

FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

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Fort Dodge

**WELCOME!**

September 3, 2023

*Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*



# Order of Worship

## Welcome & Announcements

## Passing of the Peace

## Joys & Concerns

## Centering Words

God speaks from burning bushes and souls on fire.

May God grant us eyes to see and ears to hear, as we worship this day.

## Prelude

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
Converse, Mier

## Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord.

**Call on God's holy name.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

**Tell of God's wondrous deeds.**

Let the faithful sing of the Lord's awesome power.

**Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.**

Give thanks to the Lord.

**Call on God's holy name.**

## Opening Prayer

Great I AM, you come to us in unexpected ways. Excite our curiosity, that we might turn aside and realize we are standing on holy ground.

Appear to us in fire and wonder, that we might see worlds beyond the reaches of our imaginations. Reveal the glory of your kingdom—

where love is genuine, where evil is forsaken, where mutual affection abides, and hospitality is shown to strangers, where all are made one. Amen.

## Opening Hymn

*Take Up Thy Cross*  
UMH #415, v. 1 & 4

## Prayers of the People

## 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.**

**Kid's Moment**

Congregation sings, *Where Children Belong*,  
(TFWS #2233) as the children come forward.

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

\*Please see page 3 in bulletin

**Special Music**

*Then Jesus Came*  
By Homer Rodeheaver  
Tim Hanneman

**Hymn of Preparation**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
UMH #399, v. 1 & 2

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 16:21-28

\*Please see page 3 in bulletin

**Sermon**

Lift & Carry

**Communion Service**

*Prelude No. 1*  
J.S Bach

\*Please see page 4 for response

*Feel free to bring your offering forward*

**Closing Hymn**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
UMH #402, v. 1 & 2

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
John Rutter

**Pastor Luke Fillmore**

**Liturgist:**

Michael Stanley

**Pianist:**

Liz Johnson

## Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup> “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

## Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right...

... and so, with all those who have gone before us, all those who will come after us, and all of us gathered here, both near and far, we lift up our voices and praise your name, joining them in the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is you Son Jesus Christ...

[Breaking of the Bread]

[Filling of the Cup]

... we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, together with Christ, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

... and now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us again pray the prayer that Christ has taught us:

**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.**

# Announcements

## **Al-Anon Meetings**

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. They believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Their purpose is to help family of alcoholics. There is no cost to attend and the group meets each Monday at noon in the church.

## **Altar Flowers**

Today's altar flowers are in loving memory of Dennis Beekman from the Beekman family.



## **Filling Station**

The first Filling Station of the year will be Wednesday, September 6. Join us for a homemade meal, fellowship, and contemporary worship service. Meal begins at 5:00 pm and service will follow at 6:15 pm. Wednesday's menu includes chicken and broccoli with fettuccine and alfredo sauce, green salad, and ice cream sundaes. Meal is \$6 per person or \$18 per family. If you plan to attend the meal, please contact the office to RSVP.

## **Hearing Assistance Headphones**

If you need hearing assistance, headphones are available in the Wesley Parlor. Please see an usher for assistance.

## **Foster Grandparent Program**

Do you have a friend or family member who is good with kids and could share their time and talent in an area school? You can work 5 or 25 hours per week helping our littlest learners. 55+ can earn up to \$3000 a year tax free. Call the Fort Dodge Foster Grandparent Program at 515-576-5401 for more information.

## **Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry**

Our church will be collecting pasta noodles throughout September. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the shopping cart in the back of church.

## **Office Closed**

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in honor of Labor Day.



## **Radio Broadcast**

Thank you to Betty Niceswanger for sponsoring today's radio broadcast. If you would like to donate to the cost of a Sunday broadcast (\$100), please drop a check in the offering plate or the mail earmarked for radio broadcast. If you would like this to be in honor of memory of someone, please contact Lindsay.

## **Rummage Sale Donations**

Please help spread the word about our upcoming Rummage Sale on October 5-7! You may start bringing your donated items to the church basement during the last week in September and no later than Tuesday, October 3 to allow the committee enough time to sort, organize, and price the items. Additionally, a lot of help is needed before, during, and after the Rummage Sale. If you wish to help on October 2-4 with organizing and pricing items and/or assist during the sale days, please contact a committee member: Pat Bennett, 515-570-4368; Jody Donahe, 515-408-1061; Dori Snow, 515-408-3115; Cheryl Trunnell, 515-570-3509; or Phyllis Wilson, 515-570-2502. All help is greatly appreciated!

## **Technical Support Team**

Many thanks to our members who make it possible for livestreaming church services each week. These tasks include recording, checking sound, controlling the cameras, and much more! Thanks to Charlene Anderson, Dave and Lori Beekman, Scott Johnston, Elizabeth Metier, Brent Meyer, Cody Peterson, Alec Schanz, Jim Stephenson, and Jeremy Swanson.

## **Today's Music**

Thank you to Tim Hanneman and Liz Johnson for providing today's music during the service.

## **Walls of Crosses**

The walls of crosses are located near the west entrance of the sanctuary. These special areas have crosses and engraved plates in memory or honor of church members. If you would like to add a cross to the walls, please see the form inside for full details. You are responsible for finding a cross and dropping it off at the office. The office will take care of the rest including ordering the plaque and hanging the cross on the wall. Any questions, please contact Lindsay at the church office.



# Choirs for



# KIDS & YOUTH

## **King's Kids Choir:**

Grades K-4

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00

Practices begin September 6, 2023

Basement Choir Room

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## **Joyful Noise Choir:**

Grades 5-8

Wednesdays from 4:45-5:30

Basement Choir Room

Practices begin September 6, 2023

**\*Please note that we will continue to include  
5th graders in the middle school choir.**

*Let's make some music, play games, and have some fun!*





# *Wesley Ringers*

## **First United Methodist Church's Handbell Choir**

Rehearsal begins Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm

If you have any questions, contact Brian Robison  
at [brobison@fdschools.org](mailto:brobison@fdschools.org)





# Vashti Circle

**A group of women who meet once a month to worship,  
share a brief program, and spend time together.**

**Thursday, September 7  
1:30 pm  
Church's Gathering Room**



# A SUMMER OF INVITATION

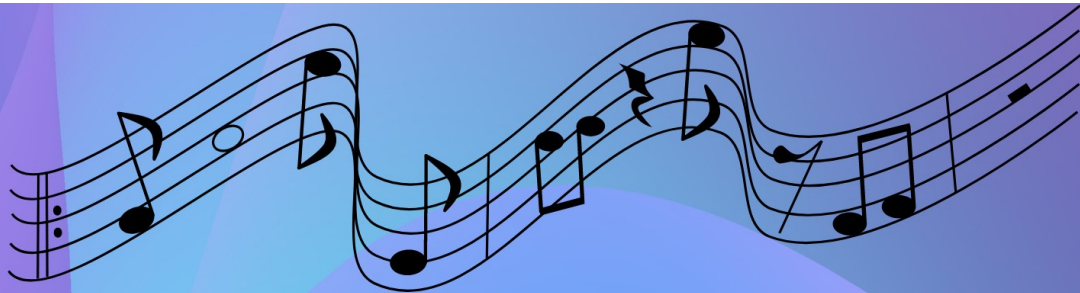


**September  
10th**

**END OF SUMMER  
CELEBRATION &  
KICKOFF SUNDAY**

**Join us after Sunday's Service**

**First United Methodist Church | 515-576-7586**



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# Chancel Choir Kickoff

*Join us as Chancel Choir kicks off a new year!*

**Who:** All adults (high school and older)

**When:** September 10 at 8:30 am

**Where:** Basement Music Room

**We will be singing at worship following rehearsal.**

**Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join us.**

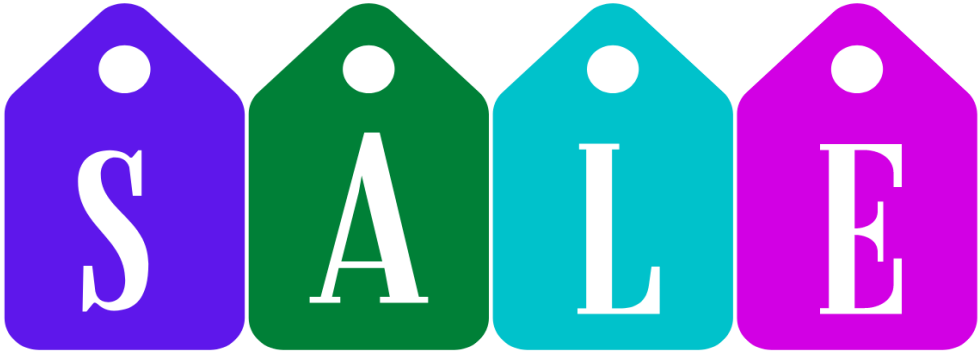
**We are a fun, musical group that likes to join in fellowship as well.**



*If you have any questions reach out to  
Gretchen Stanley at  
[gretchenstanley73@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenstanley73@gmail.com)*



# RUMMAGE



**Thursday, October 5: Noon to 5:00 pm**

**Friday, October 6: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 7: 9:00 am to Noon**

- Gently Used Clothes • Shoes • Furniture • Tools
- Toys • Holiday Decorations • Much More!

*\$4 bags & large items 1/2 off on Saturday only*

**First United Methodist Church**

**1002 1st Avenue North**

**Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501**

*(enter through west doors or elevator)*

**All are invited!**

Proceeds from the sale support local, state,  
national, and international missions.



# First United Methodist Church

127 North 10th Street  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501  
(515) 576-7586

## WALLS OF CROSSES FORM

(Please Print)

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10.00 for engraved plaque

Cash or check made out to First United Methodist Church

Crosses will be displayed on the walls near the west entrance of the sanctuary.

Crosses should measure no less than 6 inches and no more than 20 inches in length, and be capable of being hung on the wall.

Given:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

*Or*

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

FUMC will not contact honoree, this is your responsibility if you so wish.

Please contact the church office at 515-576-7586 with any questions.

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, September 3

**8:30 am:** Adult Sunday School  
**9:45 am:** Worship Service  
Backpack Blessings during service  
SPRC meeting after service

## Monday, September 4

**Labor Day:** Office Closed  
**12:00 pm:** Al-Anon

## Tuesday, September 5

**6:00 pm:** Trustees Meeting

## Wednesday, September 6

**4:45 pm:** Joyful Noise  
**5:00 pm:** Filling Station Meal  
**5:15 pm:** Middle School Youth Group  
**5:30 pm:** King's Kids  
**6:15 pm:** Filling Station Service  
**7:00 pm:** Wesley Ringers Rehearsal  
**7:00 pm:** Wednesday Night Live

## Thursday, September 7

**1:30 pm:** Vashti Circle

## Sunday, September 10

**8:30 am:** Sunday School  
**8:30 am:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**9:45 am:** Worship Service  
Rally Sunday

# Prayer Requests

Jim Metzger  
Donna Pearson  
Kelli (Lohff) Jarvis  
Doug Adams  
Elsie Wallingford  
Mary Lou Fibiker  
Nursing home residents  
Men & women serving our country



# Additional Details

**Giving from 8-25-23 to 8-31-23**  
\$5,704.98  
**Year-to-Date Giving:**  
\$208,628.87  
**Year-to-Date Expenses:**  
\$249,386.26  
**Income Over (Under) Expenses:**  
-\$40,757.39

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Office Hours: M-F: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Website: [www.fumcfordodge.org](http://www.fumcfordodge.org) | Facebook: @fumcfd

Radio Broadcast at 11:00 am each Sunday on KVFD 1400 AM

## **First United Methodist Church Staff Members:**

**Senior Pastor:** Luke Fillmore | [revluke@firstumcfd.org](mailto:revluke@firstumcfd.org) | 515-419-1179 (cell)

**Youth & Family Coordinator:** Adyson Schanz | [adyson@firstumcfd.org](mailto:adyson@firstumcfd.org)

**Administrative Coordinator:** Lindsay Kavanaugh | [office@firstumcfd.org](mailto:office@firstumcfd.org)

**Chancel Choir:** Gretchen Stanley

**Wesley Ringers:** Brian Robison

**Children's Choirs Directors:** Amy Champagne

**Praise Band Directors:** Gretchen Stanley & Amy Champagne

**Financial Officer:** Danelle Willer

**Nursery Assistants:** Lyndsey Bennett, Ella Champagne, & Nathan Beekman

**Housekeeping:** Tammy Porter

**Maintenance:** Jordan Harvey

*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.

