

**First United Methodist Church**  
**516 Kellogg Ave. 515-232-2750**  
**www.fumcames.org**  
**Online at 8:30 September 6, 2020**  
**Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop**

## **THE GATHERING**

### **OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” Adoniram J. Gordon (Arr. Mary McDonald)

“Jesus Loves Me” William B. Bradbury (Arr: Mary McDonald)

Paraphrase on “Hymn to Joy”

Ludwig van Beethoven) (parr: David H. Hegarty)

### **GREETING**

Ted and Joanie Tedesco

### **SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE**

Explanation of the Love Feast

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 22:1-5)

Many voices are speaking to us today.

**Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

Many voices are speaking to us today in our homes, in our friendships, and in our community.

**Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

Many voices are speaking to us today through celebrities, commercials and through media.

**Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice, to respond to Your desires, to follow Your highest path for us.**

**All: As many voices ring in our ears, we say that we choose to listen for Your voice, to do what pleases you, and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us.**

~Dan Wilt

### **HYMN**

“I Surrender All”

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, give us spiritual insight and understanding, so that we would be able to see things from your point of view. May our words and actions bring credit to Your name and joy to Your heart; may all that we do bear fruit for Your kingdom, and may we come to know and love You more each day. Strengthen us with Your power so that we would be able to joyfully endure whatever comes our way, and give thanks to You even in the midst of pain and suffering. Thank You for rescuing us from the power of darkness, and bringing us into the glorious light of Your kingdom. All praise to Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we have found redemption and forgiveness. Amen.**

# SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS PASTORAL PRAYER

## FIRST SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-3

## A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

## ANTHEM

"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

C. Gabriel

Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:9-14

## WITNESS TO THE WORD

"It's Only the Beginning"

## RESPONSE

"The Words I Would Say"

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmands and their parents:

Zachary Heimer

Traci and Jon Heimer

Greyson Rehbein

Beth and Andy Sturtz, Chris Rehbein

Paige Wiertzema

Amber and Nathan Wiertzema

## CELEBRATION OF THE LOVE FEAST

Sharing Song "There is Room at the Table" Carrie Newcomb  
(*Sing and Dance along!*)

Introduction to the Love Feast

Centering Prayer

Reflections: **Confirmands Belief Statements**

Prayer

Passing the Bread "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" G. Hazard

Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love. Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring Your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before You today, to spread Your peace in the world. Amen. ~Gill Le Fevre

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### HYMN

"Here I am, Lord"

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Take the Name of Jesus With You"

W. H. Diane

## LEAVING FOR SERVICE

## 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://fumcames.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@fumcames.org](mailto:nikki@fumcames.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/amesfirststumctthewalk](http://bit.ly/amesfirststumctthewalk). If you need help purchasing a book, please contact Nicole Smith at [nicole@fumcames.org](mailto:nicole@fumcames.org) or (515) 232-2750, or your adult study leader.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

## ***Where in the Church is Nicole with Her Umbrella?***

How many of you remember the TV show from the early 90's called "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego"? Sure Netflix gave it a reboot with newer animation and a new song, but my brain still sings the acapella version of the theme song. Anyway, with the new Church School Year approaching soon, the CFIM team realized that for the children, it's been tough being away from the church building (we know it has been for many adults as well!) Even though we say the Church is NOT the building, for kids it's easier to have the visual of the building, inside and out, when thinking about church as they continue to build their memories and their self to world connections. With that, we thought it would be fun to create a game for the kids leading up to Rally Sunday. And that's where the title above comes in... "Where in the Church is Nicole with Her Umbrella?". Every day starting TODAY, Sunday, September 6 to Saturday, September 12, a little video and picture will go out to families through email and will be posted on Facebook as well. There will be a link to record the children's answers each day. The children who guess all 7 places correctly will receive a prize! Now, I know some of you adults probably want in on the fun too, and that's great! You can play along and answer daily too...but sorry, the prizes are for the kids only.



"But why does Nicole have an umbrella in all the pictures?" I'm glad you asked...but you'll have to wait until Rally Sunday during Children's Time of the Livestream Worship Service to find out!!



## **YOUTH....**

HS Zoom starts on Sept. 13th at 10:30am. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86183625219>.

MS Zoom starts on Sept. 16th at 6:30pm. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320445063>

Please join us!

Do you have a talent that you would be willing to share with the youth? We know you do! Please consider sharing it with our youth. To learn more about this opportunity please contact Kim at [kim@fumcomes.org](mailto:kim@fumcomes.org).



## **RALLY SUNDAY**

Don't forget! Rally Sunday is **NEXT** Sunday, September 13! Join us for our 8:30a.m. Livestream Worship Service. Children will kick off the fall ministry year with "Compassion Camp" on Zoom.

Everyone will join together for the first Sunday. The link will be sent out directly to families via email along with a schedule of what each week will be.



**FACE MASK  
REQUIRED**

## **DO YOU SEW?**

If you are a mask maker, the quilting group has a tote of material in the entryway that they are donating for masks.

## **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](mailto:edwardsjane576@gmail.com) or Joan Peterson, UMW Programs Resources Chair, at 515-451-3011 or [iowagardener@aol.com](mailto:iowagardener@aol.com).



## SATURDAY SERVICE...

FUMC will hold the second outdoor service on Saturday, September 12, at 5:30 pm at Moore Memorial Park, 3050 Northridge Parkway in the Big Bluestem Shelter. The shelter's capacity is 200 but we still will need to social distance and masks will be required. There are picnic tables available for seating, or people can bring their own chairs. As of this writing the restrooms are available, but the water fountains are turned off. There will be an offering bucket for those who would like to give your monthly pledge at that time. In order to limit paper handling, bulletins will not be provided but an online bulletin will be available for you to print out and bring with you. This event is strictly a worship service with a chance to see, at social distance, friends from the church. There will be no refreshments, which includes water. We hope to see you there!

Worship Committee

## MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

FUMC, through our Missions Committee, donates money to local, conference, national and international missions. One of the organizations we give to locally is ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support). ACCESS is a nonprofit offering services to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and those in housing crisis. They also have a Violent Crime program. ACCESS serves Story, Boone, Greene, Marshall and Tama counties.

If anyone would prefer to donate specific items to ACCESS, we will be collecting items in a tote that will be placed in the church entryway and taken to their office regularly. They have a Wish List on their website [https://www.assaultcarecenter.org/en/housing/agency\\_wish\\_list/](https://www.assaultcarecenter.org/en/housing/agency_wish_list/). For anyone without internet, their wish list includes toilet paper, paper towels, towels and washcloths, bedding (full sheets/twin sheets), laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, dishwasher tablets, disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, hand sanitizer, gift cards for gas, grocery stores, Target or Wal-Mart. Also on their website you may see their Target wish list. If anyone would like to purchase something from that list, you are welcome to place it in the tote at church for us to deliver.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting an agency doing important work.



## 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.

### DEAN AND JUDY SAMPSON

Wednesday, September 2nd, was 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](http://end.alz.org/walk). Enter 50010 to register for the Ames Area Walk then enter your team. Recruit others to donate to the walk. If you want to join our team, go to Judy's Angels.

### "FOUNDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH"

Pastor Kerrin is offering "Foundations for Christian Faith" for adults again this year! The "Foundations" class parallels what the Confirmation class is learning, but it is not just for new or exploring Christians. It is designed for Bible study beginners as well as seasoned Bible study participants. The breadth of experiences in the class enriches the study for the whole group! "Foundations for Christian Faith" is divided into four modules of 6-7 weeks each. (for more info, check Sept. newsletter) Please contact the office by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to sign up for the class so that we can get materials sent to everyone. There is no cost to take the class. Office phone: 232-2750. Email: [office@fumcomes.org](mailto:office@fumcomes.org)

## **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>.

Contact Myrna Cakerice (mcakerice@aol.com) to schedule a Sunday to share YOUR music video.

### **Audio/Video/Streaming**

Marty Sankey

Mike Evans