

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

March 31, 2019

4th Sunday in Lent

**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

CHANCEL CHOIR

"He is the Rock"
By Michael Barrett

***CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

To those who eagerly came to worship God,
You are welcome here.

To those who grumbled about coming,

You are welcome here.

To those who are not sure why they are here,

You are welcome here.

In the name of the One who loves and forgives us, you are welcome in this place.

Thanks be to God!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
UMH #400

***CONFESSION**

Loving God, we come before you knowing that you love us completely. With this knowledge, we confess to you our wrongdoings. Forgive us, Holy One, when we stray from your ways; when we hurt one another; when we ignore the needs of others: when we resist your guidance in our lives. Gracious God, accept our prayers and hold us in your love, that we may be the people you call us to be. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

The Lord forgives our sins and washes away our guilt. Brothers and sisters, "be glad in the Lord and rejoice," for our hearts have been made right with God! Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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.

***PRAYER SONG**

"His Name Is Wonderful"
UMH #174

FAITH STATEMENTS

Gabriel Ayala and Nathan Beekman

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 worshiping throng. Water, God's Word,
bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where
children belong.**

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Can I Keep from Singing"
By John Leavitt
Dr. Andrew Last and Dr. Nicholas Shaneyfelt

FAITH STATEMENTS

Ethan Bloom and Kyle Lumsden

READINGS

1 John 5:9-13
Joshua 1:6-9

***APOSTLES CREED**

UMH #882

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH #70

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

"If Thou But Suffer, God to Guide Thee"

Johann Sebastian Bach

* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UM #95

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you provide for us in all ways and at all times.

them, that they bring comfort and healing to your children around the globe. We offer our lives to you, asking for your blessing upon us, that we might be faithful to you, and to one another. In your precious and holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPERATION

"My Hope Is Built "
UMH #368

FAITH STATEMENTS

Landon Meyer, Zacharie Olson,
Noah Stanley

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"
UMH #593
Vs 1-2

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"Here I Am, Lord"
UMH #593
Vs #3

POSTLUDE

"Sing, My Tongue, Acclaim Christ Present"
Venantius Fortunatus

1 John 5:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Joshua 1:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Today we celebrate the confirmation of seven young men of our congregation. Please take a moment following church to speak with the young men—you will be touched by the qualities of each of these young men and what they will bring to First United Methodist Church in the days and years to come!

Noah Stanley

Gabe Ayala

Nathan Beekman

Ethan Bloom

Kyle Lumsden

Landon Meyer

Zacharie Olson

Everyone is encouraged to join these young men and their families at the Baked Potato Bar to be held in the Fellowship Hall after today's service. There will be a free will offering for the meal which will assist the youth to attend a mission trip this summer.

The men of the Fort Dodge Harmony Brigade Barbershop Choir invite you to their spring show Saturday Night Barbershop, on Saturday, April 6th at Fort Dodge Middle School. Show times will be 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Tickets to the show may be purchased from any Barbershop member, at Hy-Vee, or by calling 515-570-3414.

*Altar flowers are given today
in celebration of
Betty Niceswanger's 90th Birthday
from her family*

The radio broadcast of today's service is sponsored by Ardyce Swanson. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday's broadcast please mark your donation for "radio broadcast" in any amount you like and place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

The next Wednesday Night meal will be held April 3rd. The meal will be ham, party potatoes, vegetable, salad, fruit, bread 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.

The ladies who do the prepping of food, cooking and clean up are desperately asking others to join them in helping with this meal. Without additional assistance this wonderful meal may no longer be possible in the near future. Please take a turn at helping in some manner—everyone enjoys there time and fellowship with other from First UMC!

Plan on joining a Bible study that will be starting April 11th. The study is from Adam Hamilton on Christianity's family tree. We will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the north building. Study guides will be available for \$10—contact the church office to obtain your book.

Adam Hamilton presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith.

The traditions he examines are Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. For each group, Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith.

The March mission offering will go to support the Back Pack Buddies Program. 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!

A special thank you to Dan and Lori Cassady for the purchase of today's Chancel Choir anthem. We are so grateful!

Church Budget and Attendance Information

March 24th Attendance—135

Giving March 19-25—\$2,904.00

Year-to Date Giving—\$88,016.52

Year-to-Date Expenses —\$98,494.84

Income Over (Under) Expenses—(\$10,478.32)

The challenge to First United Methodist for the Lord's Cupboard for the month of March is soup—chicken noodle, tomato, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken... 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!

Hard Steps to Follow

Josh Goebel, Supervisor of Buildings at Ground, is leaving employment at First UMC to return to school the end of April. We are presently looking for a replacement. If you or someone you know would be interested in the part-time position of 30 hours/week, please contact the church office to obtain a job description and complete an application. Compensation will be \$16-\$19.00/hour.

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: families of Ruth Smid-Hulse and Marv Hulse, the family of Iona Gathman, Gladys Bittner, Jerry Schnurr Sr, Audrey Metier, 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
through First United Methodist Church**

Sun, Mar 31

8:30 am Chancel Choir
 8:30 am Sunday School
 9:45 am Worship w/Confirmation
 11:00 am Potato Bar Fund Raiser
 6:00 pm HS Youth Group

Wed, Apr 3 Cont'd

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

Mon, Apr 1

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

Thurs, Apr 4

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Tues, Apr 2

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

Fri, Apr 5

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Apr 6

8:30 am Sunday school
 9:45 am Worship
 6:30 pm HS Youth Group

Wed, Apr 3

11:00 am Staff Meeting
 3:00 pm SALT

<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

Leroy & Meredith Berryhill (West Door)
Mary Williams (East Door)
Mary Lou Fibiker (South 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.