear, disposable containers or on paper plates and sealed in bags or plastic wrap. Please do not bring things in containers that need to be returned. If you are not able to bake at this time, please consider coming to buy! There will be a third Holiday Fair Lite on September 26 at the same location. Any questions, please call Carolyn Yorgensen at 292-5648.



Attention, Readers!

Do you like to read interesting books and discuss ideas? The United Methodist Women's library at FUMC contains some very thought-provoking books and there are people interested in gathering to discuss them. A first gathering will be held by Zoom on Sept 25. You need not have read any one book in particular, just be present and interested. For details, questions, and a link to the Zoom meeting, please contact Jane Edwards at 515-233-4266 or edwardsjane576@gmail.com or Joan Peterson, UMW Programs Resources Chair, at 515-451-3011 or iowagardener@aol.com.

Rally Sunday for Children & Families

Join us on Sunday, September 13, at 8:30a.m. for our Rally Sunday Livestream Worship Service including a special Children's Time where you'll find out why Nicole was running around the church with an open umbrella all week. Following worship at 9:45a.m. children and families are invited to join together on Zoom for our Kick off to the Church School Year. Check your email for links to register for the Church School Year AND for the Zoom link for Sunday school. We will learn a new song, and Mrs. Carol Miller will be joining us to help teach us sign language for our new song. This will be the song we use to create our own Virtual Choir so we can share our song with everyone in October. See you on Rally Sunday!



“Pat” Patterson celebrated his 99th birthday on August 28th. If you would like to wish Pat a Happy Birthday, his address is:

3300 George Washington Carver
Northridge Village, #231
Ames, Iowa 50010

If you have ever been in Pastor Kerrin’s office, you will guess that she loves to read. She is also happy to share that love of reading with anyone that is interested. She often loans out books from her personal library. Lately, she has noticed that some of her books aren’t in their spot. If you have borrowed a book from Pastor Kerrin, please let her know that you have it and haven’t finished reading it yet. If it just slipped your mind and you forgot to return it, you can bring it to the church and leave it in the entryway or call the office at 232-2750 and someone will come to the door and get it. Thank you!



DEAN AND JUDY SAMPSON

Wednesday, September 2nd, Judy and I will celebrate our 53rd wedding anniversary. I would like to challenge 53 families or individuals that have been impacted by Alzheimer’s to register for this year’s “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” in honor of Judy. She has been a resident of the Heartwood House in the Northcrest Community for two and half years.

The event will take place on October 10th and is scheduled as a 2 mile walk. I suggest we all walk an extra mile to end Alzheimer’s. To register go to end.alz.org/walk. Enter 50010 to register for the Ames Area Walk then enter your team. Recruit other to donate to the walk. If you want to join our team go to Judy’s Angels.

Sincere thanks and deep appreciation for all the kind expressions of care, comfort, and consolation following the death of Gene Lewis on July 3. Your prayers and support, as well as the sharing of faith with us, mean a great deal. Special thanks to Rev. Kerrin for her phone call to Fred at the time of Gene's death. God bless each of you and the ministries of this congregation. -- Geraldine Lewis and family



National Diaper Bank Network

National Diaper Need Awareness Week draws attention to the issue of diaper need in the U.S. A signature initiative of the National Diaper Bank Network launched in 2012, the

week provides individuals, organizations, communities, and elected officials the opportunity to engage in real talk and simple actions. By working together we can ensure that all babies have access to clean diapers and other basic necessities required for them to thrive and reach their full potential.

One in three U.S. families struggles to provide enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy.

<https://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org/national-diaper-need-awareness-week/>

The diaper drive is September 21-27, 2020. Several members of our church belong to Altrusa International of Ames. They would like to set up a drop off station at the church. They would like to get several boxes donated from our church. The box of diapers can be any size. You can also get boxes of wipes that have like 12 individual packages in the box. The diapers have individual packages in the box, as well. The local charities can hand out a package to the family (not the whole box). When they are dropped off in the entry way, Deb will bring them inside.



Text Giving to Ames First UMC

Give any amount to Ames First UMC using your smart phone to text a contribution.

1. Text **firstames budget** and the dollar amount to **73256** on your smartphone.
2. Once the text is sent, you will receive a confirmation message.
3. Click the link in the confirmation message to access the payment form.
4. Complete the payment form and verify the amount and fund.

After you set up your payment form the first time, you won't need to do that step again.

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>.

Share your music video with our livestream congregation. Contact Myrna Cakerice (mcakerice@aol.com) to schedule YOUR Sunday.

Audio/Video/Streaming

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