

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge

WELCOME!

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Joys & Concerns

Centering Words

O God, you are our strength and our salvation.
You uphold and save us. We offer you our very lives.

Prelude

Love at Home
Arr. Jason Tonioli

Call to Worship

Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously!

God is our strength and our might!

Long ago God freed the slaves from Egypt,
opening passage through the Red Sea waters.

Here and now, God is our salvation, leading us through dangerous waters.

Who is like our God, majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor?

Every knee shall bow, every voice shall praise the God of wonder.

Opening Prayer

We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength.

You open the waters of suffering and lead us safely through.

You uphold us in times of deep distress and we exalt your holy name.

Receive our honor and thanks, mighty God. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
UMH #315

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

1st Peter 1:13-25
*See page 3 in bulletin

Special Music

God Will Make A Way
Arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

Offering

More Precious Than Silver
By Lynn DeShazo

Doxology

UMH #95

Hymn of Preparation

Freely, Freely
UMH #389

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:1-20
*See page 4 in bulletin

Sermon

Priesthood of All Believers

Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
UMH #127

Benediction

Postlude

There Is a Green Hill Far Away
Arr. Jason Tonioli

Pastor Luke Fillmore

Liturgist:

Kati Swanson

Pianist:

Gretchen Stanley

Scripture Reading

1st Peter 1:13-25

¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, ¹⁶ for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. ² And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. ³ He lived among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces, and no one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him, ⁷ and he shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” ⁸ For he had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” ⁹ Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰ He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region. ¹¹ Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding, ¹² and the unclean spirits begged him, “Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the man possessed by demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion, and they became frightened. ¹⁶ Those who had seen what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷ Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. ¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus refused and said to him, “Go home to your own people, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and what mercy he has shown you.” ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

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 Don and Cathy Windschanz from Jim and Marta Kramer.



Filling Station

The next Filling Station will be Wednesday, September 20. Join us for a meal, fellowship, and contemporary worship service. Meal begins at 5:00 pm and service will follow at 6:15 pm. The meal will be hot dogs, maidrites, sides, and a dessert. Cost for the 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.

Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry

Our church will be collecting pasta noodles throughout September for the Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the shopping cart in the back of the church. Also, they are always in need of extra plastic sacks (grocery store, Target, Menards, etc.).

Meals on Wheels

The next opportunity to help deliver meals on wheels will be September 27, September 28, and September 29. It only takes 30 to 40 minutes to deliver depending on your route. If you are interested in helping or for more information, please contact Elizabeth Metier at jemetier1983@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to help others within your community!



Announcements continued...

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 now until 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

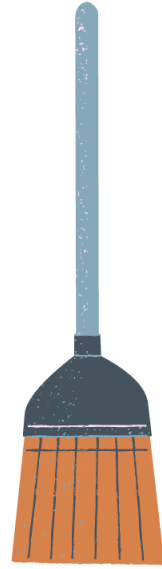
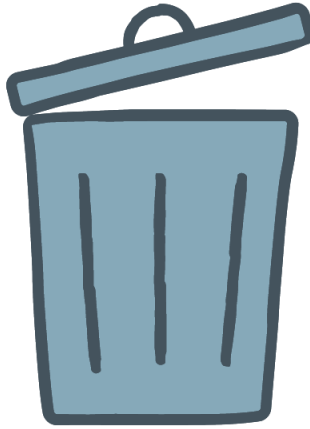
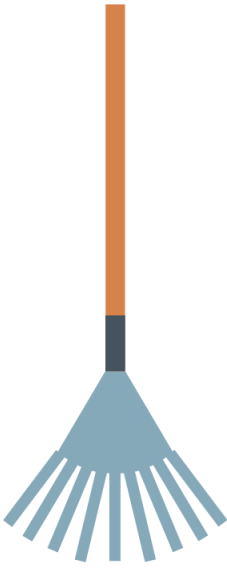
Many thanks to our members who make it possible for livestreaming church services each week. These tasks include recording, checking sound, controlling the cameras, and much more! Thanks to Charlene Anderson, Dave and Lori Beekman, Scott Johnston, Elizabeth Metier, Brent Meyer, Cody Peterson, Alec Schanz,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

Today's Music

Thank you to our Chancel Choir and Gretchen Stanley 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.



WORK WEEK AT THE CHURCH

We would love your help!

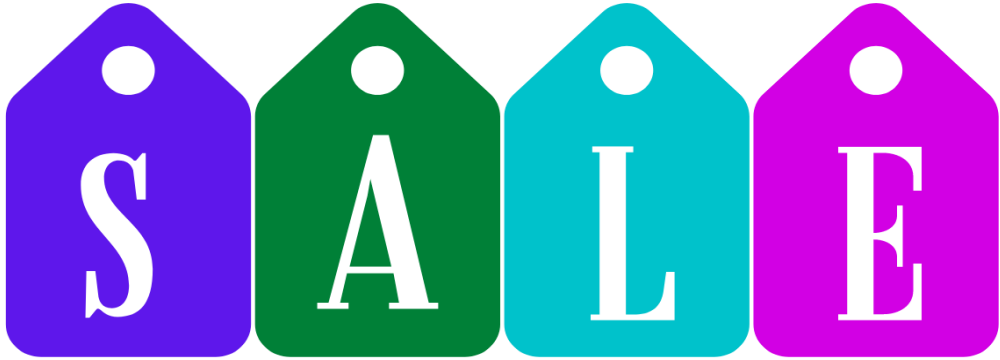
First United Methodist Church members of all ages are encouraged to help with indoor and outdoor church projects.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25-30

Come anytime it works for your schedule.

Stop by the church office for the list of projects and/or to check out a key if you plan on helping after hours (4:30 pm).

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 17

8:30 am: Sunday School

8:30 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:45 am: Worship Service

5:00 pm: Filling Station Rehearsal

Monday, September 18

12:00 pm: Al-Anon

7:00 pm: Girl Scouts

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 pm: BSA

Wednesday, September 20

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 Meal

7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Live

7:00 pm: Wesley Ringers Rehearsal

Saturday, September 23

5:00 pm: Manna Meal (Trinity UMC)

Sunday, September 24

8:30 am: Sunday School

8:30 am: Filling Station Rehearsal

9:45 am: Worship Service

Prayer Requests

Jim Metzger

David Crouse

Donna Pearson

Kelli (Lohff) Jarvis

Doug Adams

Elsie Wallingford

Mary Lou Fibiker

Nursing home residents

Men & women serving our country



Additional Details

Giving from 9-8-23 to 9-14-23

\$471.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

\$214,983.87

Year-to-Date Expenses:

\$263,700.30

Income Over (Under) Expenses:

-\$48,716.43

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First United Methodist Church Staff Members:

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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.

