

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.



December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

**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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

It was the night when Peace was born

Silent Night

And just as now the world was torn

Holy Night

But all was calm and all was bright

Silent Night

The star above gave out its light

Holy Night

HISTORY OF THE LIGHT #1

***HYMN**

"Silent Night"
UMH #239
Vs 1

HISTOY OF THE LIGHT #2

RESPONSE

So let your Peace shine in the night

Silent Night

And let your light burn warm and bright

Holy Night

This Peace we give the world is balm

Silent Night

And in this truth we find our calm

Holy Night

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm
and bright.**

***HYMN**

"O God of Every Nation"
UMH #435

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

SERMON

Rev Andrea Kraushaar

***HYMN**

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
UMH #196

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

COMMUNION SERVICE (See Screen)

Communion Meditation

UM #13

Communion

Offering plates are placed at the front of the center aisle for your tithes and gifts.

***HYMN**

"Let There be Peace on Earth

UMH #431

***BENEDICTION**

Go with God into this day, may the Spirit guide your way

Offer peace to all you meet, like Christ, see God in all you meet.

We need a silent night in here. We need your presence to come near. Give us the hope we seek and the peace we need. We need a silent night in here. Give us the hope we seek and the peace we need. We need a silent night in here.

POSTLUDE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NIV)

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting

Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, please let the ushers know and the Pastor or a communion assistant will bring communion to you in your pew.

In the Wesley Parlor you will find Christmas cards from John Schmalenberger. John has asked that everyone take a box and send Christmas cards to those far and near.

The Lord's Cupboard "CHALLENGE" for December will be canned fruit, soups, and pancake mix. Please drop your items in the shopping cart in the Wesley Parlor in the church building.

Church Budget and Attendance Information

November 25th Attendance—130
Week of November 25th Giving— \$5,288.46
Year-to Date Giving—\$332,325.36
Year-to-Date Expenses —\$381,074.28



Please fill out the order from **completely** and include payment with your order.

Make checks out to **First UMC**, noting that it is for Poinsettias.

Your order will bless our sanctuary during the Christmas Season. You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service.

Please print

From: _____

Number of Plants Ordered: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Phone Number (in case of questions) _____

In Memory of: _____

OR

In Honor of: _____

**We will be taking orders through December 17th
Cost is \$7.50 for each plant
Thanks to Becker Florist
for providing poinsettias!**



The December mission offering will go to support UMCOR's Heifer Project. 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 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.

*Altar grains are
given today in memory of
Carl & Ruth Schmalenberger
by their son,
John Schmalenberger*

The next Filling Station will be December 5th. The menu for that evening will be smoked pork loin, broccoli rice casserole, snicker apple salad, lettuce salad, bread and dessert. If you have not already signed up for the meal, please do so at the table on the west wall of the Wesley Parlor or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 4th.

Those preparing the meal are asking for people to step up and volunteer to help clean up after the meal on Wednesday evening. Many hands make for light work!

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

Sun, Dec 2

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, Dec 3

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

Tues, Dec 4

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
11:00 am Study Group
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Dec 5

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed, Dec 5 Cont'd

3:00 pm SALT
4:30 pm Joyful Noise
5:00 pm Wed Night Meal
5:15 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Filling Station
7:00 pm Wesley Ringers

Thur, Dec 6

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Dec 7

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard


Sat, Dec 8

11:00 am Santa Event
5:00 pm Community Manna Meal

Sun, Dec 9

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

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Marie Dallman, Jean Burke, 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.

<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

Dick & Deanna Rhiner (West Door)
Justin & Melissa Olson (East Door)

LITURGIST

Adam Olson

**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.