

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

November 18, 2018

26th Sunday after Pentecost

**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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYFUL NOISE

"All Because of Jesus"

***CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

Come with hearts overflowing in gratitude

God has done great things for us.

Be glad and rejoice.

We rejoice in God's gifts.

Sing praises of joy.
Our mouths are filled with laughter.
Shout with thanksgiving, in sunshine and rain.
Praise God for our lives, for harvest and food.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Giver of life, for sunshine and showers, we give you thanks; for food and drink, we give you praise; for clothing and shelter, we bestow our gratitude. Gather our worries and our burdens this day, and shelter us from fear and despair. Help us rest assured in our arms, knowing that your loving care is enough. It is enough. It is enough. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**
Come"

"Come, Ye Thankful People,

UMH #694

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
Creation"

"For the Fruits of This

UMH #97

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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Like a River in My Soul"
Arr Tim Osiek

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory * Praise
God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UM #95

* Prayer of Dedication

**Bountiful God, we look forward to your harvest each year. Our
tables overflow with the goodness of your green earth, but our
tables pale in comparison to the splendor that awaits us, and all
of your children, at your heavenly banquet. Receive these
offerings, as we thank you for your many blessings. Help us be
mindful of those who go without, as we feast and make merry
during this festive season. Amen.**

READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Now Thank We All Our God"
UMH #102

SERMON

Rev Andrea Kraushaar

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"We Gather Together"
UMH #131
Vs 1-2

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"We Gather Together"
UMH #131
Vs 3

POSTLUDE

Ephesians 1:15-23 The Message

15-19 That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

20-23 All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but *forever*. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Another successful soup supper! Thank you to all who attended or helped in anyway with this year's soup supper. The profits from this year's soup supper will assist our youth in attending a mission trip in Minnesota this summer. At this point the profit is \$2,068.00. There is still frozen soup available for sale. If you are interested I purchasing soup, please find Megan or one of the youth and they will be happy to get what you need.

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Marcia Main's sister, Laura Crawford, who is battling cancer, Jean Burke, Jennie Riesberg, Lord's Cupboard Director, who is battling cancer, Kaye Berry, 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.

*Altar flowers
are given today
in celebration of
Mike & Judy Waddell's
Wedding Anniversary*

Church Budget and Attendance Information

Last Week's Attendance—159
Last Week's Giving— \$6,792.60
Year-to Date Giving—\$323,829.90
Year-to-Date Expenses –362,945.40

Pledge Information to Date
Total # of Pledges: 67
Total Amount Pledged: \$228,608.00
Total # of Electronic Givers: 41

The November mission offering will go to support UMCOR Relief efforts. 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!

The Lord's Cupboard "CHALLENGE" for November will be canned corn, beans, mixed vegetables, and carrots. Please drop your items in the shopping cart in the Wesley Parlor in the church building.

Sunday, November 28th First United Methodist Church will be holding it's annual Hanging of the Greens. Everyone is welcome to stay after church to help begin decorating the sanctuary for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season.

The 2019 flower chart has been posted on the kiosk. If you would like to sign up for flowers or grains for a Sunday in 2019, please be sure to sign up. Once your name is on the list you will be responsible to contact the florist of your choice to have flowers delivered for your particular Sunday. If you have any questions, you can call Becky at the church office.

A benefit fundraising event for the Lord's Cupboard Director, Jennie Riesberg, who is battling cancer, will be held at First United Methodist Church today from 1:00-4:00 pm. There will be a free will offering pulled pork meal along with a silent auction and live entertainment. If you would like to contribute to Jennie's benefit but are unable to attend—donations can be placed in the offering plate with a note indicating it is for the Riesberg benefit. The church will then be making one large check to Jennie to help offset the costs related to her health care and living expenses during this time.

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

Sun, Nov 18

8:30 am Chancel Choir
8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
5:00 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm HS Youth Group

Mon, Nov 19

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

Tues, Nov 20

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
6:30 pm One Board Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Nov 21

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Thurs, Nov 22 Office Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

Fri, Nov 23 Office Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

Sun, Nov 25

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship w/Hanging of
Greens following
worship



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| <p>Your Staff: The Congregation, The Ministers Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist. Megan Cassady, Youth Coordinator Mark W. McClellan, 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 Anna Jones, Lyndsey Bennett, Laney Jones, Nursery Assistants. Josh Goebel, Bldg & Grounds Supervisor Carol Schwarz, Housekeeping</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 - Thur, 8-12 Fri Office: 515-576-7586 Pastor Cell: 515-230-6169 Email Addresses: Office: worship@fumcfortdodge.org Pastor: revandreak@fumcfortdodge.org Program Coordinator: mcassady@fumcfortdodge.org Website: www.fumcfortdodge.org</p>  |
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GREETERS

Ray & Nancy Scharf (West Door)
Jerry & Beth Schnurr (East Door)
Tami Habhab (South Door)

LITURGIST

**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.