



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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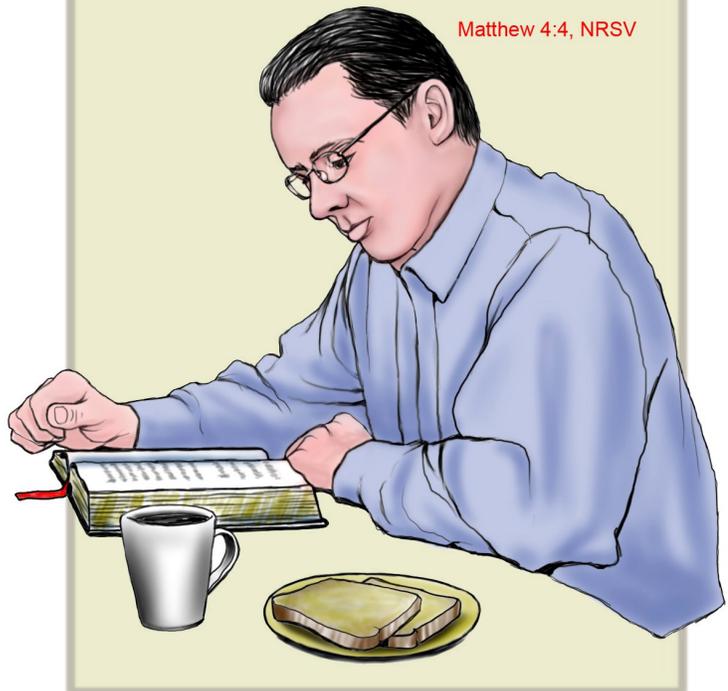
FORT DES MOINES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent March 5, 2017

“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Matthew 4:4, NRSV



** Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Volunteer of the Month (February)

Roger McCloney

***Introit UMH #503** *“Let it Breathe on Me”*

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the season of Lent, a season to remember the suffering of Jesus Christ.

People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and serve others.

Leader: A season to remember Jesus' question, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"

People: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross.

Leader: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in our hour of testing.

People: A season to proclaim with Mary Magdalene that Christ is alive!

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

Unison Prayer

O God, you know us through and through, you know the many choices we face each day. We choose between right and wrong; we choose what will be important to us in life. As you strengthen Jesus to choose rightly when he was tempted in the wilderness, so strengthen us, through your presence and Spirit, when we face temptation, that we may walk in the paths most pleasing to you. Amen.

Old Testament

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (NIV)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "you are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that

when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Time with Children of God

Choir Anthem

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Out of the depths, we cry out for your forgiveness, O God. If you kept account of all our iniquities, who could stand? We have strayed from your ways and fallen prey to temptation and made decisions that hurt ourselves and others. O Loving God, hear us, forgive us, draw us back to yourself. Amen. *(Silent Prayers of confessions)*

Prayer for Assurance of Forgiveness

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 Reading

Romans 5:12-19 (NIV)

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people because all sinned—

To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

***Hymn of Illumination UMH #369**

"Blessed Assurance"

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

'He will command his angels concerning you,
And they will lift you up in their hands,
So that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you" he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only'."

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Sermon

"The Decisive Battles of Temptation"

Rev. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Gifts and Tithes

***Doxology UMH #94**

Service of Communion

Invitation#12

Prayer of Confession#12

Prayer of Consecration#13

Partaking of the Elements

***Hymn of Dedication UMH #378**

"Amazing Grace"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response UMH #666**

"Shalom to You"

Postlude

Calendar For The Week

Sunday, Mar. 5: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

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

11:30 a.m. BNTC worship

3:00 p.m. BNTC Women's Group in Youth Room

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Mar. 6: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners Class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Youth Room

Tuesday, Mar. 7: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Youth Room

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Mar. 8: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

10:00 a.m. Women's Christian Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, Mar. 9: 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Friday, Mar. 10: 5:00 p.m. BNTC in the Youth Room

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Mar. 11: 9:30 a.m. ELL in Children's Classroom

9:30 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting at Bloomfield UMC. (see the announcement section)

11:00 a.m. BNTC in Youth Room

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Mar. 12: **Daylight Saving Time begins**

9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

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

11:00 a.m. Baked Potato Bar & Dessert luncheon (Free-will Offering)

11:30 a.m. BNTC Service

1:30 p.m. 4-H in Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. BNTC Women's Group in Youth Room

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Attendance last week: 48

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: Leland Kenney, Twilla Dillard, Frances Ramsey, Dean Garland, Sharon Burton, Donna Ness, Louise Harbert, Sonny Gale, Jerry & Brenda Swigert, and Jean Volz.

Twilla Dillard's temporary address is The Good Samaritan Society Room 413, 708 S Jefferson Way, Indianola IA 50125. The phone number is 961-2596.

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:

We have received word that Mary Lou Singleton passed away in Arizona, where she had been living for several months. Mary Lou and her husband, Bob, were former members and custodians.

Last Sunday's treats were provided by Suzanne Wilcox. Sharon Peterson's name was inadvertently printed in the bulletin. Apologies to both women and thanks to Suzanne. Today's treats are provided by Jean Pease. Thanks, Jean!

Printed copies of the March issue of The Poster are available for pick-up today. Save a stamp and take your copy home today.

Upper Room Devotionals for March & April are available for pick-up today. You can find them on the devotional rack in the Narthex.

"Walking with God," a seven-session study based on a thorough study of all the occurrences of the Hebrew and Greek words in the Old and New Testaments which are translated into English as "walk" will begin on Wednesday. The study will focus on those passages in which the word is used to refer to general behavior or lifestyle, rather than just a form of locomotion. Join us!

The 4 Southside United Methodist Churches are having their first planning meeting about doing a joint Vacation Bible School this year. The meeting is Saturday, March 11, at 9:30am at Bloomfield UMC. If you are interested in more details or want to attend the meeting, please see Debbie McCloney or call her at 515-249-3545.

The Women's Christian Fellowship will be hosting a Mission Dinner next Sunday, following the worship service. This will be a Baked Potato Bar with dessert. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to assist the General Fund with special projects.

A reader is needed for April 16, Easter Sunday. Contact the office if you are available to read that Sunday (ftdsmumc@qwestoffice.net or 515-285-6545).

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.

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor
Connie Keller - Liturgist
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician
Pamela Schisel - Choir Director
Jim Keller - Ushers
Rod Kent - Sound

Staff

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor
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Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician
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