



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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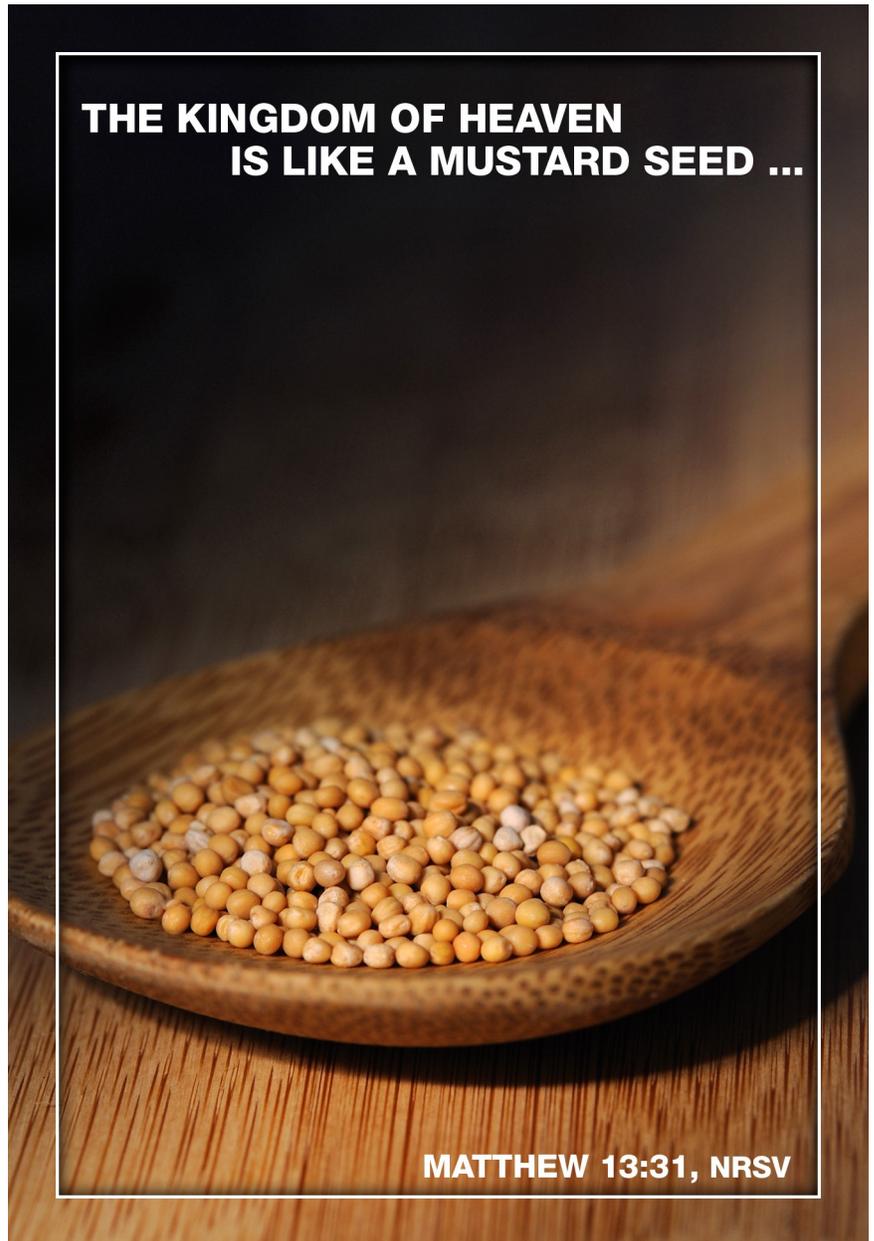
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 19, 2018

**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED ...**



MATTHEW 13:31, NRSV

P: O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

L: The Lord is our God, Whose judgments are in all the earth.

P: The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant, of the word commanded for a thousand generations,

L: the covenant made with Abraham, his promise sworn to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

P: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

Time with God's Children

Call to Prayer UMH #496 *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Receiving New Members: Pam Sokolowski & Kay Hibbs

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:26-39 (NIV)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that they might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who

Prayer of Dedication

Thanks be to you, O God, for drawing us into covenant and providing for us day by day. Our talents and treasures are gifts from your hand. Reveal to us the work of your realm that you intend for us to do. We dedicate our offerings to your service. Amen.

Hymn UMH #528

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Benediction

Response TFWS #2013

“Bless the Lord”

Postlude

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 caregivers; Jeff Lierow, Benny Hotopp, Marcia Barrett, Steve Seid, Gloria Roeder and those we especially name in our hearts. (Marcia is back in her home.)

Welcome new members: Pam Sokolowski, who comes to us from First UMC in Cedar Rapids IA, and Kay Hibbs by Profession of Faith. Welcome to our family!

Thanks go to Donna Freed for sharing Coffee Hour treats today.

Bible Study is held on Tuesday, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library. Everyone is welcome!

Today is the last day!!! Christmas in July continues through today. Donations of school supplies can be placed around the Christmas tree in the sanctuary and donations of cash can be placed in the offering plate.

St. John's United Methodist Women would like to invite the ladies to join our United Methodist Women's group. Our first meeting for the year will be August 30th at 6pm. We will be providing a Taco Salad Supper followed by the meeting. Please RSVP to Secretary@StJohnsDM.org so we know how many to prepare for. This first meeting will take the place of the meeting for September. Usually, UMW meets the third Thursday of the month.

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:

Food Pantry Sunday is today. All gifts, large and small, are needed to feed those in our community who are food insecure. Cash, shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, diapers (all sizes), formula, and brown paper bags are needed.

You can share your excess garden produce here! Just place your items on the table in the narthex (under the bulletin board) and anyone wanting it is free to take what they can use.

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.

Purchase with purpose. Amazon donates to Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church when you shop at smile.amazon.com. Amazon donates .05% of your purchases to Ft. Des Moines if you list us as your charitable organization. *(On Monday, Aug. 13, \$12.26 was deposited into our account. Thank you, shoppers!)*

Attendance last week: 40

This Week's Calendar

Today, Aug. 19: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship
(Food Pantry Sunday)

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

11:00 a.m. Trustees meet

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Aug. 20: 9:30 a.m. English Language
Learners class

6:00 p.m. ELL class

Tuesday, Aug. 21: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class

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

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

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Aug. 22: 9:30 a.m. ELL

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

Thursday, Aug. 23: 9:30 a.m. ELL

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

Friday, Aug. 24: 9:30 a.m. ELL

5:00 p.m. BNTC

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m. ELL Citizenship
Class in Conference Room

10:00 p.m. SHARE Iowa in Fellowship Hall.

11:00 p.m. BNTC

4:00 p.m. Community Meal

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Aug. 26: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

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

11:00 a.m. Church Council meets

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

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. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor

Carol Holmes - Liturgist

Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician

Jim Keller - Ushers

Rod Kent - Sound

Staff

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor

Jane White - Administrative Assistant

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