

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church®

February 11, 2018

Last 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

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TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WESLEY RINGERS

"Timbrel and Dance"
Arr Kevin McChesney

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The glory of God is too great for you to bear.

We are not afraid. We will not turn back.

The mystery of God runs too deep for you to fathom.

We are not deterred.

We will not turn back.

The fiery chariot of Elijah is not for mortal sight to see.

We are blessed with the eyes of faith.

We will not turn back.

Come then, and worship our God, who took Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind.

We will worship the Lord, who transfigured Moses, Elijah, and Jesus to shine like the sun.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of mighty tempest and devouring fire, you come to us shrouded in mystery. Just as Elisha followed Elijah until he was taken up into heaven, we will follow Christ up the mountain to behold his glory. Who are Moses and Elijah that we should not join their ranks among the faithful? What is to prevent us from shining with Christ this very day? Give us eyes and ears of faith, Holy One, that we may see the heavens open and hear your voice, calling us to follow your Son. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"
UMH #157

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

"Where He Leads Me"
UMH #338
Vs 1 & 4

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 worshipping 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

* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UM #95

* Prayer of Dedication

Light of Light, when we grow accustomed to dwelling in the Shadows and painting with drab colors, you bless us with your radiance and the vitality of your love. Illumine these gifts, Holy One, that the world may see your light shining through our offering. Illumine our very lives, O God, that we may remain restless until we shine like Christ upon the mountain, until we follow Elisha's footsteps and behold your glory. Amen.

READING

Matthew 6:13

HYMN OF PREPERATION

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"
UMH #371

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"
UMH #454
Vs 1-2

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"
UMH #454
Vs #3

POSTLUDE

Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

The Missions project for February is the Lord's Cupboard. All donations will go directly to the Lord's Cupboard to help fill the shelves during this busy winter season.

The Sonshine Singers will be presenting "Glorious Day", a music ministry of contemporary sacred anthems on Thursday, February 15 and Friday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m. here at First United Methodist Church. Please plan to attend this fantastic concert!

Again First United Methodist knows its football! Again this year the prediction for the "Souper Bowl" at First UMC was right on target. The score from the donations given for the Lord's Cupboard was Philadelphia Eagles 31 and New England Patriots 14!

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.

During the month of February the items to be collected for the Lord's Cupboard are pancake mix, syrup, jelly and/or applesauce. Let's fill the grocery cart to the brim!

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, Feb 11

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

Mon, Feb 12

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

Tues, Feb 13

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
6:30 pm Sonshine Singers
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Feb 14

8:30 am Women's Bible Study FH
2:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
at Trinity UMC

Wed, Feb 14 Cont'd

3:30 pm SALT
4:45 PM Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
at Trinity UMC

Thur, Feb 15

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Sonshine Singers Concert

Fri, Feb 16

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Sonshine Singers Concert

Sat, Feb 17

2:00 pm Sonshine Singers Concert

Sun, Feb 18

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

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
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GREETERS

Marv & Ruth Smid (West Door)
Tom & Marilyn Brainerd (East Door)
Joe & Karen Jackson (South Door)

LITURGIST

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