

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

February 3, 2019

4th Sunday after Epiphany

**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

KING'S KIDS

The Butterfly Song
With American Sign Language (ASL)

***CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We are here to offer God our worship and praise.

Before God formed you in your mother's womb, God knew you.

Before we drew our first breath, God consecrated us in holy love.

Let us worship the one who knows and loves us.

Let us worship the one who is our rock and our fortress in times of trouble.

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***OPENING HYMN**

"This Is My Father's World"
UMH #144

OPENING PRAYER

Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, as we gather in worship this day. Teach us to be patient and kind in our actions, and humble of heart in all of our ways. Help us see and know ourselves as well as you see and know us, that our words may be true and our love may be pure. Build us into a community that bears all things, believes all things, and hopes all things in the name of Love, which never ends.
Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Gift of Love"
UMH #408

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

"The Meditations of My Heart"
Elaine Hagenberg

READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
UMH #175

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

COMMUNION SERVICE

Communion Meditation

UM #13

Communion "Romance sans Paroles (Song Without Words)"

Joseph Bonnet

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"
UMH #525
Vs 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"We'll Understand it Better By and By"
UMH #525
Vs #4

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.

1 Corinthians 13 The Message

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. ² If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

³⁻⁷ If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. ⁸⁻¹⁰ Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled. ¹¹ When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good. ¹² We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! ¹³ But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

Join First UMC and the Iowa Wolves
for their Faith and Family Event

Colton Dixon Concert following game.
Music for all ages!



IOWA WOLVES

VS

RIO GRAND VALLEY VIPERS

BASKETBALL GAME
MARCH 3RD 3PM

WELLS FARGO ARENA, DES MOINES

Tickets \$15 - all ages Tickets must be purchased by Feb 3

Leaving church at approximately 1:00 pm

PosterMyWall.com

The Vashti Circle's February meeting will be held at Cana, 18 S. 3rd Street in Fort Dodge. The program will be about Cana and it's services. Please plan to attend!

The next Wednesday Night meal will be held February 6th. The meal will be lasagna, green salad, fresh fruit, breadsticks and dessert. If you plan to attend and have not already done so, please sign up in the Wesley Parlor at the table on the west wall.

SONSHINE SINGERS FEBRUARY EVENT!

"Celebrating 20 Years of Music Ministry"

Thursday, February 14th; Friday, February 15th at 7:00 PM
Saturday, February 16th at 2:00 PM

At First United Methodist Church

Please come and join us for this very spirited and heartfelt celebration as we lift up God's message of love for us, through His Son Jesus Christ! This will be the last performance of the Sunshine Singers as the group is disbanding after this concert, so be sure to come listen!

No admission charge—freewill offering will be received.

The February mission offering will go to support the Lord's Cupboard. 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

January 27 Attendance—122
January 27 Giving—\$2,718.51
Year-to Date Giving—\$37,210.29
Year-to-Date Expenses —\$30,745.85

The challenge to First United Methodist for the month of February is to **collect 100 boxes of pancake mix and 50 bottles of syrup**. Please bring your donation to church and place it in the grocery cart near the Wesley Parlor so that it may be counted and added to the challenge!

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Gladys Bittner, Jerry Schnurr Sr, Audrey Metier, Jean Burke, Jim Metzger, Kate Ray (Lorree 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, Feb 3

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

Mon, Feb 4

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

Tues, Feb 5

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Feb 6

11:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm SALT
4:30 pm Joyful Noise
5:00 pm Wednesday Meal
5:15 pm King's Kids

Wed, Feb 6 Cont'd

6:00 pm Filling Station
7:00 pm Wesley Ringers

Thur, Feb 7

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Feb 8


1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sat, Feb 9

5:00 pm Community Manna Meal
Served by: First United
Methodist Youth

Sun, Feb 10

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

<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

Marv & Ruth Hulse (West Door)
Tom & Marilyn Brainerd (East Door)
Joe & Karen Jackson (South Door)

LITURGIST

Jerry Schnurr

**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.