



THE CHIMES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Church,

I would like to thank the scholarship committee for their donation towards furthering my education at the University of Iowa. I am grateful for all of the support FUMC has provided me over the course of my life. I would like to invite the congregation to my graduation open house at Soldier Creek Winery on August 1st from 9:30-11:30am. Outdoor seating will be provided, and masks will be required indoors. If you are unable to attend but would like to send well wishes, my address is 2723 18th Ave N, Fort Dodge, 50501.

Gratefully,

I would like to start off by saying thank you for being such an amazing church family to me for the last few years! I would also like to thank FUMC for the scholarship I was awarded. It will be extremely helpful in offsetting the cost of my college education. In the fall I plan on going to the University of Iowa on the Pre-Med track and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for my future.

Cassie Willer

Youth Ministries

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for a youth ministry events flyer for children and youth! We are waiting to see what the school system does and we will mirror our ministries after what they decide.

Thank you,





From Pastor Andrea

August Greetings,

It was 17 weeks since we had had in-person worship in our sanctuary. One July 12th we opened our sanctuary again for people to come to worship. These past few weeks we have averaged about 30 people. We are highly suggesting masks and asking people to social distance when they are in the building. We have stations that have masks and hand sanitizer for the convenience of those who come in our building. We are taking all the steps we can to ensure a safe and clean space for those of you who feel comfortable to return to worship. I am also so thankful for the many hands that have been helping with our online worship. It would not have been successful had it not been for Scott Johnston, Jim Stephenson, Amy Champagne, Gretchen Stanley, Megan Cassady, Joshua Kraushaar (and my kids), Mark McClellan, Lori Branderhorst, Becky Ostheimer, and so many others who have shared special music. Thank you! We will continue this ministry on Facebook each Sunday at 9:45 am along with our in-person service and radio broadcast at 11:00 am on KVFD 1400.

Even in the midst of Covid our One Board continues to meet and dream of future ministry possibilities. One of the ideas that our One Board has is to remodel our chapel. As it is currently, our adult Sunday School class is being used for the Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry. Even after the Lord's Cupboard reconstruction we will need an extra space for Adult Sunday School. Our plan, at this time, is to remove the pews, railings, and organ and replace them with tables and chairs (possibly refurbish the old pews). We will also install new lighting, new electrical, a handicap entrance, a projector, and internet. If you know of anyone who might have a memorial item in our chapel and would like to obtain that item, please contact the office. Our total budget for this project will be \$8,000. We would love for you to prayerfully consider donating to this great project. This room will allow us to have meetings and Bible Study; as well have the ability to create a meditation setting for small groups to worship. If you have questions about this project you can contact myself or Jim Metzger.

Finally, as we begin to think about our fall ministries we realize that for many of you being in a large group (Sunday Worship) is not comfortable at this time. What would it look like if we met in small groups (6-8 people) in a home of maybe here at the church so we could social distance? What about a Bible Study app that would allow you to stay connected with others in our church and feeding your soul with God's message?

We are looking at creating these types of groups for our church and community members (everyone is welcome, no matter how far you live!). We want to hear from you! One idea would be a Bible study (Connected Faith) that can be done on your phone or tablet during the week, and then small groups could meet online or in person. Would this interest you for the fall? This app has daily readings and then plans for a weekly study that could be done in person or on Zoom. Would you want it to be 100% online or would you feel safe

meeting in a small group?

We need to hear from you. We want to know what YOU are needing from your church to stay connected with one another and with God. Respond either through Facebook, email or calling the church office to let us know your thoughts.

Examples: Women's Study, Men's Study, General Bible Study, Parents support group, dinner planning, social groups that gather to play cards, coffee and prayers, etc.

Pastor Andrea Kraushaar

Do you or a family member or friend listen to the church broadcast on Sunday mornings on the radio? The Board is asking for people to sponsor the broadcast each week. There will be a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the back of the sanctuary where you can sign up to sponsor a Sunday. The cost for a broadcast is \$100.00. Checks can be made directly to the church with a memo for Radio Broadcast.

The next Meals-On-Wheels delivery for First UMC will be September 16-18, November 11-13, and January 6-8, 2021. If you would like to help drive or assist with delivery of Meals-On-Wheels, please contact Elizabeth Metier at 408-2874. This is a great ministry and it is fun and easy to do!

Keep our Members in Your Prayers

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Gladys Bittner, Marilyn Oberhelman, Roxanne Morris' sister-in-law, Rhonda, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer, Kate Ray (Lorree Lee's mom), 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>Vashti Circle</p>

<p>August No Meeting Scheduled</p>
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August/September Volunteers

GREETERS

	West Door	East Door
8/2	Jan & Phyllis Wilson	Marilyn Raine
8/9	Jerry & Linda Beck	John & Elizabeth Metier
8/16	Scott McQueen	Henry Brain
8/23	Lana Waggoner	Mark Mettler
8/30	Katie Swanson	Ray & Nancy Scharf
9/6	Iris Jones	Deb Larson
9/13	Nick & Heather Cochrane	Cody & Kaite Peterson
9/20	Jerry & Beth Schnurr	Byron & Diane Chalstrom
9/27	Marilyn Raine	Jan & Phyllis Wilson

FLOWERS

LITURGIST

USHERS

8/2		Jan Krass	Branderhorst/Beck
8/9		Kory Finke	Branderhorst/Beck
8/16	Robert Anderson	Adam Olson	Branderhorst/Beck
8/23	Dick Rhiner	Scott Johnston	Branderhorst/Beck
8/30		Michael Stanley	Branderhorst/Beck
9/6	Tim Hanneman	Dave Beekman	Wilson/Finke
9/13		Jan Wilson	Wilson/Finke
9/20		Kati Swanson	Wilson/Finke
9/27	Ryan Brown	Jerry Schnurr	Wilson/Finke

Financials thru July 29

Year-to Date Giving—\$190,180.42

Year-to-Date Expenses —\$194,537.96

Income Over (Under) Expenses YTD—(\$3,575.40)



Lectionary Reading



August 2

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 1:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23

August 16

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26
Roans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

8-3 Maeleena Meyer
8-6 Mike Willer
Lori Beekman
Brandy Beggerly
8-9 Isabelle Beekman
8-11 Laurel Mors
Cindy Kjolsing
8-12 Ray Winger
8-13 Lana Waggoner
8-15 Harold Messerly
8-16 Jeff Trunnell
Heather Cochrane
8-17 Scott Hannah
8-19 Diane Jones
Teresa Newman
Lyndsey Bennett
8-23 Larry Owens
8-24 Julie Andresen
8-25 Elaine Carlson
Bob Vander Maten
8-27 Courtney Thrams
Dillon Lumsden
8-29 Dori Snow
8-30 Nancy Niles
8-31 Doris Woods
Stephanie Hutchinson

Happy Anniversary

8-10	Brian & Jasmine Robison	1 Yr	8-20	John Sjoblom & Nancy Niles	32 Yrs
8-11	Erland & Eliane Carlson	58 Yrs	8-27	John & Dawn Thrams	37 Yrs
8-15	Robert & Charlene Anderson	39 Yrs	8-28	Dick & Deanna Rhiner	60 Yrs
8-18	Lee & Meredith Berrhill	65 Yrs	8-30	Kory & Dee Finke	23 Yrs
8-19	Brian & Darcy Becker	31 Yrs			

From Megan's Desk

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

This is my last Chimes article as the Children and Youth Coordinator at First United Methodist Church. My emotions are all over the map as I begin to process my last month of working at First UMC. For those of you that do not know, over a year ago I started back to school at Buena Vista University to pursue my teaching license. This next year I will be at the Storm Lake campus full-time in the fall and then will student teach in the spring. With my schedule, I am unable to stay full-time at the church. I'm looking forward to my next adventure while grieving the end to my youth ministry career.

I have so many people I'd like to thank throughout the four years of being welcomed in this church. I'd like to thank my coworkers. From joking around and chatting with Becky, to our Monday morning chats with Joni, to talking motorcycles and house projects with Kent, to collaborating with Gretchen and Amy.. I'm going to miss you guys more than you know!

To the children and youth – spending time with you was easily my favorite part of my job. I was honored to be a small part of your lives and I hope and pray that you

continue to seek the Lord in all that you do. Getting to see you grow up was a privilege and I know the Lord will take each and every one of you incredible places. Please know that I will continue to pray for you and cannot wait to see what you are up to on Facebook!

To the congregation – I have been so grateful for how inclusive and friendly you all were from day one. The girl that has tattoos, a nose ring, rides a Harley, and talks way too much about the Hawkeyes and the trombone felt completely welcomed throughout my ministry here. You guys supported me and I will be forever thankful for the friendships I've made. Thank you.

Well- that's a wrap. My last day here is September 1st and it will be a bittersweet goodbye. I am trusting that the Lord will be with me in the next phase of life and please remember that the Lord is always with you through every season. Thank you for trusting me with investing in the children and youth of First UMC.

Thanks again and Go Hawks!
-Megan

CHOIRS FOR KIDS!

KING'S KIDS CHOIR: Grades K-4

We practice **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00** in the SANCTUARY (Please note new time!*) Practices begin **September 2, 2020**

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR: Grades 5-8

We practice **Wednesdays from 4:45-5:30** in the SANCTUARY (Please note new time!*) Practices begin **September 2, 2020**

*Times have been adjusted due the school day being lengthened for FD students this year.

We will be making decisions about face-to-face rehearsals (with social distancing) vs. Zoom rehearsals based on the school district's plans. Please check the Facebook page and emails for additional information when rehearsals begin. Let's make some music!!



Amy Champagne 571-9723

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Megan Cassady, Youth Director
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Amy Champagne,
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Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir
Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers
Amy Champagne & Gretchen Stanley
Contemporary Service
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
Anna Jones, Laney Jones & Lyndsey Bennett,
and Isabel Beekman, Nursery Assistants
Tammy Porter, Housekeeping



Worship Schedule
Sunday

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship Service

Office Hours

Mon—Thur 8:00 am-4:30 pm
Fri—8:00 am-Noon

**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 faith through
worship, prayer, and the study of
God's word.

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