



Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church is committed to the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: **“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

Fort Des Moines is a caring community of people who will care for you regardless of who you are. If you are looking for a place where Christ’s love is evident and God’s grace is offered to all, then I hope you will join us for worship and fellowship.

If you are visiting today, we hope that you feel welcome. The worship service is our gift to you. Following this service you are invited to join us for coffee, fellowship and Sunday School.

We welcome children in our worship. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. The cry room is located on the left at the top of the stairs and the nursery is located to the right at the top of the stairs.

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FORT DES MOINES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent March 4, 2018



**Destroy
this
temple,
and
I will raise it
again in three
days”**

John 2:19, NIV

** Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

Introit UMH #334 *“Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”*

Call to Lenten Journey

Leader: Gather to ponder the wisdom and law of God. Draw near to share in God’s strength and power.

People: **The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; God’s testimony is sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart; God’s commandments are pure, enlightening the eyes.

People: **The fear of God is eternal enduring forever; God’s ordinances are true and righteous altogether.**

***Hymn UMH #577** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Unison Prayer

Everlasting God, whose law is perfect and whose judgments are just, speak and act among us today to challenge all we do in your church and in our lives that is out of step with your law so may we be raised to new life and become authentic witnesses in your love in all we do, wherever we go, that world might come to know and serve you. Amen.

Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

And God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Time with Children of God

Call to Prayer UMH #496 (verse 1) *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 1:18-25 (NIV)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Hymn of Illumination UMH #395 *“Take Time to be Holy”*

***Gospel**

John 2:13-22 (NIV)

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to

Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind for he knew what was in each person.

Sermon

"The Tough Side of Love"

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our faith. You know the extent of our trust and the depth of our commitment. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend a blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. Amen.

Call to Communion #618 (vs. 1)

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Invitation UMH p. 12

Prayer of Confession UMH p. 12

Great Thanksgiving UMH p. 13

Prayer of Consecration UMH p. 14

Partaking of the Elements

***Hymn UMH #545**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

***Benediction**

***Response UMH #666**

“Shalom to You”

Postlude

This Week’s Calendar

Today, Mar. 4: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Finance Committee meets in the Conference Room

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Mar. 5: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners Class in Youth Room

6:30 p.m. ELL Class in Youth Room

Tuesday, Mar. 6: County Election

9:30 a.m. ELL Class in Youth Room

11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the church library

6:30 p.m. ELL Class in Youth Room

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Mar. 7: Office will be closed

9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

6:30 p.m. ELL Class in Youth Room

Thursday, Mar. 8: Office will be closed

9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Friday, Mar. 9: Office will be closed

9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

5:00 p.m. BNTC in the Youth Room

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Mar. 10: 9:30 a.m. ELL Citizenship Class in Conference Room

11:00 a.m. BNTC in Youth Room

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Mar. 11: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship (UMCOR Sunday Offering)

11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Staff/Pastor Parish Committee meets in the Conference Room

12:30 p.m. “Planning for the Future” event at Bloomfield UMC

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Opportunities to Serve

There are always many opportunities to serve at Fort Des Moines. There are a few possibilities listed below, but you are not limited to these. If you have a passion for a certain kind of service or feel God might be calling you to some specific area, please let us know. If you have a particular date that you know would work well for you to be involved in some of these, let us know that as well. Circle the ones that interest you.

Thank you.

- Read Scripture
 - Acolyte (light the candles)
 - Deliver Communion (to shut-ins)
 - Sing in the choir
 - Help with the Sunday School Program
 - Work with altar flowers
 - Other ideas:
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Attendance last week: 39

Prayer Concerns: Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; the Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church, it's programs and leaders; those home bound and their care-givers; and those we especially name: Frances Ramsey, Ruby Price, and Twilla Dillard.

Thanks to Suzanne Wilcox for providing treats for Coffee Hour today.

Upper Room Devotionals for March and April are available today. Please take a copy as you leave the building.

Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend! Be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour before going to be on Saturday.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Few Biblical statements summarize the meaning of Christmas season better than John 1:14, which says, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." Those words would be appropriate under every picture of the Christ-Child in the manger.

This study consists of four sessions. The first considers what it means to say that word is an essential aspect of God's nature. The second, third, and fourth consider different aspects of this word that is an essential aspect of God's being, and became incarnate in Jesus Christ: they are Truth, Grace, and Life. Come and join us on Tuesday mornings at 11:00am, as we study the Gospel of John.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church, talk to Pastor Dass.

If you or someone you know is interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Dass.

Planning for the Future

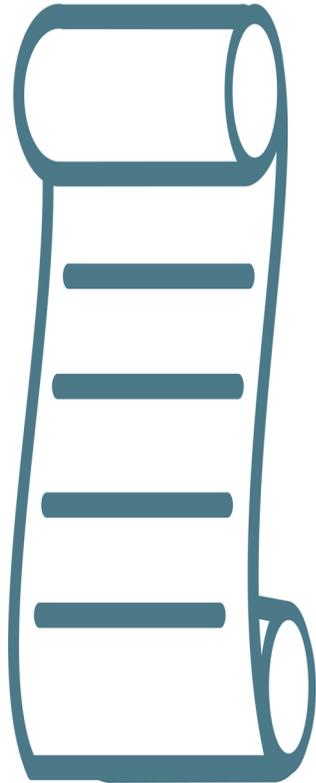
Legal Mumbo Jumbo Explained

Sundays @ Bloomfield
March 11, 18, & 25

12:30-1:30pm plus time for questions

Come to one or all three free sessions to learn about wills, power of attorney, funeral planning, and more!

RSVP at church or at
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Next Sunday will be UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing). Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contribution designated to specific programs can go 100 percent to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered. Special envelopes will be included in the bulletin.

Your Prayer



Concerns

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to God” - Philippians 4:6

Let your prayer requests be made known to God through our prayer groups and pastor who will pray for you or ones listed below. Your prayer concerns can be for a church member, a family member, a friend, or yourself. Please fill out below and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer for

Name:

Concern/s:

Welcome!

**We are a community of faith in worship and action,
open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew. Everyone is welcome to stay for refreshments and a time of visiting with your church family following the service.

We welcome children in our worship service. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. It is unattended so you will need to remain with your child. The cry room is located to the left at the top of the stairs and a nursery is located to the right (4th door on your right) at the top of the stairs.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor

Connie Keller - Liturgist

Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician

Jim Keller - Ushers

Rod Kent - Sound

Staff

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor

Jane White - Administrative Assistant

Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician

Chris Wulf - Custodian



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