

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge

WELCOME!

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



Order of Worship

Liturgist: Jerry Schnurr III
Organist: Amaia Walsh | Accompanist: Liz Johnson

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Joys & Concerns

Centering Words

We strive to build our community.

We want to overcome differences and make connections.

This is a small world, and wherever we go, we find neighbors gathered around the living Word and the winds of the Spirit.

Prelude

Shine, Jesus Shine
Arr. G. Kendrick, P. Bettcher
Wesley Ringers

Call to Worship

When the world divides us

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your presence – so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
TFWS #2223 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.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 11: 2-9
Acts 2: 2-8; 12-17; 36-39
*See page 3 in bulletin

Hymn of Preparation

Spirit of the Living God
UMH #393 x 2

Youth Musical

Say What?
King's Kids & Joyful Noise
*See program insert

Closing Hymn

Go, Make of All Disciples
UMH #571 v. 1 & 4

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro
Johann Christian Kittel

Scripture Readings

Genesis 11: 2-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. ³They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” ⁸So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth. (NIV)

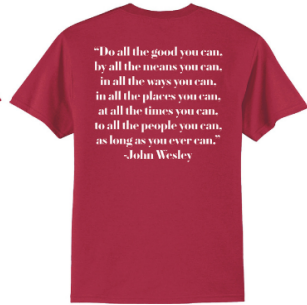
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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine. Peter Addresses the Crowd ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ³⁶‘Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.’” ³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (NIV)



FORT DODGE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mission Trip Fundraiser

T-Shirt Order Form



Profits from this sale will go towards this summer's mission trip to Colorado. Orders due by **Sunday, April 28** after service. If you have any questions about the order or if you wish to join the mission trip, please contact Adyson at adyson@firstumcfd.org.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

YOUTH SIZES- \$18 EACH

MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ X-LARGE _____

ADULT SIZES- \$20 EACH

SMALL _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____

X-LARGE _____ XX-LARGE _____ 3-XL (+\$2) _____

TOTAL:

\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Checks can be made out to First UMC with 'Mission Trip Shirts' in the memo

Cash

Thank You!

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 from the Beekman Family wishing everyone Spring blessings!

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event (birthday, anniversary, etc.) please sign up on the schedule posted in the back of church. After you pick a date, simply contact Becker Florist in town to purchase your flowers and they will deliver them directly to the church for you.

Commitment Forms

Forget to turn your 2024 pledge/commitment form in? Not a problem! You can still turn your commitment form into the office. Extra forms are found in the back of the church, inside the bulletin, or in the church office. The commitment that comes from pledging is another spiritual tool that helps us become better Christians. We invite you to consider continuing to support the work of God through our church. We are grateful for your support!

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 having another challenge throughout April. Our goal is to collect 100 boxes of cereal 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 church.

Our March challenge was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated boxes of crackers and/or ramen noodles last month. We collected 158 packages of ramen noodles and 70 boxes of crackers. Way to go!

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.

Rummage Sale

Do not forget to drop off your donations to the church for our spring Rummage Sale scheduled for June 6-8. Donations can be dropped off anytime from now until Monday, June 3. Examples of items to donate for the sale include: household goods, small appliances, home décor, furniture, tools, toys, sports items, towels and bedding, jewelry, clothing (please donate only seasonal items), handbags, gifts, artwork, books, music, and more! Please do not donate older or non-working electronics as they have limited interest. Feel free to help spread the word to your friends and family too! Funds raised from our sale help support local, state, and international missions. We are excited for another successful Rummage Sale!

Interested in helping? Volunteers are needed to help before, during, and after the sale. Please contact one of the Rummage Sale Coordinators if you can help:

Pat Bennett (515-570-4368)

Jody Donahe (515-408-1061)

Dori Snow (515-408-3115)

Cheryl Trunnell (515-570-3509)

Phyllis Wilson (515-570-2502)

Vashti Circle

Vashti Circle meets on Thursday, April 18 at 1:30 pm in the Gathering Room. This is a group of women who meet once a month to worship, share a brief program, and spend time together.

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, Jim Stephenson, and Jeremy Swanson.

FILLING STATION

Join us for a **homemade meal, fellowship, and contemporary worship service**. Meal starts at 5:00 pm. Service to follow at 6:15 pm.

Menu:

APRIL 3

Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Bacon
Fresh Fruit



APRIL 17

Pulled Pork Sliders
Fries
Beans
Ice Cream Sundaes

RSVP

Contact the church office at 515-576-7586 to RSVP for the meal. Meal is \$6 per person or \$18 per family.

RUMMAGE



Thursday, June 6: Noon to 5:00 pm
Friday, June 7: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 8: 9:00 am to Noon

- Clothes • Shoes • Furniture • Books • Tools
- Toys • Holiday Decor • Dishes • Antiques
- Kitchen Appliances • Sporting Goods • 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 2024 Commitment Card

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make
disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ **Yes! I/We will support the church in 2024.**

Choose one:

\$ _____ weekly for 52 weeks

\$ _____ semi-monthly (1st & 3rd Monday)

\$ _____ monthly for 12 months

\$ _____ as follows: _____

Payment method (*choose one*):

_____ Cash

_____ Check

_____ Direct Deposit

*If you would like to begin using direct deposit, please contact the office.

You may change your commitment anytime by notifying the church office. If you have any questions about this form, please contact the office.

Please return this form to the office. Thank you for your support!

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: Worship Service
Youth Spring Musical

Monday, April 15

12:00 pm: Al-Anon

Tuesday, April 16

5:00 pm: Filling Station Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 17

5:00 pm: Filling Station Meal
5:15 pm: Middle School Youth Group
6:15 pm: Filling Station Service
7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Live

Thursday, April 18

1:30 pm: Vashti Circle
6:00 pm: Girl Scouts

Sunday, April 21

8:30 am: Sunday School
8:30 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Worship Service
After service: Mission Trip Meeting

Prayer Requests

Bob Bargman
Betty Niceswanger
Miller Sanchez
Harriet Adams
Nancy Scharf
David Crouse
Donna Pearson
Mary Lou Fibiker
Nursing home residents
Men & women serving our country



Financials

Giving from 4-5-24 to 4-11-24:
\$340.00

Year-to-Date Giving:
\$122,619.36

Year-to-Date Expenses:
\$112,325.88

Income Over (Under) Expenses:
\$10,293.48

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

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Wesley Ringers: Brian Robison

Children's Choirs Directors: Amy Champagne

Praise Band Directors: Gretchen Stanley & Amy Champagne

Organist: Amaia Walsh

Financial Officer: Danelle Willer

Nursery Assistants: Lyndsey Bennett & Ella Champagne

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.