

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church®

April 15, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

**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

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day to walk in the light.

This is the day to share signs of peace.

This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.

Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

***OPENING HYMN**

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
FWS #2223

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer

Opening Prayer

God of manifold blessing, come to us this day. Come and bless us. Come and lead us into the light. For we come to you to find peace. We come to rediscover joy. We come to believe where we have not seen. We come to touch the glory of everlasting life, through the power of your Son. We come to truly live. Amen.

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain!"
Wilbur Held

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UM #95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant grace, we live in a world where people's worth is often tied to their wealth. You

have shown us how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one. May the offering we bring before you now be signs of our commitment to help those in need to live together as the family of God. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Alleluia, Alleluia"
UM #162

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

"The Agape League"
(See Special Insert)

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
UM #158

POSTLUDE

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
Hal Hopson

The Annual Spring Rummage Sale for Missions is quickly sneaking upon us. Items may be brought to the church beginning, Sunday, April 29th, through Tuesday, May 8th.

You can stop at the church office and Becky will give you a key to get into the church to unload your items or find Josh to help you unload your items.

Remember items go in the south Sunday School room on the west side of Fellowship Hall

A special thank you goes to Amy Champagne for her work throughout the year with the children's choir and especially for the work and preparation that has been done to make the children's musical the wonderful performance just witnessed.

Fifth Sunday Potluck and Celebration of Members

On April 29th we will be celebrating those member of First United Methodist who have either been a member of First UMC or been a Methodist for over 50 years! If you have not contacted the church office and you fall into one of these categories please contact Becky as soon as possible.

This is also a month with five Sunday's therefore there will also be a potluck on Sunday morning. Each family is asked to bring a main dish and a side dish to pass. Please bring your own table setting also.

*Altar flowers to day
are given in memory of
Bev Nelson
from
Ike Nelson*

The April Lord's Cupboard "CHALLENGE" is canned tuna and diced tomatoes!! Please drop your items in the shopping cart in the Wesley Parlor in the church building. The Evangelism Committee wants everyone to see what has been collected and is trying to track the donations given by First UMC!

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Norma Whiting, Bettie Heideman's brother-in-law and sister, Kaye Berry, Bettie Heideman's grandson, Taylor Heideman, who has left for a year's tour in Kuwait, 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 next Filling Station will be Wednesday, April 18th. The meal will be stuffed pork chops, apple snicker salad, harvest lettuce salad, glazed carrots and dessert. Please signup at the table in the Wesley Parlor. If you would like to help prepare, serve or cleanup following the meal, please contact Connie Boyd or Elizabeth Metier.

There are large print hymnals available in the Wesley Parlor near the library for those who may need them.

On April 28th from 9:00am-4:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Humboldt, we invite you to join women from all over Northwest Iowa for a 1-day event with bestselling author and star of "War Room", **Priscilla Shirer**, along with Christian recording artist **Anthony Evans**. She will be broadcasting live from Florida to share with the world her teaching on the power of prayer and how to study God's word for yourself. Each simulcast message is unique and tailored for a global audience. Invite your friends, family and co-workers for this fun and inspiring event!! This will be a day of biblical teaching, prayer and worship that you won't want to miss! You can find more information and ticket sales on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) by searching key words "Priscilla Shirer, Humboldt Iowa". Please call Judy at 515-890-1133 for more information!

The April mission offering will go to support the Sidewalk Sunday School program this summer. You will find a table in the back of the church to make your contribution at your convenience. Thank you to all who help with their monetary donations!

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

Sun, Mar 15

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship w/Kids Musical
5:30 pm HS Youth Group

Mon, Apr 16

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

Tues, Apr 17

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
11:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm AA
12:00 pm Filling Station Resv. Due
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Apr 18

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
1:30 pm SALT

Wed, Apr 18 Cont'd

4:45 Pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kid's
7:00 pm Wesley Ringers
5:00 pm Filling Station Meal
6:00 pm Filling Station Service

Thurs, Apr 19

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

Fri, Apr 20

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Apr 22

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
5:30 pm HS Youth Group

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Megan Cassady, Children & Youth Coor.
Mark W. McClellan, Interim Organist
Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir
Brian Robison, Bell Choir Director
Amy Champagne, Children's Choir
Director
Amy Champagne and Gretchen Stanley,
Contemporary Service Leaders
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
KayLynn Jennings, Anna Jones, Azaria
Silvey, Lyndsey Bennett, Nursery
Assist.
Carol Schwarz Linda Wakeman,
Housekeeping
Josh Goebel, Maintenance

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Sunday School 8:30 September—May
Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday
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GREETERS

Mike & Jen Cordle (West Door)
Mike & Beth Sullivant (East Door)
Rick & Pat Bennett (South Door)

LITURGIST
Dave Beekman

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