

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

August 26, 2018

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

John 6:56-69 (NIV)

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" ⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Lord's Cupboard "CHALLENGE" for August is body soap and shampoo. 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!

Sunday School Rally Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 16th. There will be an outdoor meal, games and music following worship service. Please plan to stay for all of the fun—you may even find a few surprises by members of the staff!!

Elizabeth Metier is preparing the meal which will consist of smoked pork loin sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, fruit, and brownies. She is looking for help in preparing the meal on Saturday and Sunday morning. Please contact Elizabeth if you are able to help her.

The August mission offering will go to support the Athletes for Education and Success. 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!

*Altar flowers today are
given in celebration of
Dick & Deanna Rhiner's*

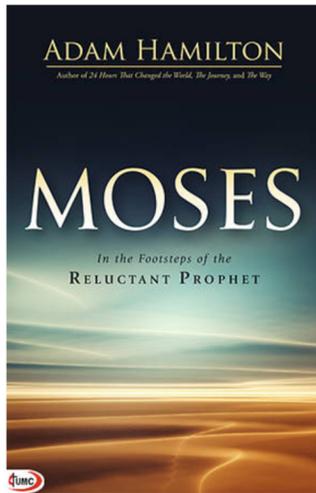
A special thank you today to Laura Olson for her 14 years of service to Sidewalk Sunday School. Laura has been passionate about this ministry and has loved the time with the children of Fort Dodge as they have learned that God Loves Me, God Loves Your, God Loves Everybody! Please take a moment to thank Laura for all she has done throughout the years!!

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Jennie Riesberg, Lord's Cupboard Director, who is battling cancer, 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 bouquet on the altar
today is in celebration of the 65th Wedding
Anniversary of Rev. Darrell & Eileen Mitchell
from the grandchildren and great-
grandchildren. Rev. Darrell & Eileen were
members of First United Methodist many
years ago.*

The next bible study will be "Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet". Turn your reluctance into boldness by walking in the footsteps of Moses will be the theme for this Adam Hamilton study. The plan is to start this study on September 13 (Thursday) at 6:00PM in the North building. The cost of the study guide is \$11.99. Anyone interested in attending contact the church office or Jim Stephenson at

515 571-0021 so we can determine how many books to order. No previous experience is needed. Hope to see you there.



It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt... Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness

exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness.

Our Wednesday night Filling Station will be returning on September 5th. The meal is served beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by a short worship service. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the service and please invite your friends to join you.

The first meal will be an "End of Summer Picnic" featuring burgers, fresh fruit, baked beans, salad and dessert. If you are planning to attend the meal please be sure to sign up in the Wesley Parlor or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, September 4th. It is important that we know how many will be attending so that appropriate amounts of food can be purchased.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry in any way, please contact Connie Boyd.

A special thank you to Josh Kraushaar for providing the beautiful special music this morning.

LET'S SING!

The children and youth choirs at FUMC are ready for
a brand new year!

KING'S KIDS CHOIR: Grades K-4

We practice **Wednesdays from 5:15-5:45***

in the basement choir room

Practices begin September 5, 2018

This choir sings in Sunday worship on the
1st Sunday of the month

***PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR: Grades 5-8

We practice **Wednesdays 4:30-5:15***

in the basement choir room

Practices begin September 5, 2018

This choir sings in Sunday worship on the
3rd Sunday of the month

***PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**

Bring a friend and let's have some FUN!!

Amy Champagne



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

Sun, Aug 26

9:45 am Worship

Mon, Aug 27

9:00 am Pew Crew

12:00 pm Al-anon

Tues, Aug 28

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

6:30 pm One Board Meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Aug 29

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Tur, Aug 31

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Aug 31

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Sept 2

9:45 am Worship

<p>Your Staff:</p> <p>The Congregation, The Ministers</p> <p>Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor</p> <p>Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.</p> <p>Megan Cassady, Youth Coordinator</p> <p>Mark W. McClellan, Organist</p> <p>Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir</p> <p>Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers</p> <p>Amy Champagne, Children's Choirs</p> <p>Directors</p> <p>Gretchen Stanley and Amy Champagne,</p> <p>Praise Band Directors</p> <p>Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church</p> <p>127 North 10th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501</p> <hr/> <p>Radio Broadcast at 11:05 am each Sunday - KVFD 1400 AM</p> <p>Office Hours: 8-12 and 12:30-4:30 Mon - Thur, 8-12 Fri</p> <p>Pastor Office: 515-576-7586</p> <p>Pastor Cell: 515-230-6169</p> <p>Email Addresses:</p> <p>Office: worship@fumcfortdodge.org</p> <p>Pastor: revandreak@fumcfortdodge.org</p> 
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GREETERS

Ray & Nancy Scharf (West Door)
Sheila Gailey & Robert VanderMaten (East Door)
Byron & Diane Chalstrom (South Door)

LITURGIST

Dave Beekman

The mission of First United Methodist Church is to Love, Grow, and Serve in Jesus Christ.

- Loving:** Loving God and neighbors in all we say, do and live.
- Growing:** Growing in faith through worship, prayer, and study of God's word.
- Serving:** Serving others and sharing God's message.