

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

December 9, 2018

Second 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

WESLEY RINGERS

"Dance of the Morning Stars"
By Hart Morris

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

It was the night when Joy 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

Dear people all around the world let us unite and we will show how Joy can change us, how Joy can help us grow.

HISTORY OF THE LIGHT #1

***HYMN**

"Silent Night"
UMH #239
Vs 2

HISTORY OF THE LIGHT #2

RESPONSE

So let your Joy shine in the night

Silent Night

And let your light burn warm and bright

Holy Night

This Joy 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**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
UMH #206

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.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 86:9-11
Luke 2:8-15

***HYMN**

"People, Look East"
UMH #202

SERMON

Rev Andrea Kraushaar

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

"Sleepers Awake, A Voice is Calling!"

J.S. Bach
UM #95

* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
UMH #89

***BENEDICTION**

Go with God into this day, may the Spirit guide your way. Offer joy to all you greet 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 silent night in here.

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POSTLUDE

Psalm 86:9-11 (CEB)

All the nations that you've made will come
and bow down before you, Lord;
they will glorify your name,
because you are awesome
and a wonder-worker.
You are God. Just you.
Teach me your way, Lord,
So that I can walk in your truth.
Make my heart focused
Only on honoring your name.

Luke 2:8-15 (CEB)

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Again this year First United Methodist will be doing our Mitten Tree. You will find a tree in the back of sanctuary to place your hats and mittens on for children in the community who are in need.

First United Methodist Church will hold it's Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve with a traditional candlelight service. Those who have no other plans for the evening are invited to stay for a light soup supper provided by Elizabeth Metier and Judy Waddell. If you plan to attend this meal please contact Elizabeth, Judy or the church office so the appropriate amount of food can be prepared.



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.

In order for your giving to be applied to the 2018 fiscal year, all donations will need to be post marked by midnight on December 31st.

Church Budget and Attendance Information

December 2nd Attendance—140
Week of November 25th Giving— \$10,647.63
Year-to Date Giving—\$342,972.99
Year-to-Date Expenses —\$386,771.38



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 flowers are
given today in memory of
Dan and Ruth Eva Johnson
from
Curt & Liz Johnson*

The next Filling Station will be December 19th. The menu for that evening will chicken alfredo pasta, lettuce salad, fruit, bread sticks and strawberry pretzel 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 17th.

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 9

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

Mon, Dec 10

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

Tues, Dec 11

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
11:00 am Advent Study
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
6:30 pm One Board Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Dec 12

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed, Dec 12 Cont'd

3:00 pm SALT
4:30 pm Joyful Noise
5:15 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thur, Dec 13

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Dec 14

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sat, Dec 15

5:00 pm Community Manna Meal
Served by Noon Rotary


Sun, Dec 16

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Chancel Choir
9:30 am Worship

5:00 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm HS Youth Group

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Audrey Metier, Jerry Schnurr, 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

Marilyn Raine (West Door)
Byron & Diane Chalstrom (East Door)
Cody & Katie Peterson (South Door)

LITURGIST

Kory Finke

**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.