

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

**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

"Palm Sunday Celebration"
By Dan R. Edwards

***CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

With songs of thanksgiving,

we sing praise to God.

With shouts of Hosanna,

we welcome the presence of Christ.

With prayers of blessing,

we call out to the Spirit of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
UMH #278

***OPENING PRAYER**

Blessed One, bless our worship this day. Bless us through the power of your holy name, that we may be faithful disciples and attentive listeners. Strengthen us with you Holy Spirit, that we may be ever wakeful, ever alert—as we worship, as we live, and as we follow where you lead. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

***CONFESSION**

Have mercy on us, O God. Where depression lingers, grant us hope. Where fear threatens, grant us comfort. Where strength fails, give us courage. Where faithfulness wanes, grant us endurance. Where sin invades, grant us forgiveness. Shine upon us with your love and grace, O God. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

Look! The Lord will help you, for God's faithful love lasts forever.

***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

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
UMH #75
Vs 1 & 4

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 LESSONS	Ephesians 4:11-16
*APOSTLES CREED	UMH #882
*GLORIA PATRI	UMH #70
PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS	
The Offertory	"The Palms" Gabriel Faure Liz Johnson, Pianist UM #95
* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	
* Prayer of Dedication	
With these gifts, we give you thanks, O God. We bless your generous , humble spirit, and ask that you bless these gifts with this same generous, humble spirit, so that all who receive these gifts may also receive your love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.	
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" UMH #280
SERMON	Rev. Andrea Kraushaar
*CLOSING HYMN	"We Are the Church" UMH #558 Vs 1-4
*BENEDICTION	
RESPONSE	"We Are the Church" UMH #558 vs 5
POSTLUDE	"Lord, Let Your Angels Carry My Soul" from St. John's Passion J.S. Bach

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Attention Parent of Sunday School Kids

We will not be having our Easter Event this year but instead the children will be invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt as part of Sunday School on Easter Sunday!

Church Budget and Attendance Information

April 7th Attendance—149
Giving April 2—April 8—\$4,747.57
Year-to Date Giving—\$102,605.24
Year-to-Date Expenses —\$119,947.04
Expenses Over (Under) Expenses—(\$17,341.80)

OMISSION IN CHMES

Some important information was accidently omitted in the April Chimes! Please mark these dates and times on your calendar for the upcoming rummage sale.

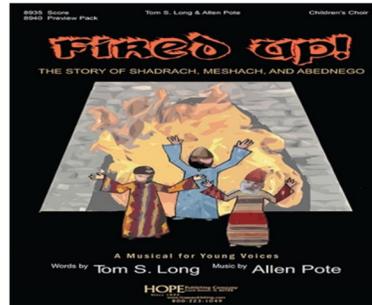
Important dates/times:

Wed., May 8:	8 am—4 pm	Set out donated items
Thurs., May 9:	8 am—6 pm	We mark items from 8-4 and then have "early bird" sales from 4—6 pm
Fri., May 10:	8 am—4:30 pm	Sale day
Sat., May 12:	8 am—11 pm	\$2 a bag or 1/2 price sale on larger items.
	12 pm—1 pm	Local nonprofit organizations can come & pick out items at no cost
	1 pm—?	Pack up items, take them to other organizations, and clean up

FIRED UP!

In the sixth century B.C.E., Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon conquered the ancient Kingdom of Judah and forced large portions of the population into captivity. It is from this period of exile we get wonderful Biblical stories of courage and faith in the face of oppression--the stories of Esther, Daniel, and the tale told in this year's musical—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the fiery furnace.

Fired Up! is a light-hearted retelling of that tale, but as always, includes moments of deeper feeling to share the core message: we follow a loving God worthy of trust—regardless of the circumstances.



Please join the King's Kids and Joyful Noise Choirs (and their parents!) for our musical play on Sunday, April 28 during 9:45 am worship. We think you will be so glad that you did!

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.



Easter Flowers Order Form

We will be offering tulips, daffodils and hyacinth again this year. Please mark the kind of flower you would like to purchase on the order form. We are hoping to get a good mix of flowers for the sanctuary/altar.

Please print

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

OR

In Honor of: _____

Flower	Cost	Number
Tulips	\$15.00	_____
Lily:	\$10.50	_____
Amount Paid:		_____

We will be taking orders through April 15th

The Lord's Cupboard "CHALLENGE" for April will be pork and beans and instant potatoes. Please drop your items in the shopping cart in the Wesley Parlor in the church building.

The radio broadcast of today's service is sponsored in by Marc and Jan Krass. 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 17th. The meal will be tacos with all the goodies, refried beans, fruit, 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!

**Opportunities for Work, Witness and Fellowship
through First United Methodist Church**

Sun, Apr 14

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

Wed, Apr 17 Cont'd

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal
5:15 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Filling Station Service

Mon, Apr 15

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

Thurs, Apr 18

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday
 Service

Tues, Apr 16

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

Fri, Apr 19

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
6:00 pm Good Friday Service

Wed, Apr 17

11:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm SALT
4:30 pm Joyful Noise

Sun, Apr 21

8:30 am Chancel Choir
8:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
6:30 pm HS Youth Group

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
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GREETERS

Stuart & Julie Andresen (West Door)
Nick & Heather Cochrane (East Door)
Laurel Mors (South Door)

LITURGIST

Pat Bennett

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.