

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

December 16, 2018

Third 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

THE DING-A-LINGS

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Gift Goes On"
Isabel Beekman, Grace Champagne,
Maddy Major, Clara Brown-solo, Kinley
Hutchinson, Grace Kraushaar, Joley
Swanson, Kiley Swanson

BRASS DUET

"Joy to the World"
Ethan Bloom and Megan Cassady

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN "O Come O Come Emmanuel"
UMH #211

LIGHT OF HOPE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Light a Candle"
Maeleena Meyer-solo, Ella Champagne,
Wesley Kraushaar, Zach Olson, Kira Pearson,
Christian Stanley

CHOIRS "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Arr Mark Miller
Chancel Choir with Joyful Noise Choir

LIGHT OF PEACE

WESLEY RINGERS "The First Noel"
Arr. Cathy Moglebust

PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
The Offertory Meditation on "Ava Maria"
Bach-Gounod
* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UM #95

SCRIPTURE

TROMBONE DUET "O Little Town of Bethlehem/
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
Dan Cassady and Megan Cassady

DEVOTION

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

LIGHT OF JOY

SPECIAL MUSIC

"One Little Star"
Arr Barbara Holtz
Kira Pearson and Ella Champagne

CHANCEL CHOIR

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flock"
Arr Craig Courtney

LIGHT OF LOVE

KING'S KIDS AND JOYFUL NOISE

"Whatcha Gonna Call That Baby?"
Xylophone: Landon Meyer, Glockenspiel: Noah
Stanley, Rhythm instruments: Charles Evans,
Grace Kraushaar and Carter Swanson

LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Silent Night"
Arr. Sandra Peters

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Joy to the World"
UMH#246

POSTLUDE

Anno Domine
Paul O'Neill

First United Methodist will again this year have our Hat and Mitten Tree. If you would like to donate mittens and/or hats to this project, please place them on or near the tree in the back of the sanctuary. These hats and mittens will be distributed to those children and adults in need in our community.

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!

Church service on Sunday, December 23rd will be held in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am. Everyone is asked to where their Christmas sweaters and the children are welcome to wear their Christmas pjs!

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

December 9 Attendance—162
Week of December 9th Giving— \$21,394.00
Year-to Date Giving—\$362,537.76
Year-to-Date Expenses –392,287.07



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 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.

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 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.

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 16

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

Mon, Dec 17

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

Tues, Dec 18

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

Wed, Dec 19

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed, Dec 19 Cont'd

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

Thur, Dec 20

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Dec 21

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Dec 23

9:45 am Worship

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Jerry Schnurr Sr, Audrey Metier, Jean Burke, Jim Metzger, Kate Ray (Loree Lee's mom), Marilyn Raine, Jan Olson, 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
John & Elizabeth Metier (West Door)
Scott McQueen (East Door)
Bill & Carol Thatcher (South Door)

LITURGIST
John Metier

**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.