



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.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 9, 2018

REJOICE

Rejoice with me, for I have found
the coin that I had lost.

Luke 15:9

WE CELEBRATE THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Informal Moments: Thank you for attending worship today. Please sign the attendance registration pad found in each pew, pass it on your neighbor, and welcome one another with the hospitality of God.

** Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

Introit UMH #657 *"This is the Day"*

*Call to Worship

Leader: As shepherds seek a lost sheep,

People: **So God seeks and saves the lost.**

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: **So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: **Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Hymn UMH #139** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Unison Prayer

Most compassionate God, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus Christ, sharing our common lot. As the shepherd seeks a lost sheep, you seek us when we wander; finding us, receiving us with rejoicing. Since you have claimed us, fill us with your Spirit, that we might be channels of your care for those who are disheartened. Amen.

Responsive Scripture

Psalm 51:1-10

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions**

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

P: **Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

L: Behold, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

"Seeking the Lost"

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Gifts and Tithes

***Doxology UMH #94**

Prayer of Dedication

All that we have is yours, O God. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasures we invest. Let all things become new as we give our best. Amen.

Hymn UMH #467

"Trust and Obey"

Benediction

Response UMH #2040

"Awesome God"

Postlude

This Week's Calendar

Today, Sept. 9: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

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

11:00 a.m. SPPRC meets in the Conference Room

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Sept. 10: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL class

Tuesday, Sept. 11: 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, Sept. 12: 9:30 a.m. ELL

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

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

Thursday, Sept 13: 9:30 a.m. ELL

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

Friday, Sept. 14: 9:30 a.m. ELL

5:00 p.m. BNTC

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Sept. 15: 9:30 a.m. ELL Citizenship Class in Conference Room

3:00 P.m. BNTC

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Sept. 16: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship (Food Pantry Sunday)

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

11:00 a.m. Trustees meet in the Conference Room

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Attendance last week: 44

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; Benny Hotopp, Gloria Roeder and those we especially name in our hearts.

"I want to thank all of you who sent cards and prayers to me while I was in the hospital and Wesley Acres. Also a big thanks to Jill for her visit. I am feeling good. With love, Marcia Barrett"

Thanks go to Carol & Mike Holmes for sharing Coffee Hour treats today.

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:

“Parables of Jesus”, the weekly Bible Study, is held on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library. Everyone is welcome!

Food Pantry Sunday will be the emphasis next weekend. Donations of shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, diapers, formula, cash, and brown paper grocery bags will be received.

Hy-Vee’s 16th Annual Colossal Cookie Sale begins today! For each lunch-pail-size chocolate chip cookie sold, Hy-Vee will donate one penny to the DMARC Food Pantry Network. Cookies are just a dime each—36 cookies will cost \$3.60; 50 cookies will cost \$5.00 and so on! This sale will run through Sept. 22.

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.

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
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician
Chris Wulf - Custodian



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