

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church®

January 21, 2018
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

**Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*

WELCOME

If you are a visitor with us today, we warmly say welcome. We invite you to join us at the rear of the sanctuary after worship for fellowship and refreshment. Please take a moment and fill out the "Ritual of Friendship" pads at this time. **Please list all family members attending today, your address and phone number**, and then pass the books back through the pews after everyone has signed, so you may greet and know those sitting with you.

PRELUDE

"Hymn of Praise"
Alexander Schreiner

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

KING'S KID & JOYFUL NOISE

"The Donut Song"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus says, "Now is the time!"

Startle us, God, from our busyness and routines. Show us how very close your Kingdom is.

Jesus says, "God's kingdom is at hand!"

Deliver us, God from faith in our own strength. Free us from the traps of violence, dishonesty, and greed.

Jesus says, "Receive the good news from God!"

Embolden us, God, to trust you anew. For we are as fragile as breath, and draw our strength from your mercy and compassion.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, in this season of Epiphany, your kingdom has drawn close—so close we can almost touch it. Help us see that we already live under your rule of peace. May our worship today draw us closer to you and to one another. When we measure greatness by status and success, you challenge us to find true greatness in following Jesus. You call, and like Jonah, we often run away in our unwillingness to preach mercy to others. You call, and like the disciples, we often rush after you, only to falter and fall away when the shadows deepen. Yet your strength and kindness never falter, even for the resistant Jonah or the enthusiastic fishermen. And your strength and kindness never abandon us. Loving God, it is you we worship this day Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
UMH #110

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
UMH #397
Vs 1,3, 5

CHANCEL CHOIR

"They Will be Done"
Arr Joyce Eilers
Alec Pendry, Soloist

KID'S MOMENTS

The congregation sings "Where Children Belong" (p. 2233) as the children come forward. Ushers collect the "Ritual of Friendship Pads" at this time.

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

"Suonatina"

Padre Davide from Bergamo

* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UM #95

* Prayer of Dedication

God, may these gifts and our very lives be a YES! to follow Christ's call. Use us and the offerings we bring this day, that your peace, your strength, and your loving-kindness may be made more visible in the world.

READING

Acts 2:42-47
Matthew 6:10

HYMN OF PREPERATION

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
UMH #540

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
UMH #580
Vs 1-2

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
UMH #580
Vs #3

POSTLUDE

"Hochzeitsmarsch"
Gustaf Hagg

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

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Lord's Cupboard Challenge

The challenge for January will be dish soap and hand soap. These are necessary items in every home but cannot be purchased with food stamps and are therefore much needed at the Lord's Cupboard.

During the recent and continued water issues at the church we have tried to communicate with the congregation through our One Call system (robo calls). If you have not been receiving these calls regarding such things as cancellation of church, Wednesday evening events, etc, please contact Becky at the church office so that we can get you on our list to call in case of last minutes changes or emergencies at the church.

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: the Bettie Heideman's brother-in-law and sister, Bettie Heideman's grandson, Taylor Heideman, who has left for a year's tour in Kuwait, Curt and Liz Johnson's sister and brother who are dealing with serious illnesses, Jim Metzger, Bonnie Kersten, those in nursing homes and those men and women in our armed forces. Please let the church office know of anyone who may need prayers.

The Covenant study group will be starting a new bible study on the book of Psalms. This study will be starting on Thursday 11 January at 6:30PM in the North Building and lasts about 10 weeks. Anyone is invited to attend. Study guides are available in the Church Office and the price is \$14.00. Please contact the Church Office at 515-576-7586 or Jim Stephenson at 515-571-0521 for further information.

The book of Psalms is perhaps the most familiar of all the books of the Old Testament. When we read, hear and pray the Psalms, we stand before texts that struggle mightily between the great promise of God and the sense of our own great need. In the Book of Psalms, the grand promise of the reign of God is constantly colliding with the gritty, historical experience of God's people. The struggle of God's people to make sense of who God is and who they are becomes as volatile as the grinding plates of continents. In response to this struggle, the writers of the Psalms can be heard both praising God's faithfulness and lamenting God's absence; both thanking God and complaining to God; both praying in hope and crying in fear. In so doing, these writers have left profound texts of grace and glory unmatched in sacred literature.

Look forward to seeing you.

The flower chart for 2018 has been posted on the kiosk at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to give flowers in honor of a loved one, special event, or some other special reason, please take a moment to sign up on the chart. You are responsible for contacting the florist of your choice to order flowers for your particular Sunday.

***Opportunities for Work, Witness and Fellowship
through First United Methodist Church***

Sun, Jan 21

8:30 am Chancel Choir
8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
6:30 pm HS Youth Group

Mon, Jan 22

9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon
5:00 pm AMP

Tues, Jan 23

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
5:30 pm HOLA
7:00 pm Endowment Committee
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Jan 24

8:30 pm Women's Bible Study FH
3:30 pm SALT
4:45 pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers

Thur, Jan 25

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

Fri, Dec 26

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sat, Jan 27

5:00 pm Community Manna Meal
Served by: Trinity UMC

Sun, Jan 28

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
6:30 pm HS Youth Group

<p>Your Staff: The Congregation, The Ministers Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist. Megan Cassady, Youth Coordinator Mark W. McClellan, Interim Organist Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers Amy Champagne, Children's Choirs Directors Gretchen Stanley and Amy Champagne, Praise Band Directors Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer KayLynn Jennings, Anna Jones, Azaria Silvey, Lyndsey Bennett, Nursery Assistants. Josh Goebel, Bldg & Grounds Supervisor Carol Schwarz & Linda Wakeman, Housekeepig</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 127 North 10th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501</p> <hr/> <p>Radio Broadcast at 11:05 am each Sunday - KVFD 1400 AM Office Hours: 8-12 and 12:30-4:30 Mon - Fri Pastor Office: 515-576-7586 Pastor Cell: 515-230-6169 Email Addresses: Office: worship@fumcforddodge.org Pastor: revandreak@fumcforddodge.org Program Coordinator: mcassady@fumcforddodge.org Website: www.fumcforddodge.org</p>
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GREETERS
Leroy & Meredith Berryhill (West Door)
Murry & Mary Fort (East Door)
Joe & Karen Jackson (South Door)

LITURGIST
Pat Bennett



Our mission is to provide the people of the Fort Dodge area opportunities for spiritual growth, real friendships, and giving of themselves.