

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

December 23, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

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

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.



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 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.

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.

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 Budget and Attendance Information

December 16 Attendance—181
Week of December 16 Giving— \$6,538.75
Year-to Date Giving—\$369,076.51
Year-to-Date Expenses —\$406,553.87

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.

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.

Opportunities for Work, Witness and Fellowship

Sun, Dec 23

9:45 am Worship

Thur, Dec 27

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Mon, Dec 24

5:00 pm **Office Closing at Noon**
Christmas Eve Service

Fri Dec 28

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard


Tues, Dec 25 **Office Closed**

Sun Dec 30

9:45 am Worship

FUMC is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels (MOW) January 9-11th. There are five (5) MOW routes. Two people are scheduled to deliver a route. One person drives and the other person delivers the meal to the door. It usually takes 1-1 1/2 hours. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Connie Boyd at 515-571-2118. Thank you.



<p>Your Staff: The Congregation, The Ministers Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist. Megan Cassidy, 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.