

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Fort Dodge

# WELCOME!

## April 21, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



# Order of Worship

Liturgist: Jan Krass  
Organist: Amaia Walsh | Accompanist: Liz Johnson

## Welcome & Announcements

## Passing of the Peace

## Joys & Concerns

## Centering Words

Be bold before God, for Christ, the rejected one,  
has become the cornerstone of our faith.  
Through the Good Shepherd,  
you are found, comforted, and loved.

## Prelude

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Wilbur Held

## Call to Worship

The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.  
**We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**  
Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.  
**We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**  
Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.  
**We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**  
Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.  
**We will love one another, as Christ loves us.**

## Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. Amen.

## Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
UMH #139 v. 1, 2, 3

## 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 John 3:16-24  
\*See page 3 in bulletin

### Special Music

*Feed My Lambs*  
Natalie Sleeth  
Chancel Choir

### Hymn of Preparation

*Gentle Shepherd*  
W&S #3096 v. 1 x 2

### Offering

*Our Father Who Art In Heaven*  
Johann Krieger

### Doxology

UMH #95

### Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18  
\*See page 3 in bulletin

### Sermon

Assurance

### Closing Hymn

*Spirit Song*  
UMH #347 v. 1 & 2

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Prelude and Fugue in A Minor*  
J.S. Bach

## **Scripture Reading**

1st John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **Gospel Reading**

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



# 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](mailto: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**

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

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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 in honor of Amy Champagne, Children's Choir Director, from the choir kids.

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!

## **Lay Speaking Class**

A lay speaking class on preaching is scheduled for May 18 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Fort Dodge First United Methodist Church. This class will be taught by Pastor Luke Fillmore.

Please register by May 10th. Contact the office for the link.

Please purchase and read the book from Upper Room or Cokesbury - Pew to Pulpit, Clifton F. Guthrie (ISBN 13: 9780687066605 (ebook), or ISBN 10: 0687066603). It is hoped that at the end of the class you will have a sermon in your back pocket to use at the last minute.

There will be a free will offering for lunch or bring your own. For more information contact Pastor Luke.

## **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. Also, they are running very low on plastic sacks. If you have any extras at home, they appreciate any extra sacks.

## **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)

## **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.

## **Worship Service Time Change**

This coming summer our Sunday worship service will have a small time change! Starting June 16th we will be moving our services to 9:30 am to help provide ample transit time for our organist, Amaia, between First UMC and First Congregational. This small change should allow us to worship in joy and peace, as well as to better take advantage of the summer daylight hours. If you have any questions please reach out to either Pastor Luke or Dave Beekman (Ad. Council Chair); thank you for your faithfulness and we look forward to worshipping with you!

# RUMMAGE

The word 'SALE' is represented by four large, colorful tag-shaped icons. Each tag has a white circular hole at the top. The first tag is purple and contains the letter 'S'. The second tag is green and contains the letter 'A'. The third tag is cyan and contains the letter 'L'. The fourth tag is magenta and contains the letter 'E'.

# SALE

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

# WALL OF CROSSES

Crosses are displayed on the walls near the west entrance of the sanctuary. These special areas in our church have crosses and engraved plates in memory or honor of church members.

If you would like to add a cross, please complete the form and return to the church office. You are responsible for finding a cross and dropping it off at the office. The office will take care of ordering the name plate and hanging the cross on the wall.

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CONTACT PERSON

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PHONE NUMBER

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IN MEMORY OF

**OR**

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IN HONOR OF

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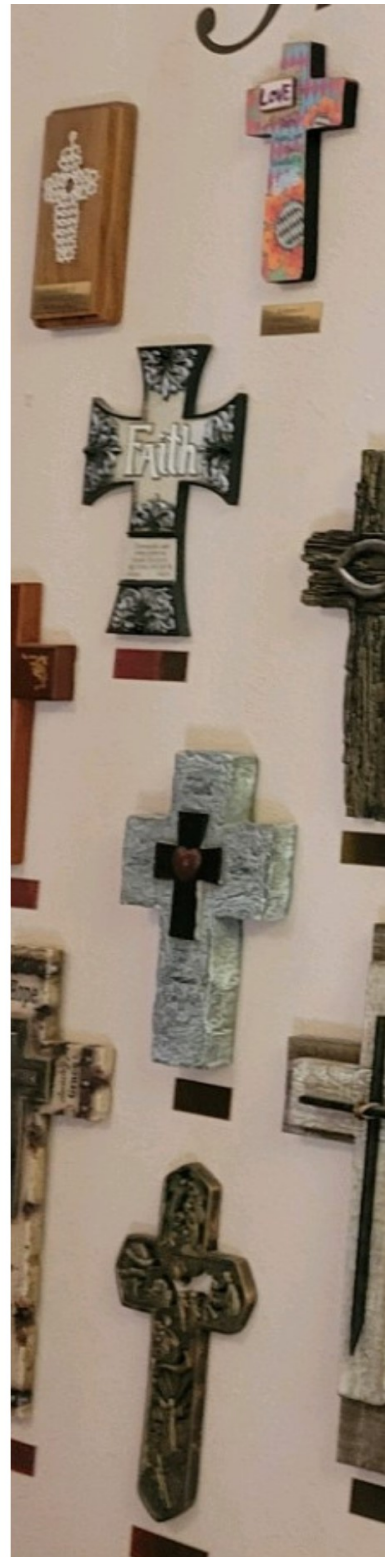
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**CROSS SIZE:** NO LESS THAN 6 INCHES AND NO MORE THAN 20 INCHES LONG

**COST:** \$10 FOR ENGRAVED NAME PLATE

Cash or check made out to First United Methodist Church.  
Please contact the office at 515-576-7586 with any questions.

First United Methodist Church | 127 N. 10th St. | Fort Dodge, IA 50501



# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, April 21

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

## Monday, April 22

12:00 pm: Al-Anon

## Wednesday, April 24

Meals on Wheels  
4:45 pm: Joyful Noise (last one)  
5:15 pm: Middle School Youth Group  
5:30 pm: King's Kids (last one)  
6:00 pm: Wesley Ringers  
7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Live

## Thursday, April 25

Meals on Wheels  
6:00 pm: Girl Scouts

## Friday, April 26

Meals on Wheels

## Saturday, April 27

5:00 pm: Manna Meal (Trinity UMC)

## Sunday, April 28

8:30 am: Sunday School  
8:30 am: Filling Station Rehearsal  
9:45 am: Worship Service  
Mission Trip T-Shirt Orders Due  
Art exhibits on display after church  
After service: Worship Committee 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 4-12-24 to 4-18-24:**

\$11,216.00

**Year-to-Date Giving:**

\$133,835.36

**Year-to-Date Expenses:**

\$116,448.12

**Income Over (Under) Expenses:**

\$17,387.24

## **First United Methodist Church**

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

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

[www.firstumcfd.org](http://www.firstumcfd.org) | Follow us on 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

**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.