

The background image shows the exterior of a brick church building with classical architectural features, including large columns and a pediment. The text 'FIRST UNITED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH' is visible on the facade. A red-bordered black box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

*WELCOME!*

We are glad you are here!

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Modern Worship Service

April 28, 2024

9:45 am

Fort Dodge First United Methodist Church  
1002 1st Avenue North | Fort Dodge, IA | 50501

# Modern Worship Service

## Music & Song

*During our time of singing and praise, we invite you to worship God as you are most comfortable. Standing, sitting, arms raised high, swaying to the music, or dancing in your seat, you are encouraged and welcome to worship in an authentic way. Words to our sacred songs will be up on the screens.*

*Build Your Kingdom Here  
Good Good Father  
Cornerstone  
It Is Well with My Soul  
Praise Band*

## Baptism

William Santiz  
Vivian Santiz  
Daniel Smith Jr.  
Gabriella Smith

## Announcements & Connection

### Passing of the Peace

*You are invited to respond to our time of worship in one of a few ways. This is a time to welcome one another and share the Love of Christ, offer forgiveness and reconcile with each other as needed, or bring forward your tithes, offerings, and donations. The life of faith is a continual call and response, and as God calls us to love we respond in faithfulness and generosity.*

### Announcements

### Children's Chapel

*If your children would benefit from a more age appropriate bible lesson or space to move around, they are more than welcome to join our Sunday School teachers upstairs for Children's Chapel and will return for our final song. If your family would rather your child stay with us in the sanctuary, we would be thrilled to have them here as well.*

## Word & Scripture

*This is the time during our service where we hear the Word and reflect as a community and where the Spirit is leading. Scriptures can be found on the screens or within the Bible.*

Acts 8:26-40

Message:  
What is Preventing Me?

## Closing & Blessing

*All the People Said Amen  
Praise Band*

## Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

# 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 Joley Swanson's 12th birthday from her parents, Jeremy and Alison Swanson. Happy birthday, Joley!



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.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Ashley Santiz and Daniel Smith Sr. on the following baptisms today:

- + William Maximiliano Santiz
- + Vivian Juanita Santiz
- + Daniel Lucius Smith Jr.
- + Gabriella Londyn Mae Smith



Sponsor/godmother of the children is Angelica Vasquez.

*Blessings on this special day!*

## 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, please 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**

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 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.

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!



# 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@firstumcf.org](mailto:adyson@firstumcf.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!*

# FILLING STATION

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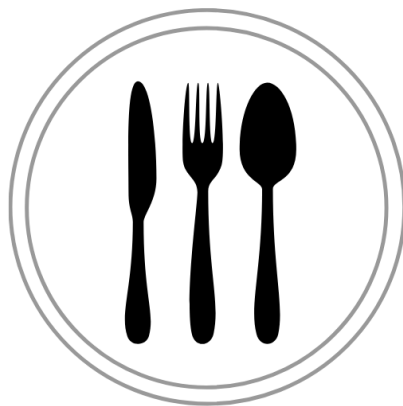
Join us for a **homemade meal, fellowship, and contemporary worship service**. Meal starts at 5:00 pm. Service to follow at 6:15 pm.

## MAY 1

### Menu:

## Pizza Party!

Request your favorite pizza topping when you RSVP.



## RSVP

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



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1002 1st Ave. North | Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

Enter through west doors, meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

# 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

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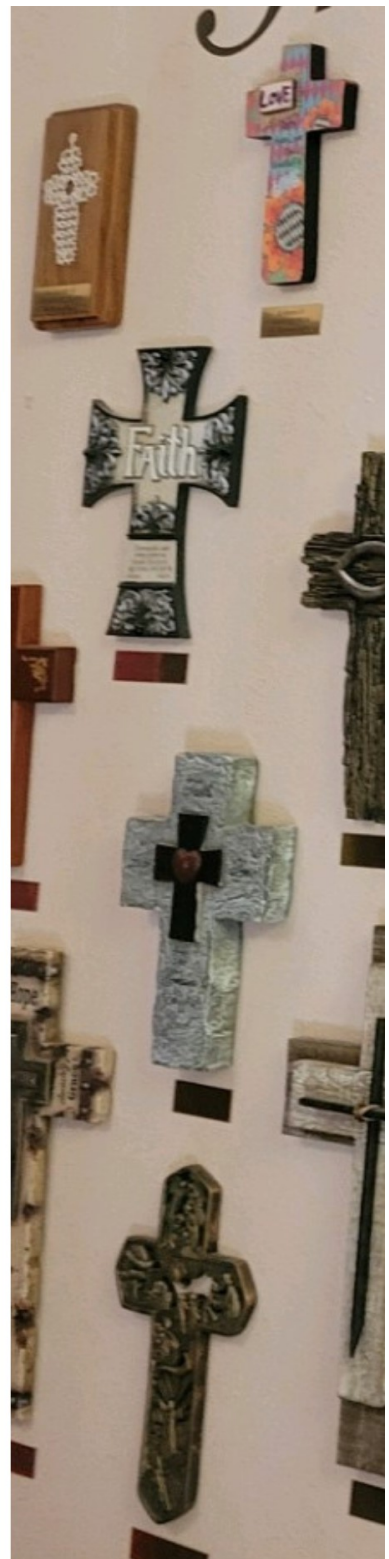
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**CROSS SIZE:** NO LESS THAN 6 INCHES AND NO MORE THAN 20 INCHES LONG

**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 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

## Monday, April 29

12:00 pm: Al-Anon

## Tuesday, April 30

5:00 pm: Filling Station Rehearsal

## Wednesday, May 1

5:15 pm: Middle School Group (last one)  
7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Live (last one)  
7:00 pm: Wesley Ringers

## Thursday, May 2

6:00 pm: Girl Scouts

## Sunday, May 5

8:30 am: Sunday School  
8:30 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 am: Worship Service  
Confirmation  
After service: SPRC 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 4-19-24 to 4-24-24:**  
\$340.00

**Year-to-Date Giving:**  
\$134,175.36

**Year-to-Date Expenses:**  
\$125,587.21

**Income Over (Under) Expenses:**  
\$8,588.15

## **First United Methodist Church**

127 North 10th Street  
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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.